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For Immediate Release:

Nature Hangouts at Wehr Bring Out the Inner Child

Adventure Programs for Adults Combine Outdoor Activities, Competition, Social Gathering

Milwaukee, WI (Jan. 28 2015) – “I Heart Winter” will be the first Nature Hangout presented by Wehr Nature Center, Saturday, Feb. 14, from 3-5 p.m. Wehr Nature Center is located at 9701 W. College Ave., in Whitnall Park.

“Nature Hangouts are seasonal adventure-programs for active adults, age 21 and up,” said Emily Brown, Wehr Naturalist. “The Hangouts will offer the freedom to explore outdoor activities, to have a little friendly competition – but by no means as strenuous as American Ninja Warrior or Wipeout– and to socialize with old and new friends. We’ll even learn about a nature topic or two without really trying and gather ‘round the fire pit for drinks.”

“I Heart Winter” will feature stations for snowshoeing, winter tracks and scat, a winter obstacle-course relay, and snow art. After a brief introduction to snowshoeing (with snowshoes provided for the Hangout), participants will explore the trails for signs of wildlife. For a snack, participants will make their own “edible scat” (think chocolate and chopped nuts). Participants will also be, literally, jumping through hoops in the “Ridiculous Races” obstacle-course relay. To bring out the creative side of participants, the program will include a snow-art contest with limited materials and limited time. Participants are free to move about the stations as they like.

Contests winners will receive prizes. North Face has donated store gift cards and swag, Wehr has donated free snowshoe rentals, and Friends of Wehr has donated Friends of Wehr memberships.

Complementing all the activity will be time to relax around the fire pit. Roasting marshmallows and drinking spiked or non-alcoholic versions of cider and hot cocoa will give participants time to socialize. The event is open to adults age 21 and over.

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Registration is suggested to guarantee admission to the program. Walk-ins are welcomed, as space allows. The admission fee of \$20 (\$15 for Friends of Wehr Members) includes all activities, snowshoe use during the program, snacks, and two drinks. The “Five-for-Four” special admits five participants for the price of four. The regular parking fee is in effect.

To register or for more information, call Wehr at (414) 425-8550.

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