

## Little Basin Nature and Campfire Programs August 2011 Schedule

Hosted by Web of Life Field (WOLF) School Naturalists & Ecology Teachers: Noixium aka—Brother Nature, & Chris

**Programs are offered for adults and children of all ages.**

**Contact the office if you would like to schedule a special program or naturalist-led event for your group.**



**Little Basin Campfire Program:** Join us at the campfire ring for songs about native animals, stories and fun around the fire. Bring a jacket and be prepared to listen and join in!

*Meet at the Campfire Ring.*

**Friday August 5, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Saturday August 6, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Friday August 12, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Saturday August 13, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Friday August 19, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Saturday August 20, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Friday August 26, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Saturday August 27, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**



**In Search of Reptiles:** Little Basin reptiles! They love living here! This is a good time to get out and search for reptiles. Let's make it scientific as we observe, identify, and measure a few and learn about their lives and their habitats.

*Meet at the Recreation Center.*

**Saturday August 6, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**



**Early Birders Birding:** Nature's alarm clocks – birds. The best time to spot them is when they first wake up. The forest comes alive early in the morning. That's why we are up with them. We have binoculars and identification keys for the hike. We'll have you back by breakfast.

*Meet at the Recreation Center*

**Sunday August 7, 6:30 – 8:30 am**

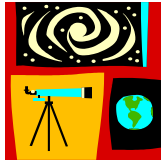
**Sunday August 21, 6:30 am – 8:30 am**



**Tanbark Nature Hike:** Explore Little Basin's plants and animals on the Tanbark Trail. This is a moderate hike for kids and adults. Please bring a snack and a bottle of water for the trail.

*Meet in front of the office at the flagpole.*

**Saturday August 13, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**



**Astronomy and Star Gazing:** Little Basin is a great place to check out the moon, stars and constellations. Use our telescope to check out the night sky, and with our laser we'll pinpoint constellations and tell a few stories.

*Meet in front of the office by the flagpole*

**Saturday August 13, 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm**

**Friday August 19, 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm**



**Animal Tracks:** PSST – Pattern, Shape, Size and Toes, these are the things that the tracker knows. On this leisurely hike around camp we'll keep keen eyes on the ground for animal tracks. We'll also take along plaster to make casts out of the best ones we find.

*Meet at the Recreation Center.*

**Saturday August 20**

**9:30 am – 11:30 am**

## **ART WEEKEND Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 25-28**

Dedicated to those who would like to acquire or enhance their natural artistic side. Recommended for kids and adults (see descriptions), teachers, groups, or anyone with an interest in art. Materials Fee for some programs—see below.



**Thursday August 25**                      **10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Animal Sculptures:** You get to create the animal of your choice using pliers and wire, by sculpting a figure while learning about the animals at Little Basin. Then you get to cover it with tape, paper and mesh. Add color by painting, and you will love your new wire and mesh animal sculpture. Bring a lunch. *Meet outside the Recreation Center.*

Materials Fee: \$10



**Friday August 26**                      **10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Mask Making:** Let's make animal masks. You can transform your face into a wolf or an eagle or a deer or any other animal, like one you might see at Little Basin. This is a messy and fun project. Bring a towel and lunch. *Meet outside the Recreation Center.*

Materials Fee: Donation



**Saturday August 27**                      **10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Owl Pellets & Medicine Shield Workshop – Where science meets spirit.**

For ages 12-adult (limit 20 people).

Owl pellets are the discarded remains of the small animals that an owl has eaten. We'll carefully dissect these pellets and examine the bones to learn what species of animals they are. Then you can make what is known as a Medicine Shield. The shield is made from the cleaned bones from the pellets. A mix of art and science, the Shield represents a time of fresh ideas, energy and promise. It is a time of great undertakings, of new beginnings and taking a chance. This activity takes patience and is a meditation. Come see for yourself and learn about owls. *Meet outside the Recreation Center.*

Materials Fee: Donation



**Sunday August 28**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Tule Technology of the California Native Americans**

Tule is a marshland plant that was used for many purposes by several California Tribes. In this workshop, you will learn how to twine rope, create tule totems, and make bird decoys using tule reeds. *Meet outside the Recreation Center.*

Materials Fee: Donation