



## Winter's End

By Brittney Cox

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Some people find it hard to enjoy February. It is usually cold, cloudy, and dark. But to me, February is like an under-appreciated football recruit who develops into an All-Conference player with a dose of good coaching (a familiar phenomenon in East Lansing). With attention to detail, a little effort, and some optimism, February can be a gem and here is why:

- With a snowy backdrop, you can see nature in a different way. Just the other day, Kevin and I saw a gray fox trotting through the field right behind the barn!
- Barred Owls begin mating in February, which makes it much easier to hear and see them in the wild. Look and listen at dusk.
- February is usually the last chance to ice fish on a lake, winter camp, ice skate on a pond, snowshoe, ski, sled, and enjoy our favorite winter recreation activities.
- Steelhead fishing should start firing up towards the end of February.
- The Detroit Tigers report to spring training on February 18th. And one day, just maybe, the Detroit Lions will play in a February Super Bowl.

If February still isn't your thing, we can move into March. Backpackers dust off their gear, hibernating animals emerge from their dens, migrating birds return in earnest, and the sound of spring peepers will soon fill the air. Our trails will be filled with walkers, hikers, and runners, and before long the forest will be filled with young animals of all kinds. Woldumar will be buzzing with spring field trips and community programs. Spring break camp will give kids the opportunity to get fresh air, ask questions, and celebrate the turning of seasons. We can't wait to see you and your family at WNC. Come on out and enjoy what February and March in Mid-Michigan have to offer!

## Woldumar Named Grant Recipient!

Woldumar is, and always has been dedicated to the goal of engaging all people with nature, regardless of their age or background.

In late 2015, Woldumar was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Capitol Region Community Foundation (CRCF) for our "Environmental Education Enhancement Project." The main purpose of this project is to expand our in-school "Traveling Naturalist" program. Modeled after an earlier project funded by the CRCF, this project will allow area classes that demonstrate high need to receive free in-school programs led by Woldumar staff. These programs feature educational games, presentations, and exploration of nature artifacts.

The grant provides additional funding to make much needed updates to our program supplies, and also funds training and development for Woldumar's program staff.

We are very grateful for the CRCF's continued generosity and confidence in Woldumar, and we are very excited to implement this project in the coming months!

To learn more about in-school presentations or to contribute to our scholarship fund, please visit [woldumar.org](http://woldumar.org).



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## Upcoming Events

### Guided Hikes and Crafts

**Saturdays 10 and 11am**

Feb 13 - Animal Tracks

Feb 20 - Winter Ecology

Feb 27 - Pioneer Living

(with cabin tour)

March 5 - Hibernation

March 19 - Water

Sources

March 26 - Backpacking

### Sugaring Celebration!

**March 12 11am-12:30pm**

**March 16 5-6:30pm**

Hike along as we tap trees and explore the process and the history of turning maple sap into syrup!

### Mid-Michigan

#### Bluegrass & Folk Jam

**March 20 2-6pm**

Jamming, open mic, and scheduled acts on the main stage. For more details, call Henry at (517) 482-2382.



### Photo Class

**April 13, 16, 20, 27**

**Weds 6:30-9pm**

**Sat 10am-1pm**

Ron St. Germain's popular four-day class costs \$60 per student.

All camera types and experience levels are welcome. Register at [woldumar.org](http://woldumar.org)

### SAVE THE DATE!

### Spring Break Camp

**April 4-8 9am-4:30pm**

Reunite with all of your summer camp friends as we explore the natural environment! More details on the back page of this newsletter.

### Winter Sale!

Birdfeeders and seed are

**50% off**

during February and March!  
Stock up at the Woldumar Gift Shop from 10-2 on Saturdays!

**Woldumar Nature Center**  
**5739 Old Lansing Rd**  
**Lansing, MI 48917**

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## Spring Break Camp April 4-8

Camp Discovery has been a local tradition for over 50 years! This spring, your children can play outside as they explore and discover with our experienced camp staff.

Sign up for a single day or the whole week!



### Session Themes:

#### April 4 Hibernation Nation

Wake up frogs! Wake up snakes! Explore how animals survived the winter.

#### April 5 Wild Child

Teamwork makes the dream work. Engage in leadership and teambuilding activities outdoors.

#### April 6 Dig, Dig, Dig

Dino dig your way to discover secrets of the past. Explore fossils and learn about endangered species.

#### April 7 Natural Minecraft

All animals have their niche. We'll create our own natural community in the forest.

#### April 8 Woodland Discoveries

Learn to use natural resources without waste and just like the Eastern Woodland Native Americans who lived right here in mid-Michigan!

- **For children in grades K-8**
- **Camps run from 9am-4pm daily**
- **Member Rate: \$30/day \$135/wk**
- **NM Rate: \$40/day \$170/wk**
- **Register online at [woldumar.org](http://woldumar.org)**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*New and renewed memberships from  
December/January 2015*

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