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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Anoka County Parks and Recreation Announces Winter Recreation Classes

Winter is here and your parks are open for business! Explore all the parks have to offer in a whole new way, whether it be snowshoeing, hiking, or skiing classes! If you have questions, or would like to register for a class, you can call 651-429-8007 or visit www.anokacountyparks.com

Learn to Cross-Country Ski

Learn how to cross-country ski in one of Anoka County's beautiful parks. Cross-country skiing is great exercise and is appropriate for people of all ages and abilities. The activity fee includes ski rental, instruction, and cross-country skiing through our scenic Anoka County Parks. No experience necessary. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$15/adults and \$10/youth (plus tax)

Saturday, January 21, 1-3 p.m.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park

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Snow Day!

The Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department, in collaboration with the Lino Lakes and Blaine Parks and Recreation departments, will again be offering the 12th annual Snow Day event. Participants of all ages will have a chance to partake in a variety of activities including: snowshoeing, ice fishing, kicksledding, cross-country skiing, winter crafts, live animals and more. This is a free event, open to the public. Come play in the snow! For more information call Wargo Nature Center at 651-429-8007. **Free!**

Saturday, January 28, 1-4 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Ski by the Light of the Moon

Enjoy the beautiful ski trails at Chomonix Golf Course under a full moon. After a little skiing, gather for dinner around the fireplace. This event is open to the public, and people of all ages and abilities are welcome. Ski rental is available for an additional fee and is limited. The program includes food, skiing, and refreshments. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$12/adult and \$8/youth (plus tax)

Friday, February 10, 6-9 p.m.

Chomonix Golf Course, Lino Lakes

Home School Programs

Professional naturalists work with home school students in grades 1-12 to provide quality environmental, recreational, and natural history programming. Join us the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (or) 2-4 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$4/child (plus tax)

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January 19 Topics:

Grade 1-2: Kicksledding and Animal Tracking

Grade 3-5: Tracking Animals

Grade 6-12: Snowshoeing and Winter Ecology

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Wild Winter – Nature Play

Winter can be wild so join in the fun! Try a pair of snowshoes, ride a kicksled, or experience the joy of playing and building in the snow. This program is for 2-5 year olds who are accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$3/child and \$3/adult (plus tax)

Friday, January 13, 10-11:15 a.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Winter Wonders – Nymphs and Nuthatches Preschool Program

Winter is a wonderful time for discovery and games. Let's go outside and have some frozen fun. This program is designed for preschool children, ages 4 and 5. Pre-registration required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$4/child (plus tax)

Wednesday, January 18, 1-2:30 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Searching for the Stars

We'll explore the night sky and learn about the stars with hands-on activities and time outside. Class will take place regardless of weather. Each family will receive and put together a small

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telescope. Class is appropriate for ages 8 and older accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$5/person (plus tax)

Tuesday, January 24, 6-8:30 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Easy-Peasy Italian

Everyone loves Italian food! Come learn the lighter side of Italian cuisine. Authentic recipes from Italy! Enjoy this hands-on class that will leave you feeling like a real master of the wonderful and simple foods of Italy. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$15/person (plus tax)

Saturday, January 21, 1-3 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Valentine's Dinner (Back by Popular Demand!)

What's more romantic than stargazing, a romantic dinner, a hike in the crisp winter air, and the crackle of a roaring fire? Join us for a romantic Valentine's Day dinner and snowshoe hike. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$40/couple (plus tax)

Tuesday, February 14, 6-9 p.m.

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Women's Tracking and Snowshoeing Class

Join us for tracking instruction before heading out on snowshoes to explore the habitat and wildlife of the beautiful Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve in the north metro area. We'll look for otter, red fox, deer, mink and all of our winter feathered friends before warming up around the fire with a hot beverage and some goodies. This program is held in cooperation with the Minnesota Becoming an Outdoors Woman, BOW program. Pre-registration and payment is required through the DNR at 651-296-6157. Note: Class is limited to 12 women ages 15 and older.

Fee: \$15/person (plus tax)

Sunday, February 12, 2-4 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

January Bird Walk

Our area has many permanent resident bird species. In addition, a few species come south to the metro area during the winter and we will not see them again until late next fall. For this program we will begin our observations from inside the Wargo Nature Center before heading outdoors. Ages 10 and up are welcome with a maximum of 15 participants. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$5/person (plus tax)

Saturday, January 7, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Bird Walk Series

Join an experienced birder as he guides you through several Anoka County parks. Enjoy seeing and/or hearing 25-60 species of birds on each walk. A checklist of Minnesota birds and a map of

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each park will be provided. All ages and birding abilities are welcome. Pre-registration is suggested. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information, please call 612-209-5405.

Fee: \$5/person (plus tax)

Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Coon Rapids

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