



Penn Dixie

Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center

2012 WINTER-SPRING PENN DIXIE PROGRAMS

January 26, 2012 – 7 PM, Penn Dixie program on "Introduction to the Night Sky", by Bert Probst, of Ellicottville, in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office, at 3556 Lake Shore Rd. Blasdell, NY 14219. \$4/person. Public invited. Scouts and children welcome. No pre-registrations required. Call (716) 627-4560 for information.

January 28, 2012 – 10 AM, Penn Dixie cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or nature walk, \$3/person. Reservations requested. Participants must bring snowshoes and/or skis. For information and reservations call (716) 627-4560.

February 9-12, 2012 - Penn Dixie exhibit at WNY Home and Garden Expo in the Events Center at the Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY.

February 18, 2012 – 10 AM, Penn Dixie cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or nature walk, \$3/person. Reservations requested. Participants must bring snowshoes and/or skis. For information and reservations call (716) 627-4560.

February 22, 2012 – 7 PM, Penn Dixie program on "Geology of WNY", by Stan Radon, of NYSDEC, in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office, at 3556 Lake Shore Rd. Blasdell, NY 14219. \$4/person. Public invited. Scouts and children welcome. No pre-registrations required. Call (716) 627-4560 for information.

February 25, 2012 – 7-10 PM, "Penn Dixie Think Ya Know Trivia Fundraiser", at Oakwood Manor, VFW Post, Lake View Road, Hamburg, NY. Table trivia, special trivia with individual winner prizes, pizza, pop, snacks, cash bar, door prizes, theme auction baskets, 50/50 split, and a fun-filled evening supporting the programs, events, and operations of the Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center. Pre-sale tickets-\$25 each & \$30 at the door. **Doors open at 6 PM. Tickets and information may be obtained by calling (716) 627-4560.**

March 3, 2012 – Penn Dixie exhibit at Greater Niagara Frontier Council **University of Scouting Day.**

March 10, 2012 – 8:30 AM 12:30 PM, Annual Penn Dixie Volunteer Training Program in the auditorium at the Gateway Executive Office, 3556 Lake Shore Road, Blasdell, NY. Penn Dixie needs volunteers to help with schools, groups, astronomy programs, special events, and other on-site and off-site programs and events. Please call (716) 627-4560 for information and to register for the training program.

March 21, 2012 – 7 PM, Penn Dixie program on "Are You Ready for Wildlife Baby Season?", by Marianne Hites and Judy Seiler, of Messenger Woods – with live animals, in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office, at 3556 Lake Shore Rd. Blasdell, NY 14219. \$4/person. Public invited. Scouts and children are welcome.

No pre-registrations required. Call (716) 627-4560 for information.

March 24-25, 2012 – Penn Dixie exhibit at Buffalo Geological Society's Annual Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show in the Grange & Market Place Buildings at the Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg.

April 4, 2012, Wednesday, 6 PM – Williamsville North Planetarium Show and viewing of the Williamsville skies with **Penn Dixie telescopes** at the Williamsville Space Planetarium at 1595 Hopkins Rd. (near Dodge). Jupiter will be in the west and full moon rising in the east.

April 6 & 7 and 9-15, 2012 – Penn Dixie open for fossil collecting during Spring Break, Monday-Saturday, 9 AM-4 PM & Sunday, April 15, 11 AM-4 PM. No pre-registrations required. Adults \$7 each, children 12 & under \$6, children 2 and under & Penn Dixie members free.

April 19, 2012 – Thursday, 7 PM, "Iceland: Geology & Scenery on a North Atlantic Hotspot." by Dr. Rick Batt, Buffalo State Geology Dept., in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office, at 3556 Lake Shore Rd. Blasdell, NY 14219. \$4/person. Public invited. Scouts and children welcome. No pre-registrations required. Call (716) 627-4560 for information.

April 21, 2012, 9 AM, Penn Dixie Earth Day Clean-up and activities. Fossil collecting available.

April 21, 2012, Saturday 7 PM – Astronomy Night at Penn Dixie to view a thin crescent moon and Jupiter setting in the west, while Saturn rising in the east. Venus high in the southwest, Mars in the southeast. Orion's nebula M42 and the Beehive star cluster, M44. Some meteors from the Lyrids meteor shower peak after midnight until dawn.

April 22, 2012 – 9 AM, Spring Bird Walk at Penn Dixie led by Marilyn O'Connell, Wild Birds Unlimited. No pre-registrations required. Free.

April 27-29, 2012 – Penn Dixie members Only Trip to Cincinnati, OH, to collect fossils. Call (716) 627-4560 for information.

May 5 & 6, 2012 – Penn Dixie open on weekends, Sat. 9 AM-4 PM & Sun. 11 aM-4 PM

May 6, 2012, 9 AM, Penn Dixie Spring Bird Walk led by Michael Morgante, Buffalo Ornithological Society. No pre-registrations required. Free.

May 12, 2012 – 10 AM, Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge Day at the Penn Dixie Site. Registration must be made through the Greater Niagara Frontier Council.

May 12, 2012, 7:30 PM – Astronomy Night at Penn Dixie to view Venus high in the west, Mars high in the south, Saturn high in the east, Cancer's star cluster M44, Hercules Famous star cluster M13, and the bright star Vega with it's flashing colors, will rise in the east.

May 18, 2012 – 7 PM, "Dinosaurs CSI," by PaleoJoe, of Michigan, in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office, at 3556 Lake Shore Rd. Blasdell, NY 14219. \$5/person, Penn Dixie members FREE. Public invited. Scouts and children welcome. No pre-registrations required. Call (716) 627-4560 for information.

May 19, 2012 - 9 AM, Dig with the Experts and Special Event Day

Regular program for fossil collecting and viewing of sunspots, plus a Special Program to **"Dig with the Experts"** – check web site or call (716) 627-4560 for details, cost, and registration information.

May 19, 2012 – 10 AM, Webelos Geology Badge Day at Penn Dixie Site. Registration for this event must be made through the Boy Scout Greater Niagara Frontier Council.

June 3, 2012 - 1 PM to 4 PM Children's Day

Celebrate Children's Day at Penn Dixie! Special fun events for children and their families, prizes for children's contests, viewing sunspots and other astronomy activities, fossil identification, and more!

June 5, 2012, Tuesday, 5:30 PM – Special Astronomy program to view the partial **Transit of Venus**, through filtered telescopes, that can be seen from around 6:15 PM, until sunset. This event is when Venus passes across the face of the Sun. The next time this happens is on Dec. 11, 2117

June 10, 2012 - 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Penn Dixie Nature Cruise & Buffalo Lighthouse Tour

Call (716) 627-4560 for registration information and cost or visit www.penndixie.org. Limited space available.

June 15 - September 4, 2012, Penn Dixie open for fossil collecting 7-days a week. Visit www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560 for directions and information. Adults \$7, Children 12 & under \$6, Penn Dixie members FREE.

June 23, 2012 - Saturday 8 PM – Astronomy Night at Penn Dixie to view Mercury low in the west, Mars and a Gibbous waxing moon in the southwest and Saturn just above the bright star Spica in Virgo. The Summer Triangle and Ring Nebula M57 in the east. The Globular star cluster M13. Ursa Major (Great Bear) with the nose-diving towards horizon, and a variety of other constellations.

July 1, 2012 - 11 AM to 4 PM – “Big Toys, Trucks and Bikes Event”

Fossil collecting, viewing of sunspots, and a “Big Toys Event” fundraiser! Sit in your favorite truck, explore a variety of vehicles, and have your picture taken in your favorite vehicle – check web site for details.