



January 2026

Programs & Events

~ at the Elkhart Environmental Center ~

All Month

Holiday Lights Recycling Collection with Schupan

Drop-off Dawn to Dusk Daily

Our Holiday Lights Recycling program is back again this year! We have once again partnered with Schupan to provide community members with a way to dispose of their broken lights in a more environmentally-friendly way. Through January 31st, drop off unwanted string lights to the EEC for recycling; lights can be dropped off inside our Visitor's Cabin during business hours or left inside the collection box on our front porch at any time. Thank you for helping us recycle this holiday season! **Cost: FREE; no registration required.**

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Winter Nature Play Day

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join us for our returning Winter Nature Play Day! Stop by anytime between 1 PM and 3 PM to participate in a variety of outdoor activities designed to get kids out exploring in nature. Activities will be primarily self-guided with staff available to assist. Be sure to dress appropriately and bring along any gear you may need to enjoy the program warmly and safely! This program is weather-dependent. In the event of unfavorable conditions, we may cancel for participants' safety. Please be sure to register so that we can notify you of any updates! **Cost: FREE; advance registration required. All ages.**

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Upcycled Wind Chime Workshop

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Back by popular demand! Join us as we take trash and create treasure in our Upcycled Wind Chime Workshop! Using old glass bottles, we will be creating wind chimes to enjoy this coming spring. There will be secondhand items and craft supplies for participants to use to make their own unique designs, such as old silverware, beads, buttons, rocks, paint pens, and more! Participants are welcome to bring their own items to add to their wind chime, and/or their own glass bottle* (*please contact the EEC prior to the workshop if you plan to bring a bottle). **Cost: \$6.98 per person; advance registration required by January 9th. Ages 12+.**

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Birds, Bees, & Beyond: Building a Backyard Habitat

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Get excited about getting your garden ready for spring! Whether you live in a house with a big backyard or in a small apartment, there are simple steps you can take to help support local wildlife at home - and, in the process, the environment on a larger scale. Get ideas on how to transform your outdoor space into an area that provides vital resources for insects, birds, and many other critters that bring our backyards to life. And, receive a packet of native plant seeds to help develop your wildlife-friendly space! **Cost: \$2 per person; advance registration required by January 25th. Ages 12+.**

For the latest details and updates about our upcoming events, be sure to follow us on social media!



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Program Registration

To see a full list of events and to register for programs, please visit www.ticketleap.events/events/elkhart-environmental-center or scan the QR code below.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming activities!



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