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VOYAGEUR

Environmental Center and Club

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Welcome!

Welcome to the March edition of BGCTC's Voyageur Environmental Center and Club newsletter! We're excited to bring you updates, upcoming events, and highlights from this month's programming, along with some activities to try at home.

Our afterschool program continues to engage young minds in hands-on environmental education, STEAM activities, and exciting outdoor adventures.

From gardening and recycling to wildlife observation and outdoor recreation, our goal is to connect kids with the environment and cultivate a sense of responsibility for the world around them. Thank you for supporting Voyageur!

Join us!

THE VOYAGEUR CLUB IS OPEN

BGCTC's Voyageur Environmental Club has recently launched a new after school program with activities that focus on outdoor recreation, environmental education, and youth voice. We also offer homework help, scholarships, and exciting leadership opportunities. Open the QR code to register and then email our Club Program Director, Danny Knuth, at dknuth@bgc-tc.org.

**Open Mon-Fri
3-7pm, 5th-
12th Grade**





Recent Highlight: Winter Programming

Recently, we've been making the most of the cold weather in our afterschool program. From outdoor recreation – skating, ice fishing, sledding, cross country skiing – to fun weather experiments – freezing bubbles and identifying snowflake types – we're focusing on having fun and staying active.

Minnesota Winter Wildlife

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American Robin
 Gray Squirrel
 Canada Jay
 Owl
 Red Squirrel
 Beaver
 Weasel
 Wood Frog
 Fisher
 Moose
 Deer
 Snowshoe Hare



March 3rd was World
 Wildlife Day!

Fun fact: The wood frog completely freezes in the winter! It has special adaptations that allow it to stay alive until the spring thaw.



At-home science: start an herb garden!



As spring approaches, consider growing your own food! A great way to start is by growing an herb garden. Herbs have various culinary uses and are easy to grow in small spaces.

All you need to get started is a pot with a hole at the bottom for drainage, potting soil, and a couple of plants. You can either buy seeds or young plants at a nursery or propagate your own plants using herbs from the supermarket!



To propagate herbs, you can take a long sprig of the herb, remove the lower leaves, and place it in a glass with a small amount of water. Place the glass in a sunny window and wait for roots to develop. Once roots are established, you can plant directly into the soil, making sure to water regularly. To use your herbs, harvest from the top, making sure to leave plenty of leaves behind to let the plant keep growing. With regular pruning, your herbs will grow big and beautiful!



We're hiring!

SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS
NOW POSTED



Contact us for more information on becoming a counselor, health specialist, or lifeguard for the summer season.



Thank you WHCC!

FOR STEAM LAB AND
GARDEN FUNDING

We're very thankful for the support of the Westonka Healthy Community Collaborative. They've helped fund our STEAM lab materials and our garden program, allowing us to build stronger, more engaging programs for our youth.



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