

Nature Notes

For the
week of
Nov. 18-24

From your friends at Saint John's Arboretum!

Are you wondering about
this winter's weather?



Photo courtesy of Cassie Herbst.

Jokes...so bad
they're funny!

Q: Why can't you
take a turkey to
church?

A: Because they use
FOWL language!

Q: What side of a
turkey has the most
feathers?

A: The outside!

Q: Why did the
turkey cross the
road?

A: The chicken had
the day off!

We have your December forecast!

- How does the *Old Farmer's Almanac* predict the weather with "80% accuracy?"
 - A secret formula was devised by the Almanac's founder, Robert B. Thomas, in 1792.
 - Solar science, climatology, and meteorology are the three main scientific disciplines used to make long-range weather predictions.
 - Forecasts are based on deviations from average temp. and precipitation.
- **DECEMBER 2009:** temperature 13.5°F; precipitation 1" (avg.)
 - Dec 1-7: Rain and snow, then sunny, cold
 - Dec 8-13: Snow showers, cold
 - Dec 14-20: Snowy periods, cold
 - Dec 21-23: Snow, then sunny, mild
 - Dec 24-27: Snow showers, seasonable
 - Dec 28-31: Sunny, mild

<http://www.almanac.com/weather/longrange/MN/Saint+Cloud>
- Learn some (sure-fire?) methods for predicting the weather yourself based on animal signals, cloud types, and more!

<http://www.almanac.com/topics/weather/weather-forecasts/predicting-weather>

Upcoming Arboretum Events

Outdoor Week- Nov. 16th- 22nd

- Medallion Hunt- Mon.- Fri.
- Cosmic Climbing- SJU Climbing Wall- Wed 9pm-12am
- Banff Film Festival- Pellegrine Auditorium-Thurs. 7pm
- Bouldering Competition- SJU Climbing Wall- Fri. 6pm

What's Golden Thursday, Dec. 3

The Student Sustainability Commission (SCC) and Echo will educate students about sustainability with an emphasis on recycling in the McKeown Center from 4-7pm. All are encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity!

Minnesota Natural History Lecture Series

Third Tuesday of the Month

December—May , 6:30—8 p.m.

Free—Arboretum members and students of all ages

\$5—Non-members/non-students

Water Quality Trends Along the Sauk River Tuesday, Dec. 15

Adam Hjelm, Public Outreach Coordinator, Sauk River Watershed District Meet at the pendulum of the New Science Center of Saint John's University. Check the Arboretum Web site for updates to this year's lectures!

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

We'll be in touch...

Your friends at the Arboretum

It's your backyard, so get out and play!

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