

Nature Notes

For the
week of
December
15—21

From your friends at Saint John's Arboretum!

Have a fantastic winter break!



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Jokes...so bad they're funny!

• Q: What do snowmen wear on their heads?

A: Icecaps!

• Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: Frosted flakes!

• Q: What is a snowman's favorite lunch?

A: An Iceburger!

Did you know...

- Snow is a mineral, just like iron or salt!
- The largest snowflake ever recorded was 15 inches across! It was found in Keogh, MN in 1887.
- At the center of each snowflake is a piece of dust, volcanic ash, or particle from outer space! The water vapors freeze on the particles forming a snowflake.
- Snow is 90%-95% air; it takes up ten times as much space as it would if it were in liquid form!
- Contrary to popular belief, most snowflakes are generally the same shape. For each snowflake to be unique would be statistically impossible.
- Here are some Inuit words for snow:
 - *Quanuk — snowflake
 - *Kaneq — frost
 - *Natquik — drifting snow
 - *Aniu — ground snow

Sources:

- http://www.eioba.com/a79046/interesting_and_unusual_facts_about_snow
- <http://www.putlearningfirst.com/language/research/eskimo.html>

Upcoming Arboretum Events

OLC Winter Gear has arrived!

Things to look forward to after break:

- *Skiing & Sledding!
- *Ice fishing!
- *Owl Hoot
- *Nature Photography Lecture Series
- *And many more winter activities!

If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list for the Arboretum, please e-mail your name and graduation year to: 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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