



Evanston Ecology Center programs and classes focus on environmental education, natural history and conservation. Please register early! Classes fill quickly; please call us at 847/448-8256 for class status.

The Ecology Center is located at 2024 McCormick Blvd. (at Bridge Street).

EEA member fee = Evanston Environmental Association member fee.

Special Events

DUCK RACE AND PLUCK ON AUGUST 13

This fundraiser for the Evanston Environmental Association is a rubber duck "race" around the Dawes Park lagoon. Ducks travel on waves created by volunteers with paddles. Funds raised from the event go towards the Evanston Ecology Center's resident critters. Sponsor one duck for \$10 or a "Quack Pack" of three for \$25. You may take your ducky home after the race. For more info. or to reserve your duck(s), please call 847/448-8256.

Location: Dawes Park, Sheridan Rd. at Church St.
Day/Date/Time: Sat., Aug. 13, 3-5pm
Fee: see above for duck sponsorship; free admission
Age Level: All ages



GRADY BIRD SANCTUARY CLEAN-UP ON OCTOBER 9

The Ladd Arboretum Committee is seeking volunteers to remove weeds from the Grady Bird Sanctuary in the Ladd Arboretum from 1-3pm on Sunday, October 9. The bird sanctuary is a lovely little retreat for people and animals, about 100 yards northeast of the Evanston Ecology Center. This also may be an opportunity for anyone needing to fulfill a community service requirement. Please bring tools suitable for weeding. For additional information or questions, please call Jim LaRochelle at 847/494-1763.

BUG-A-BOO Nightlife on the Canal

Our annual Halloween event will showcase nocturnal animals that can be found here in Evanston. Learn about these local critters and find out what they might be up to when you are sleeping! You'll meet these characters (costumed volunteers) outside as you travel around the Ladd Arboretum; then you'll enjoy snacks at the Ecology Center. To avoid overcrowding or long waits, please pre-register for a specific start time. This is a family program, so register all attending family members. This program lasts about one hour. 847/448-8256.

Location: Ecology Center and Ladd Arboretum
Age Level: 2 years and older

All sessions will be held on Sat., Oct. 22

Fee per person: \$2.50, EEA member; \$4.50 R/NR;
Length: 1 session

Class #	Time	Class #	Time
132115A1	4-5pm	132115E1	5:20-6:20pm
132115B1	4:20-5:20pm	132115F1	5:40-6:40pm
132115C1	4:40-5:40pm	132115G1	6-7pm
132115D1	5-6pm	132115H1	6:20-7:20pm



EVANSTON GREEN LIVING FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar for 9am-3pm on Sat., Sept. 24, so you can attend the fifth annual Evanston Green Living Festival! Be sure to walk, bike or take mass transit to the Evanston Ecology Center, so you can experience the latest in green products, services and ideas! See page 4 for information or visit www.evanstongreenfest.org.

WORLD ANIMAL DAY October 4 is World Animal Day!

Join us for an evening with the animals that call the Ecology Center home. We'll bring some of our animals out to for an up-close "meet and greet." We'll also have crafts and our favorite animal songs! 847/448-8256

Location: Evanston Ecology Center

Age Level: 3 to 9 yrs. with a parent

Fee: \$4 per person Length: 1 session

Class #	Date	Day	Time
132112A1	Oct 4	Tu	6:30-7:30pm

Fishing

FREE ACCESS TO FISHING

This popular free program, which is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, is a great way to introduce children age 5-15 to the "catch-and-release" process. Equipment, bait and fishing expertise are provided!

Access to Fishing will be held 10am-1pm every Saturday at Lovelace Park, Gross Point Road at Thayer St. through September 24. No license is needed for those under age 16. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Questions? Please call 847/448-8256.

Youth Classes

New classes!

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WILDERNESS LEADERS CLUB

Do you love nature? Join us for an 8-week class and explore the great outdoors! Come explore the dunes and surrounding habitats through a variety of leadership and outdoor education-oriented activities, including an ongoing conservation project, exploratory outdoor games and team-building activities. 847/448-8256.

Location: Lighthouse Landing

Age Level: 10-12 yrs.

Fee: \$118, EEA member; \$128 R/\$136 NR

Length: 8 sessions

Class #	Date	Day	Time
132102A1	Sept 20-Nov 8	Tu	4-5:30pm

New!

CREATIVE ECOLOGY

Let's get creative! September 25 through October 1 is National Keep Kids Creative Week. Come demonstrate your creativity by learning how to reuse and repurpose household items. Create a tote bag or backpack and a creative notebook. 847/448-8256.

Location: Evanston Ecology Center

Age Level: 7 yrs. & up with an adult

Fee: \$15 Length: 1 session

Class #	Date	Day	Time
132103A1	Oct 1	Sa	10-11:30am

Parent/Child Ecology Classes

NATURE PALS

Fall Changes

Learn about the wonders of fall through stories, songs, nature activities and walks along the lakefront. Children age two (accompanied by an adult) will enjoy using autumn as a tool for learning basic skills, such as numbers, letters, colors and more! Dress for the weather; we plan to venture outside each class! 847/448-8256.

Location: Lighthouse Landing; 2603 Sheridan Rd.
Age Level: Child must be age 2 by the first class
Fee: \$80, EEA member; \$88 R/\$96 NR
Length: 8 sessions

Class #	Dates	Days	Time
132123A1	Sept 27-Nov 15	Tu	10-11am
132123B1	Sept 28-Nov 16	W	10-11am

TINY TREKKERS

Autumn Adventures

You and your preschooler (age 3-5) can become autumn adventurers during this 8-week series. Explore the wonders of nature in autumn at a site that is *amazing* in fall! We'll take a close look at the changing colors in the leaves and animal activities. Classes will include stories, song and snack! Child must be age 3 by the first class. No class Oct. 8. 847/448-8256.

Location: Lighthouse Landing, 2603 Sheridan Rd.
Age Level: 3-5 yrs.
Fee per couple: \$118 EEA member; \$128 R/\$136 NR
Length: 8 sessions

Class #	Dates	Day	Time
132125A1	Sept 30-Nov 18	F	10-11:30am

SMALL FRY SCIENCE

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of science! You and your child will make amazing discoveries with age-appropriate experiments, activities and projects. Each class will have a different scientific focus, so come to all of them! Preregistration required. 847/448-8256.

Location: Evanston Ecology Center
Age Level: Child must be 4 by the first class
Fee: \$12 Length: 1 session

Class #	Dates	Day	Time
Topic: Roller Coasters			
132124A1	Sept 14	W	6:30-7:30pm
Topic: The Moon			
132124B1	Oct 26	W	6:30-7:30pm
Topic: Ooze, Goo and other Concoctions			
132124C1	Nov 16	W	6:30-7:30pm

Teen & Adult Classes

New classes!



FALL CONTAINER GARDENING

Add a splash of color to your exterior space with an outdoor garden in a container. Mary Jaminski, Community Garden Coordinator for the City of Evanston, will show which plants to place in your garden and explain how to maintain the beauty through the fall season. A container and plants are included in the fee. 847/448-8256.

Location: Evanston Ecology Center
Age Level: 16 yrs. & older
Fee: \$25 R/\$30 NR Length: 1 session

Class #	Date	Day	Time
133133A1	Sept 6	Tu	6:30-8pm



HOME LANDSCAPING CLASS

An Evanston Parks Division professional will show you how to prepare your garden for the upcoming winter! The "Bulbs" session will show you how to choose and place bulbs to maximize spring color. In "Fall Shutdown," you'll learn how to mulch and keep your garden healthy for next year's growing season. You'll also get the do's and don'ts of pruning. 847/448-8256.

Location: Evanston Ecology Center
Age Level: 16 yrs. & older
Fee: \$18, EEA Member; \$20 R/NR Length: 1 session

Class #	Date	Day	Time
Topic: Bulbs			
133106A1	Oct 11	Tu	6:30-8pm
Topic: Fall Shutdown			
133106B1	Oct 18	Tu	6:30-8pm

New!

WARM UP YOUR WINTER

This program introduces adults to a large variety of simple, cheap, home-made techniques that will keep your home warm this winter while lowering your energy costs. Led by a Certified Green Consultant, you will leave this program with home-made energy saving products and ideas useable for this winter and beyond. 847/448-8256.

Location: Evanston Ecology Center
Age Level: 18 yrs. & older
Fee: \$15 Length: 1 session

Class #	Date	Day	Time
133103A1	Nov 17	Th	6:30-8pm

New!

WINTER CONTAINER GARDENING

Evergreens will highlight an outdoor seasonal container garden. Learn basic floral design principles with Mary Jaminski, Community Garden Coordinator for the City of Evanston. You'll learn how to create a garden of interest for the winter season. Fee includes a container and plants. 847/448-8256.

Location: Evanston Ecology Center
Age Level: 16 yrs. & older
Fee: \$25 R/\$30 NR Length: 1 session

Class #	Date	Day	Time
133104A1	Nov 29	Tu	6:30-8pm

EVERGREEN WREATHS

Have you ever seen a beautiful wreath and thought, "I wonder if I can do that?" Yes, you can — and we'll show you how! Learn the techniques for making a beautiful and lasting evergreen wreath to decorate your home or give as a gift. Price includes supplies; please bring clippers and garden gloves if you have them. 847/448-8256.

Location: Evanston Ecology Center
Age Level: 16 yrs. & older
Fee: \$25, EEA Member; \$30 R/NR Length: 1 session

Class #	Date	Day	Time
133107B1	Dec 1	Th	6:30-8pm

BIRTHDAY PARTIES WITH ECOLOGY THEMES

The Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd, offers a 90-minute to 2-hour party program for ages 4 and older (15-child maximum). A staff member leads nature-oriented games and hands-on activities for 45 minutes, then the room is open for treats and activities of your own. You supply decorations and treats. Topics include: "Animal Party," "Birds of a Feather," "Bugs, Bugs, Bugs," "Rocks, Fossils & Dinosaur Bones," "Space Out," and "Reptile Romp." Two other topics are limited to partygoers age 8 year and older: "Compass Course" and "Nature Rubber Stamping."

Parties are available between 10am and 4:30pm, seven days a week. Reservations are required at least two weeks in advance. The fee is \$160 for Evanston Environmental Association (EEA) members, \$180 for Evanston residents, and \$210 for nonresidents. Questions? Please call 847/448-8256.

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Family Programs



CANOE THE CANAL

The return of fall marks the return of "Canoe the Canal." Come learn basic canoeing strokes and canoe safety before heading out

on a fun trip! Children must be age 5 or older; there is a maximum of two adults and two children in one canoe. Please register by phone or in person at the Ecology Center only. Program is held unless there is lightning. Please bring a water bottle; dress for the weather; wear sunscreen and a hat; sunglasses are suggested. 847/448-8256.

Location: Evanston Ecology Center

Age Level: 5 yrs. through adult

Fee: \$8, child; \$17, EEA member; \$20 R/\$22 NR

Length: 1 session

Class #	Dates	Day	Time
132118A1	Sept 3	Sa	9:30am-noon
132118B1	Sept 4	Su	9:30am-noon
132118C1	Oct 2	Su	9:30am-noon
132118D1	Oct 15	Sa	9:30am-noon

FAMILY CAMPFIRES

Join the Ecology Center staff for fun-filled campfires with autumn themes. Each evening includes stories, songs and, of course, the ever-popular s'mores! Space is limited; preregistration is required by phone or in person at the Ecology Center. 847/448-8256.

Location: Council Ring behind the Evanston Art Center, 2603 Sheridan Rd.

Age Level: 2 yrs. & up

Fee: \$4 R/NR Length: 1 session

Class #	Dates	Days	Time
Topic: Owls			
132116A1	Sept 30	F	7-8pm
132116B1	Oct 1	Sa	7-8pm
Topic: Bats			
132116C1	Oct 28	F	7-8pm
132116D1	Oct 29	Sa	7-8pm
Topic: Hoarders and Plumpers			
132116E1	Nov 18	F	7-8pm
132116F1	Nov 19	Sa	7-8pm

CANOE TO STEAK 'N SHAKE

Canoe to the Steak 'n Shake on Oakton Street. We'll start off at the Ecology Center with safety and canoe instruction, then head south to the Steak 'n Shake

on Oakton St., have lunch, and return to the Ecology Center full and happy! There is a maximum of two adults and two children in one canoe. Fee does not include meal. Children must be age 5 or older. Please register by phone or in person at the Ecology Center only. Please bring a water bottle; dress for the weather; wear sunscreen and a hat; sunglasses are suggested. 847/448-8256.

Location: Evanston Ecology Center

Age Level: 5 yrs. & up

Fee, adult: \$21, EEA member; \$24 R/\$26 NR

Fee, child: \$6, EEA member; \$8 R/NR

Length: 1 session

Class #	Date	Day	Time
132117A1	Oct 16	Su	10am-3pm

New!

FAMILY QUEST ADVENTURE

Join the Ecology Center for an interactive treasure hunt. We will celebrate the natural and cultural history of Evanston and the Ladd Arboretum. This event is inspired by New England's award-winning program, Valley Quest. Complete this exciting quest as a family by working together as a team comprised of at least one child and one adult. 847/448-8256.

Location: Evanston Ecology Center

Age Level: 5 yrs. & up with an adult

Fee: \$5 per person Length: 1 session

Class #	Date	Day	Time
132104A1	Nov 13	Su	1-2:30pm

Capital Improvement Project Update

Brummel-Richmond Tot Lot Renovations

This project included renovations to the park and playground at Brummel-Richmond Tot Lot. Project construction is complete and the park is open for use!

Lakefront Multi-use Trail Improvement Project

This project created new separate paths for bicycles and pedestrians along the lakefront between Lee St. and Clark St. Beaches. Project construction is complete and the new trail system is open for use!

Library Chiller Replacement

This project replaced the failing chiller at the main library. Construction is complete!

Police Station Firing Range Renovation Project

This project brought the existing firing range at the police station up to current ventilation code requirements. Project construction is now complete!

2011 Comprehensive Parking Garage Repairs

This project will provide a variety of repairs to the City's three main garages – Church, Maple and Sherman. The project is funded through the Parking Fund. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center Tuckpointing

This project will include spot tuckpointing of deteriorated areas on the Civic Center's façade. The project is funded through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Construction is scheduled to occur in fall 2011.

Dawes Park Lagoon Renovations

This project will include a variety of infrastructure and aesthetic improvements to the Dawes Park lagoon. Staff is currently working with the Arrington Family Foundation (see page 2) and has submitted a grant application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to help fund the project. Pending funding, design is scheduled to occur in 2012.

James Park Irrigation System Improvements

This project will include expansion of the existing irrigation system's pumping capacity to provide adequate water for summer operations. The project is funded through the City's CIP. Construction is scheduled to occur in fall 2011.

Service Center Locker Room Renovations

This project will include needed renovations to the Evanston Service Center's locker rooms, which support operations staff. The project is funded through the City's CIP. Design is under way. Pending funding, construction is scheduled to occur in early 2012.

Twiggs Park Renovations

This project will include gateway and landscaping improvements at the newly-expanded east end of Twiggs Park. The project is funded through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Construction is scheduled to occur in fall 2011.