

Come sledding on the new hill this Sunday from 2-4pm!



Arboretum staff members Mike Swanberg, Melissa MJ Bach, Cassie Herbst, and Corey Friend test out the new hill.
Photo courtesy of Erica Manternach.

Did you know..... Snowshoes were used by Indians and Eskimos in snowy northern areas of North America. At the time of its creation, the snowshoe was considered as revolutionary as the invention of the wheel. Today, hunters, trappers, farmers, lumberjacks, and sports enthusiasts still use snowshoes to trek over the snow. Snowshoe racers can travel 100 yards in 12 seconds, and one mile in five minutes! There are several [snowshoe races](#) held in our area! Want to try snowshoeing for yourself? Join the Arboretum February 9th for the [Student Moonlight Snowshoe!](#) See below for more details.

Information from Encyclopedia Britannica

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Snow.

Snow who?

Snow use - I've forgotten my name again!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Wooden Shoe.

Wooden Shoe who?

Wooden Shoe like to hear another joke?

Sledding on the New Hill!- Sunday Feb. 1

Haven't had a chance to try out the new sledding hill? Come get some fresh air before watching the super bowl! We'll provide the fire, hot chocolate, sleds from the OLC, and sledding expertise! Bring a sled if you have one, a mug, and your friends! The new sledding hill is located by the SJU soccer fields. Please refer to the [map](#) for directions to the new sledding hill!

Nature Photography Class & Outdoor Field Experience - Last Thursdays of the month in January- April

Learn how to take better pictures with an emphasis on photography of the natural world. Join Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer, Ken Bachofer, for sessions about exposure, focusing, composition, digital processing, and macrophotography. [Click here](#) to find a complete listing of the session topics and to register. Classes will meet at the New Science pendulum on the last Thursday of every month from **6:30- 8:00pm**.

Student Moonlight Snowshoe- Monday Feb. 9

Enjoy the night sky with a full moon as we snowshoe in the Arboretum! Afterwards, warm up around a fire with a cup of hot cocoa. Bring your favorite mug! Snowshoes will be provided, but bring your own if you have them. Meet at the Abbey Bell Tower at **8:15pm**. [Sign up if you need shoes!](#)

10th Annual Arboretum Owl Hoot- Tuesday Feb. 17

Join Sarah Gainey, Arboretum Environmental Education Coordinator, to learn what owls are up to this winter! Meet at the New Science Pendulum at **6:30pm**. Following the presentation, there will be an optional outdoor hike from **8:00- 9:00pm** to call for these feathered friends!

If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list for the Arboretum, please e-mail Saint John's Arboretum at arboretum@csbsju.edu.

We'll be in touch...

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