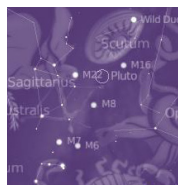


On Campus at NIU:

Activities for Families and Educators
November 2011 - January 2012



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Davis Hall Observatory – Families and Educators

One of the best-kept secrets at NIU is the observatory, located in Room 703 of Davis Hall. You can visit the observatory on **Thursdays and Fridays** from 7-11 p.m. whenever NIU is in session. A “Learn the Constellations” program begins in November. See <http://www.niu.edu/physics/observatory/> or call 815-753-1305.

Community School of the Arts Recitals – Families

The NIU Community School of the Arts offers recitals throughout the holiday season by the children and adults who study music at the community school. All recitals are **free** and are held in the **Recital Hall of the Music Building**. For more information about recitals or about the NIU Community School of the Arts, call 815-753-1450 or visit <http://www.csa.niu.edu/extprograms/Arts/calendar.shtml>.



NIU COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Global Warming Lecture – Educators, Families, and Students

Friends of NIU Libraries present a free lecture by Professor Ross Powell, on **November 15 from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Lower Level of Founders Memorial Library**. Powell, from the Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences, will discuss global warming issues and how they relate to the northern Illinois region. The role NIU’s scientists play in environmental research will be highlighted, including NIU’s 40 years of polar research. See <http://www.ulib.niu.edu/Friends/activitiesprograms.cfm> or call Angie Schroeder at 815-753-8091.



Crafty Women Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale – Families

Get your holiday shopping done early at the seventh annual holiday arts and craft sale on **November 16 -17, 2011**. The sale will take place in **Reavis Hall, Room 103, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.** All proceeds will benefit the Mothers Memorial Scholarship, the Austin Sawicki Memorial Scholarship, and the Women’s Studies Foundation funds. More information is available at <http://www.niu.edu/wstudies> or by contacting Rebekah Kohli at 815-753-1038 or womenst@niu.edu.

Best of Broadway Dance – Families

NIU dancers will recreate the most memorable dance scenes from the greatest shows in Broadway history -- from Singin’ in the Rain to Grease. You will be tapping your toes in time to the music. Performances will take place **November 17-19 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and November 20 from 2-4 p.m. in the O’Connell Theatre of the Stevens Building**. Cost is \$16 for adults, \$13 for seniors, and \$8 for students. Visit <http://www.niu.edu/theatre> or contact David Booth at 815-753-1600.

NIU Huskie Marching Band Indoor Concert – Families

The Huskie Marching Band presents its annual year-end concert on **Friday, November 18, 2011, 7:30 p.m. at the NIU Convocation Center** in DeKalb. The marching band, drumline, colorguard, and Silverettes will perform highlights from the marching shows throughout the year, as well as favorite songs and cheers. Special guests, the Chicago Bears Drumline will also perform. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.com, \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for K-college students. Parking is an additional \$5.00. Visit the Convocation Center’s events page at <http://www.convo.niu.edu/convo/events/index.shtml>.



Sign up at niu.edu/outreach/newsletters for regular updates on events at NIU for families and educators.

See next page for more fun activities!



NIU School of Art Faculty Exhibition – Educators and Students

From **November 29, 2011–February 25, 2012**, two of the four gallery spaces in Altgeld Hall will be filled with recent work by NIU School of Art Faculty from Studio & Design, Art Education, and Art History. This biennial exhibition highlights the work of over fifty practicing Illinois artists who also share their love of art by teaching at the university. The gallery is open to the public **Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 12-4 p.m.** The museum will be closed for the holidays from 12/17/11 - 1/9/2012.

NIU Center for Economic Education Super Saturday Workshop - Educators

Better than a free lunch for K-12 teachers >>> more than \$100 worth of teaching materials that integrate exciting economics and personal finance activities into math and reading lessons at all levels. Join us on **December 3, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the DeKalb School District Administration Center.** Besides free classroom resources, we will provide coffee and snacks. To register, email your name, school, grade(s) taught, and phone to kchapman@niu.edu. See http://www.econed-il.org/icee/docs/2011/supersat_1211.pdf



NIU Choral Holiday Concert – Families

Get into the holiday spirit with the NIU Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, University Chorus, and the Brass Quintet. The School of Music's holiday concert is **Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 3 p.m. in the Boutell Memorial Concert Hall** on NIU's campus. Tickets at the door or from Tina Vierig at 815-753-1551. Cost of admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students.



NIU Holiday Family Celebration – One of NIU's biggest community events of the year!

Bring the family to **Altgeld Hall** at NIU on **Friday, December 9, 6 to 8 p.m.**, for hands-on activities, holiday treats, and all kinds of festive fun.

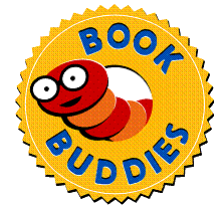


America Reads After-School Program – K-5 Students

The NIU Literacy Clinic will be enrolling K-5 students in the popular America Reads after-school program. Trained undergraduate tutors provide 1:1 tutoring during **50** minute sessions for children who need extra help in reading, writing, and spelling. This **no-cost** program fills up quickly. For more information, call 815-753-1416 or visit www.cedu.niu.edu/ltcy/literacyclinic/overview/index.shtml.

Book Buddies Tutoring Program – K-5 Students

A second tutoring program for K-5 students has been added for the spring semester. Trained undergraduate tutors provide 1:1 tutoring for **40** minute sessions in reading, writing, and spelling. Tutoring for both programs is delivered at the Literacy Clinic, 3100 Sycamore Road, DeKalb. For more information about this **no-cost** service, call 815-753-1416.



Community School of the Arts Scholarship Programs – Students 18 and under

NIU Community School of the Arts has two scholarship programs for children ages 18 and under who wish to study music, art, or theatre. Applications are available at www.csa.niu.edu or from Renee Page at 815-753-1450.

- **Talent scholarships** of \$250.00 are awarded to six community school students every year after a rigorous audition process. Applications must be received by **December 7**. Two awards are made in each grade category: Elementary (grades 3–5), Junior (Grades 6–8), and Senior (grades 9–12). All instruments are welcome. **Auditions are on January 7, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**
- **Need-based scholarships** contribute a portion of the cost of lessons, a class, or an ensemble. Awarded each semester, the scholarships are based on proven need, demonstrated interest, and available funds. **Applications must be received by January 9.**

Raise Readers at Your House - Families

The Raising Readers Video Series at <http://www.youtube.com/user/TheLiteracyClinic> offers simple, effective tips for how parents can support their children's reading and writing development at home. See all 12 videos – they're fun!