



# Naturalist Notes

Winter/Spring 2016



Winter Animal Survival is my most popular winter program! Discuss camouflage, migration, and hibernation.

## New Program: Monarch Tagging

Beginning this fall, we're going to have monarch tagging kits on hand! Monarch tagging takes place in September since they migrate through here on their way to wintering grounds in New Mexico during that time. Tagging monarchs can help us discover more information about them. When a tagged monarch is recovered and reported, we will know the monarch's original location. Knowing where it's going and where it's from can give us a migration timeline and path!



Want a program on monarchs so the students can have the opportunity to be part of this citizen science project? Give me a call or send me an e-mail and we'll setup a time in September for monarch tagging. I have to order the tags in August, so advance notice is appreciated. I can bring the monarchs to you or we can meet at a place where students can go out and catch them!

## Winter Recreation Reminder!

We have various sizes of cross country skis available, but they are limited. If you'd like a program using this equipment, I'd be more than happy to bring the equipment to you, but plan on having a rotation of skiing with another program or two since I will most likely not have enough equipment for everyone at the same time. Also, given enough notice, I can provide a snowshoe program. Snowshoes will work for grades 4th and up.

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### Cherokee County Conservation Board programs are:

- Hands-on and engaging
- Available year-round, indoors or outdoors, and at other locations
- For all ages
- Custom (I will make a program to fit your needs!)
- FREE!



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### Featured Program: Animal Senses Series

I had a great time putting together this animal sense series for a homeschool group recently! I really enjoyed learning about the colors that different animals see, how well different animals can smell (or not), and how some animals hear very differently than we do. Below are short summaries on each of the sense programs. Feel free to ask for the entire series, or just have fun learning about an animal sense of your choice!

**Hearing:** Enjoy a game where you hunt with your ears and “hear” through vibrations.

**Seeing:** Match the animal to its eye, SEE how the shapes of pupils effects animal sight, then color a picture like how you’d see it and how a dog sees it!

**Smell:** Put your nose to work with mystery smells, see why their nose is so long, and discover that not everyone smells with their nose!

**Taste:** Learn about an animal’s food preference based on their teeth. Do you think they all taste with their tongue?

### How to Schedule a Program

Contact me with a topic that you have in mind, your grade level, number of students, and a date. I can always stop by if you have a big event in mind or need to collaborate with other teachers. There’s no way I can list every potential program topic when it comes to the outdoors, so contact me with your idea and I’ll create something for you! **Laura’s contact information: 712-225-6709 or cccbblaura@gmail.com**

### Upcoming CCCB Events

**January 17: For the Birds @ 2:00pm (CCCB Office)** We’ll be making homemade suet for you to take home and hang in your backyard! Register by noon on January 15 if you’re coming so the proper amount of supplies can be purchased.

**February 19: Night Skiing at Redtail Ridge @7:00pm** Wear your headlamp or ski this 1.5 mile loop by the moonlight. Cross country ski equipment will be available free of charge. Let Laura know if you need equipment by February 17th.

**March 5: Cross Country Skiing @ 10:00am (Mental Health Institute)** This is not recommended for first time skiers as this loop is approximately 3 miles. Let us know if you need to borrow equipment by March 4th. (Free of charge.)

**May 20-21: Wild Women of Martins Access** Activities may include canoeing, wild edibles, frog calls, etc.

**Naturalist’s Lunchbox will be Fridays in June at Gillette Park in Cherokee.**

**NEW! Adventure Day Camp will run June 28-30.** Adventures may include archery, canoeing, knot tying, fishing, etc.

**Summer Day Camp will run July 19-21 & 26-28.**

*For more information, visit our Events calendar under “About Us”. Program dates, locations, and content are subject to change. Check the CCCB website ([www.cherokeecountyparks.com](http://www.cherokeecountyparks.com)) and Facebook page for up-to-date information.*

