



HARTLEY HOMESCHOOL: A YEAR OF LEARNING

Summer is drawing to a close and it is time to gear up for another great year of learning with the Hartley Homeschool Program. We've instituted a few changes this year: shortened the schedule to eight sessions and reduced the cost for members. The course fee this year is \$64/HNC members and \$88/nonmembers. Classes are offered the third Thursday of the month; ***please note that the date for February is the second week of the month.*** Again this year, we will offer two separate sessions of the same classes: morning session (9:00–11:00 a.m.) or afternoon session (1:00–3:00 p.m.) for all age groups.

Space in each session is limited: Preschool Porcupines (12), Ramblin' Raccoons (12), Bushwhackers (14) and Nature Scientists (14). **Registrations will be accepted beginning August 17th by mail only. Enrollment will only be secured with payment (Master Card, Visa and personal checks accepted). Space is filled as registration and payment are received. If more registrations are received by August 17th than spaces allow, random drawing by time slot will determine participating families.** You will be contacted as soon as possible if you are unable to register for the sessions of your choice.

NOTE: We'd like to offer a class for ages 13-15, the group formerly called the *Hartley Stewards*, and would need a minimum enrollment of six. The Stewards coursework includes field studies in ecology including bird banding and water quality testing. The homework is out of John Tester's ecology text called *Minnesota's Natural Heritage*. Contact Gail at 724.6735 or gwatzak@hartleynature.org to enroll. If we do not receive the minimum enrollment, we would offer these students the opportunity to assist in the classrooms of the other age groups. Please indicate if you are interested.

We look forward to working with your family for another year of adventure, exploration and learning in Hartley Park! You will receive a confirmation letter following receipt of your payment as well as a letter from your instructor. Call the Nature Center at 724-6735 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Peter Gravett
Executive Director

Enclosures: 2009-2010 Class Schedule
Emergency Contact Form

p.s. If you no longer wish to be on the Homeschool mailing list, please contact Gail at 724.6735 to have your name removed.

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2009-2010 CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes meet September through April on
the third Thursday of every month (except February)

9:00-11:00 a.m.

or

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Preschool Porcupines (4 & 5 years)

Preschool Porcupines develop their sense of wonder for the natural world through sensory experiences outdoors. Age appropriate activities, stories, and songs complement the monthly theme.

Sept 17 Pond Life	Dec 17 Bird Brains	Mar 18 Summer Coat, Winter Coat
Oct 15 Tree are Magic	Jan 21 Snow Wonderful	April 15 Pollination Station
Nov 19 Animals Prepare for Winter	Feb 11 Snowshoeing: Animal Homes	

Rambling Raccoons (6 & 7 years)

Rambling Raccoons spend their monthly visits building understanding and appreciation for nature through activities, hikes, and journaling.

Sept 17 Plants & Mushrooms in Fall	Dec 17 Surviving the Cold	Mar 18 Birds Return
Oct 15 Beaver Study	Jan 21 Winter Bird Feeders	April 15 Life in the Pond
Nov 19 Antlers, Fur, Skulls & Scat	Feb 11 Snowshoeing: Animal Tracking	

Bushwhackers (8 & 9 years)

Bushwhackers concentrate on outdoor ethics, stewardship and outdoor skills. Classes also contain community building and teamwork elements along with traditional natural history skills.

Sept 17 Crayfish Study	Dec 17 Winter Camping	Mar 18 Sapping
Oct 15 Orienteering	Jan 21 Winter Birds	April 15 Invasive Species
Nov 19 Skulls & Teeth	Feb 11 Snowflakes & Ice	

Nature Scientists (10-12 years)

This year Nature Scientists will concentrate on gaining research skills through observation, recording, and experiments.

Sept 17 Ecological Footprint	Dec 17 Wind Power	Mar 18 Intro to Solar Sprint
Oct 15 World Resources	Jan 21 Alternative Fuels	April 15 Solar Derby
Nov 19 Insulation & Efficiency	Feb 11 Reduce Reuse, Recycle	