

No School Days at the Paul Smith's College VIC

No School Days at the VIC: Spring Break 14- 18 April 2014 | 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Come to the VIC to learn and play! We will visit a variety of subjects related to the season – and what an exciting season it is! So many plants and animals are waking up and claiming territory. Woodpeckers have begun their mating drums; purple finches have begun to claim territory with their beautiful songs. Spring ephemerals are pushing up through the snow, and buds are bursting. Snow fleas are prevalent, and eggs and larvae are plentiful for the hungry waking hibernators. Chipmunks are out chirping and warning



intruders. Melting ice reveals otter play. We will listen to the sounds of the forest, find tracks in the mud, smell the spring flowers, touch tree bark, and create adventures together.

Pre-registration is required for each day. You can reserve now until 5 PM, 9 April by calling 518-327-6241, or emailing mberrus@paulsmiths.edu Bring your clothes for playing outdoors, rain or shine. Don't forget your rain jacket, outdoor pants, rain or hiking boots, extra socks, hat, and gloves. Minimum class size is 4. The fee is \$35 per person, \$25 for Friends of the VIC.

No School Days Program at the Paul Smiths VIC

This event is part of VIC's No School Days Program, which provides half-day and full-day environmental education sessions to teach children aged 7-11 to become VIC eco-explorers, learning about the natural world in the Adirondack Mountains. Activities include: hiking, exploring the marsh, playing games, and making arts and crafts. Fun is number one, while we develop sensory awareness, creative thinking, listening comprehension, and empathy. No School Day programming is led by VIC Educator Michelle Berrus and supported by Friends of the VIC.

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