

2010 Homeschool Natural History Field Days Schedule

Aullwood has scheduled special field days for homeschooled students aged 9-12. This is a chance for home school students to explore Aullwood's center, farm and sanctuary to take a careful and detailed look at natural history and agriculture under the guidance of Aullwood's naturalists.

The program for fall 2009 is titled, *Nuts, Berries and Seeds* and will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, November 6. Students will examine some of the many nuts, seeds and berries mature at this time of year and explore ways that seeds are dispersed. We will discuss the management of woodlands to control invasive plants and encourage plants that help wildlife. We will also learn about the process by which flowers become seeds and the strategies different animals use to survive winter.

This program will be guided by John Wilson, Aullwood Environmental Education Specialist, and will be limited to 25 students. A fee of \$15.00 per student/members of Friends of Aullwood and \$20.00 per student/non-members will include tuition, all materials and handouts. Students should bring a sack lunch and beverage. Contact John Wilson for more information at (937) 890-7360, ext. 18.

These are the topics and dates for 2010:

* **Winter**

Friday, February 5, 2010

Aullwood Farm in Winter and Making Maple Syrup

* **Spring**

Friday, April 23, 2010

Insect Eruption and Spring's Migrant Birds

* **Fall**

Friday, November 5, 2010

TBA

Registration is limited to six students per class.

Fun Times Ahead for Winter Earth Adventures 2010!

Join us to experience the beauty and wonder of the winter season and the bright beginnings of the spring season during Aullwood's *2010 Winter Earth Adventures*. Fun-filled classes will give children an opportunity to explore the wonder of the seasons at Aullwood. Class activities may include tasting sweet maple syrup, searching for animal tracks, listening for the call of an owl, touching the soft wool of a new lamb and enjoying a hike through Aullwood's meadows, prairie, woods and farm. *Winter Earth Adventures 2010* will take place on Saturday, February 20 and 27 and March 6 and 13. The February 20 and March 6 classes will be held in the morning, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and the February 27 and March 13 classes will be held in the evening, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Look for the January/February newsletter for a flyer describing these classes and sign up early because classes fill quickly!

For more information, to apply to teach or be a volunteer assistant for Aullwood's *2010 Winter Earth Adventures* classes, please contact Nicole Conrad at (937) 890-7360 ext.17 or email nconrad@audubon.org.

Fall 2009 -

Aullwood Adventures Preschool November 10 through December 9

Fall is an excellent time for youngsters to discover the wonders and beauty of the natural world. Direct, hands-on experiences with nature are not only essential for physically and emotionally healthy childhood development, they are also fun! Children enrolled in *Aullwood's Adventure Preschool Classes* will enjoy hands-on outdoor experiences, stories, songs, crafts and Aullwood's live animals. Children should be dressed for all possible weather conditions because we will go outside every week unless severe weather threatens. Two adults will be with children and safety will be a top priority. Classes will be held at the Marie S. Aull Education Center unless otherwise noted for Aullwood Farm.

Chipmunk Adventures

(2 years old with adult):

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nov. 10 - Preparing for Winter

Dec. 8 - Farm & Candle Dipping (Farm)

Squirrel Scouts (3 to 5 years old):

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nov. 11 - Preparing for Winter

Dec. 9 - Farm & Candle Dipping (Farm)

Cost: Individual Class:

Members \$10

Non-Members \$12

Class limit: 10 (5 minimum)