

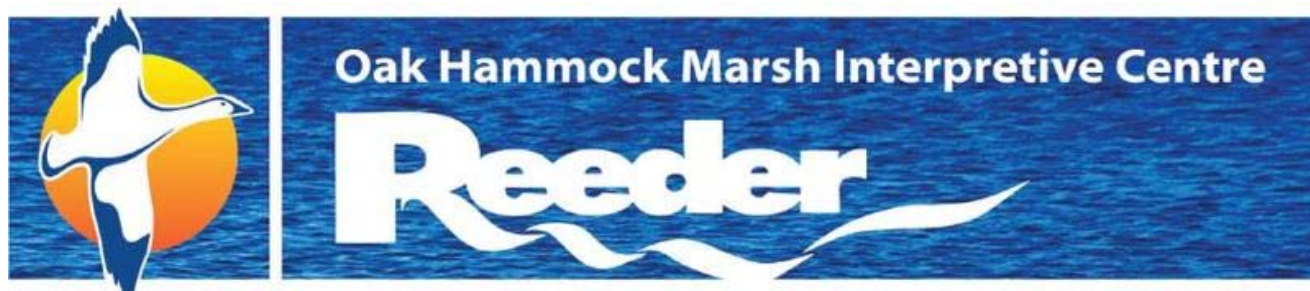
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Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre News

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Greetings!

Welcome to the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre Newsletter. Here are some upcoming and noteworthy events happening this month.

Winter Bird Workshop
Saturday, December 10 - 1 to 3 p.m.

Only 10% of Manitoba birds will stay for the winter. Who are they? What will they eat? How will they keep warm? Find out the answers at the winter bird workshop. Preregistration is required. Workshop fee is **\$5 plus admission**.

[For more information about this workshop...](#)

Candy Cane Tea
Tuesday, December 13, 1 to 3 p.m.

The custom of afternoon tea originated in England when Catherine of Bragança married Charles II in 1661, bringing the practice with her from Portugal. The "afternoon tea" is a light meal typically served between 1 and 3 p.m. Traditionally, loose tea is brewed in a teapot and served in teacups with milk and sugar. This is accompanied by sandwiches, scones, cakes and pastries. Today, a formal afternoon tea is taken as a treat in a hotel, café or tea shop. Join us for our **2nd Annual Candy Cane Tea**. Bring some friends and enjoy a selection of specialty Holiday teas and coffees along with fancy sandwiches and dainties. Take part in the **Snowflake Raffle** to win some great prizes and tap your toes or dance to live music. **Preregistration is required.**

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Astronomy Night - Winter Constellations
Thursday, December 15, 7 p.m.

Get to know **Orion and other famous winter constellations** as we prepare for the winter solstice, the best stargazing time of the year! An indoor presentation in the comfort of our multimedia theatre will introduce you to the many constellations that will grace our sky this winter. Learn how to locate and recognize these constellations in the night sky through entertaining stories and with the help of your very own hand-made star finder. Following the presentation, test your skills on the **Interpretive Centre** rooftop observation deck while you look at those amazing constellations.

[For more information about this event...](#)

Christmas Bird Count
Saturday December 17

The **112th annual Christmas Bird Count** season is rapidly approaching. This event takes place all over North America and more than 50,000 observers participate each year. You could be one of them! This huge conservation effort monitors the status and distribution of bird populations across the continent and contributes to a clearer picture of how the bird populations have changed over time. Come help us count our winter residents, while exploring the marsh and surrounding area during **Oak Hammock Marsh's Annual Christmas Bird Count**. Pre-registration required. The fee is **\$5.00 for members** and **\$5.00 plus admission for non-members**.

[For more information...](#)

Camp for Kids
December 27, 28, 29 and 30

Participate in a memorable winter camp experience! The **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** offers camps for kids ages **6 to 9** during the **Holiday season**. Each day is unique with fun-filled indoor & outdoor dynamic programs, crafts and seasonal activities. Winter camps run from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily**. Early drop off and later pick ups can be arranged. **\$24 for Interpretive Centre members, \$30 for non-members**.

[For more information or to register...](#)

Kid's Nature Craft Club
Every fourth Saturday of the month in 2012

Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre is introducing **Kid's Nature Craft Club**. Join us at 1 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of every month to explore a different topic and make a special craft. The Club is most appropriate for children **ages 5 to 10**. Pre-registration is recommended. You can sign up for one workshop or as many as you would like. Each workshop fee is **\$5 plus admission**. You can also purchase a Club Card to be used for six different workshops. These make great **Christmas or Birthday Gifts** - just ask at reception. Themes include:



- Stars
- Wetland animals
- Birds
- Recycling
- Animal calls
- Microscopic world
- Plants
- Getting ready for winter
- Migration
- Bird feeding
- Snow

[For more information about Kid's Nature Craft Club](#)

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The Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre is located 30 minutes North of Winnipeg on highway 67 betwen highways #7 and #8. For more information call 467-3300.

Sincerely,

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