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Adkins Arboretum Offers Winter Nature Fun for Preschoolers

Groundhogs, snowflakes, foxes and more! Celebrate winter and engage your young child with nature with [Adkins Arboretum's Acorn Academy Nature Preschool programs](#). Taught by Youth Program Coordinator Jenny Houghton, this series of six classes for three- to five-year-olds is offered Tuesday mornings beginning Feb. 2.

Advance registration is required for these popular programs. The fee per class is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Parents may register their preschoolers for individual programs or for the six-program series.

Programs run from 10 to 11:15 a.m. and include a craft and a snack. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. For more information or to register, visit adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.



Programs include:

Groundhogs Galore

Feb. 2

It's Groundhog Day! Learn about Mr. Groundhog and his predictions for the arrival of spring. We'll look for Arboretum groundhog homes, make groundhog puppets, and sing a special groundhog song.

Journey of a Snowflake

Feb. 9

Let's pretend we're snowflakes journeying through the winter sky! We'll make a glittery snowflake craft, look for Jack Frost in the forest, and warm up with hot chocolate and the beloved children's book *A Snowy Day*.

Mitten Magic**Feb. 16**

Do you have a mouse in your mitten? We'll read Jan Brett's classic children's story *The Mitten* and make mouse mittens to take home. In the forest, we'll look for signs of animals and find out how they keep warm when mittens aren't an option.

Antlers Away**Feb. 23**

While many animals are hibernating through the winter, deer are out and about! Let's learn about the white-tailed deer and make casts of deer tracks on a meadow walk. Back in the classroom, we'll color antler headbands and enjoy animal stories.

Fox Trot**March 1**

Where do foxes go when the cold wind blows? In their cozy dens, of course! Follow a winding trail to an Arboretum fox den, sing and dance to the "Fox Trot," and make pop-up fox finger puppets during this fun-filled class.

Seed Starters**March 8**

It's time to start thinking about your summer garden! Learn how seeds grow and start your own seeds in a nifty egg carton tray. Then visit the Arboretum greenhouse and enjoy a picnic snack.

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Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. For more information about programs, visit adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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