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# Winter is approaching and we're gearing up for some adventure, learning, research, and fun.

**Urban Ecology Center in My Backyard** has a new look! It's easier to navigate and is now organized by age group. There's also a "New in the Backyard" section to help make sure you're up to date on all the fun new content. As always, we're providing TONS of resources to help you enjoy your nearby nature!



## URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER IN MY BACKYARD

CONNECTING YOU TO NEARBY NATURE!

### CHECK OUT OUR ONGOING SERIES:

- Story with Tory
- Chad the Nature Dad
- Backyard Naturalist Series
- ¡Naturalmente!
- Five Facts With Danny
- & more!

[URBANECOLOGYCENTER.ORG/INMYBACKYARD](http://URBANECOLOGYCENTER.ORG/INMYBACKYARD)

# Celebrate the Winter Solstice at the **Candlelight Walk**

**To promote safe distancing, the Candlelight Walk will happen two different days this year. Sign up for a time slot online!**

## **Candlelight Walk for Kids Saturday, Dec. 5 | 4 - 9 p.m.**

Join us for a magical evening in Riverside Park as we illuminate the trails with hundreds of candles. You will be guided through the park while listening to the story "The Mitten" by Jan Brett. Warm your hands and toes at the campfire before heading home with a goodie bag of hot chocolate and cookies.

## **Candlelight Walk for Adults Friday, Dec. 18 | 4 - 9 p.m.**

Experience the peacefulness and wonder of walking through a candlelit Riverside Park! You'll find the trails illuminated by hundreds of candles and cozy fires in the park to warm your hands and roast marshmallows. Go at your own pace and bring your thermos to fill up on a hot beverage before you hike.

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**REGISTER ONLINE: [URBANECOLOGYCENTER.ORG/CANDLELIGHTWALK](https://URBANECOLOGYCENTER.ORG/CANDLELIGHTWALK)**

# FUN (AND SAFE) WINTER PROGRAMMING WITH THE URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER



*So much life*

School's out and it's time to play! Looking for ways to engage your kids in outdoor-based programming this winter? Sign up for one or more Winter Adventure Days for safe outdoor fun and learning.

## Winter Adventure Days

Join us for a fun, active day of playing in the park. We'll take a look at what makes Wisconsin Winters special through crafts, games and so much more! Please bring a bag lunch, wear a mask, and dress appropriately for the weather.

### Adventure Day at Riverside Park

December 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 | 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For children K5-3rd Grade | Register online

### Adventure Days at Washington Park

December 22 & 23 | 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For children K5-3rd Grade | Register online

After Care  
from 3 - 5 p.m.  
available on  
select days



Interested in booking a fun and educational after school program or paddling, biking, or other outdoor adventure outing for your group?

Contact us at [programs@urbanecologycenter.org](mailto:programs@urbanecologycenter.org)



## Gift Memberships

As the winter holidays approach, give your loved ones the gift of experience and community with a membership to the Urban Ecology Center! As a member, your gift recipient will become part of an incredible community that is the heart of the UEC. They'll receive invitations to members-only events, a subscription to our monthly member e-newsletter, discounts on programming, and one of the best and most unique benefits in Milwaukee: free access to outdoor adventure equipment through our equipment lending program!

Visit [www.urbanecologycenter.org/join](http://www.urbanecologycenter.org/join) and then be sure to check "This membership is a gift". Order by December 21 to ensure (electronic) delivery by December 25.

**MORE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ARE ADDED TO OUR CALENDAR EACH WEEK! VISIT [URBANECOLOGYCENTER.ORG](http://URBANECOLOGYCENTER.ORG) & JOIN US ON:**



# Hey UEC Members!

*Here are some updates on the perks of being part of the UEC member community.*

## Winter Equipment Lending

Beginning the week of **December 7** we will be offering winter equipment lending at all three branches! Ice skates, sleds, snowshoes, and cross-country skis will be available for curbside pickup. Equipment lending is **FREE** for members of the Urban Ecology Center. Visit our website for more details on availability and to reserve your equipment online! Equipment must be reserved ahead of time.

**Learn more & reserve gear here:**  
[urbanecologycenter.org/equipment-lending](http://urbanecologycenter.org/equipment-lending)

