

Learning Safari Class Schedule: Spring 2008

January

- Eat Your Way through Africa —Erin. **January 9, 1:30pm.**
 - What foods are popular in the many parts of Africa? In coastal areas they eat lots of fish; in farming communities they grow food in gardens; a few communities eat insects; some areas don't have much food at all. Learn about why people eat the foods they do, and sample a couple of snacks from the Dark Continent. A tasty approach to learning about geography, food sources and different cultures. Must pre-register by 4pm, January 7.
- Martin's Big Dream—Erin. **January 15, 10:30am.**
 - Who was Dr. King? Why do people today still think his words are so important? Preschoolers will work together to create a project to keep Dr. King's dream alive. A fun way to learn cooperation and service. Must pre-register by 4pm, January 11.



February

- Going Buggy!—ISU Insect Zoo. **February 6, 1:30pm (resched. from November 7).**
 - Join the Iowa State University's Insect Zoo for a hands-on adventure with some six-legged and eight-legged critters! George Washington Carver was interested in how insects and plants were connected, so we'll meet some of agriculture's "usual suspects"—darkling beetles and tomato hornworm caterpillars—as well as some more exotic insects. Meet an African millipede or hissing cockroaches from Madagascar! It's a thrilling way to learn about biology, as well as colors, shapes and counting! Must pre-register by 4pm, Feb. 4.
- Acres of Agriculture—Erin. **February 12, 10:30am.**
 - Agriculture produces amazing things! Come find out about some of George Washington Carver's favorites, as well as some local farm favorites. Wonderful introduction to simple science and nature. Must pre-register by 4pm, Feb. 8.



March

- The Underground Railroad Wasn't Really a Railroad—Erin. **March 5, 1:30pm.**
 - Meet the brave freedom seekers who traveled the secret route from the slave states to places like Iowa on the Underground Railroad. Includes a visit to part of the Museum gallery! This tricky, often-difficult subject matter is simplified and tailored to the preschool level, without being watered down. An easy way to introduce inequality, learn about secret codes and signals, and practice colors, counting and fine-motor skills. Must pre-register by 4pm, March 3.
- Cookin' with Carver—Erin. **March 11, 10:30am.**
 - Did you know that cooking is chemistry? George was a chemist who worked a lot with certain foods, so we'll be testing out a few of his recipes, and even get to sample one or two! A fun way to practice counting and measuring, as well as an introduction to chemistry. **Note—please use caution! We will be handling peanut products.* Must pre-register by 4pm, March 7.



April

- Trash Can Be Treasure!—Erin. April 8, 10:30am.
 - George Washington Carver spent a lot of time turning junk into things he could use. What can you recycle? What else can you do to help keep the world a beautiful place? An excellent way to teach about environmental conservation and responsibility. Must pre-register by 4pm, April 4.
- Dr. Carver's Chemistry Lab—Erin. April 9, 1:30pm.
 - George loved to experiment in his laboratory. Now you can try it too! Try out some simple—and messy—chemistry experiments using simple household items. Teaching science basics has never been so fun! Must pre-register by 4pm, April 7.



May

- African Folk Tale Puppet Theater—Erin. May 7, 1:30pm.
 - Anansi, the trickster spider, stars in countless west-African folk tales. Listen to a story of Anansi's adventures and create finger puppets to retell them. Learn about oral storytelling, about shapes and colors, and put on a finger-puppet show! Must pre-register by 4pm, May 5.
- Spring Planting With Carver—Erin. May 13, 10:30am.
 - George Washington Carver loved plants! Learn how plants and insects are related, and plant some seeds to grow at home. You might even meet some of Carver's insect friends! A great way to introduce biology of plants and insects, and practice measuring and counting. Must pre-register by 4pm, May 9.



All the classes listed on this schedule are FREE, thanks to donations from our generous supporters. If you would like to participate in one of these free preschool classes, simply contact Education Director Erin Thomas by the pre-registration deadline for that particular class. These classes fill up quickly, so call early!

If one of these classes sounds too fun to miss, but the class is already filled, we can also teach a Learning Safari class specifically for your group. For pricing and details, please see the attached information sheet, "What is Learning Safari?"

Thank you!

Erin Thomas, Education Director