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Oxley Nature Center | Claire Harkness

March will be a busy month at Oxley Nature Center! We will be holding training sessions for our newest volunteers (Thank you!), getting them ready to participate in school tours, trail maintenance, and Interpretive Center hosting. We are also introducing some wonderful programs for our youngest members and visitors. You'll learn more about those in what follows. Come walk with us!

Calling all Oxley Nature Center Member Kids: take a Hike and earn a Walkabout Bead!

Due to volunteer Jan Renner's good work, the Walkabout Bead Program is back in full swing. This is an opportunity for youngsters of ONCA member families to earn beads for walking the various trails at Oxley. Each different bead represents one of Oxley's many trails and one special bead can be earned for collecting trash. Children simply need to come to the front desk and report which trail has been hiked or present a bag of trash to receive a bead. A string is included with the first bead. There is a display in the library with more specific information. So, ONCA members: bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and even young friends to Oxley to hike the trails and collect the beautiful beads Jan has carefully selected.



Be a Pathfinder and earn a badge!

Did you know that you can take a Pathfinder Tour at Oxley? Anyone can earn a sewn-on Pathfinder Patch by taking a guided tour on Oxley's trails. Tours cost \$2 per participant and patches cost \$.75 each.

To earn this patch, pathfinders must accomplish the following: Identify 5 different plants, one of which must be poison ivy. Identify 5 different animals or signs of animals. Oxley's naturalist can teach you all of the requirements, or the participants can teach each other. Some groups use a combination of these two approaches.



Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - March Programs

Call 918-596-9054 for information or to register (please register 48 hours in advance). We will practice social distancing.

March 18 Friday 7:00 - 8:30p.m. "Full Worm Moon Walk" Ages: All, Registration is required. \$3 members, \$5 non-members. Please bring exact change (cash or check made out to City of Tulsa). Call 918-596-9054 to pre-register.

The ground has softened with the rains and worms have made their way upwards, leaving their telltale castings on the surface. Let's see if we can find any other animals that have come out of hiding.

March 19 Saturday 10-12:30 Junior Naturalists : "Songs of Spring"

Ages: 8-12 Registration is required. Free for Members, Non-members \$5 per session. Why do birds sing? And why especially in the spring? Join us this month to learn more about how song plays such a vital role in the annual cycle of many birds.

March 21 Monday 10:30-12:00 Butterfly Walk All ages Join us for the first butterfly walk of the spring. Which butterflies will be the earliest? Bring binoculars if you have them. All skill levels are welcome. Free, registration not required.

March 26 Saturday 10:30- 12:00 "Explore the Flora" All ages Free, registration not required.

What early wildflowers are in bloom? Any leaves on any trees? Mosses greening up and producing spores? Let's see what we can find.

Oxley Nature Center Hours

Gate and parking lot are open daily, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except most City holidays.

Hiking trails are accessible during Mohawk Park hours, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.



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