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PARK NEWS

Finding a heart-shaped leaf is generally interpreted as a symbol of love, affection, and care, as the heart shape is universally recognized as a representation of positive emotions and deep connection across cultures. It can be seen as a sign of good fortune or a reminder to cherish the love in your life. Some include: Heart-Shaped Hoya, String of Hearts, Heart-Leaf Philodendron, Pothos, Monstera, Disperis cordata Orchids, and many more.

This month, join us as we host birding adventures and woody plant hikes. Our monthly Citizen Science project is called The Great Backyard Bird Count, where we will watch and count as many birds as we can find and report them using apps like eBird and Merlin. These observations help scientists better understand global bird populations before one of their annual migrations.

Do you have a passion for teaching others about nature? The Fairview Parks System is accepting applications for a full-time Parks Receptionist/Naturalist until February 14th. Applications are available online at Fairview-TN.org.

Last year, Bowie Park Naturalists hosted over 50 programs within the Parks System and we would like your feedback! What programs did you enjoy, how could we improve, and what are some programs that you would like to see within our Parks? Please fill out a brief online survey on the Home page of www.bowiepark.org to help us better serve our community.

Our March Spring Camp Registration is open until February 22nd. These 3-day camps are created for 4 and 5 year olds to acclimate to camp structure and prepare them for longer, more rigorous Bowie summer camps as they age. Session 1 is called Art Adventurers, and Session 2 is called Camp Dino-Mite. These camps are \$85 each, however, Camp Bowie Scholarships are available. Registration packets are available on the Bowie website and at the Nature Center.

Order forms for Playground Pickets are available online and at the Nature Center. They cost \$50 each. Be sure to check out our Volunteer, Homeschool, and Field Trip/Outreach Guides available in the Nature Center and on www.bowiepark.org.

The Parks and Landscaping Board will meet at 7pm on February 3rd at City Hall. The Friends of Bowie will meet at 9am on February 8th at Bowie Nature Center.

PROGRAMS

Feb. 5th @ 10am - Bowie Homeschool: "Winter Warriors - Winter Survival & Getting Ready for Spring"

Joann's Outdoor Classroom

Feb. 8th @ 10:30am - Citizen Science: The Great Backyard Bird Count Intro

Bowie Nature Center

Feb. 14th @ 10am - Lovebird Craft & Birding Hike

Bowie Nature Center

Feb. 19th @ 10am - Bowie Homeschool: "Fantastic Flight During the Daytime and Night"

Joann's Outdoor Classroom

Feb. 21st @ 10am - Twig Study & Hike

Bowie Shelter #1