Outdoors calendar — February 12

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CREAMER’S PARTY

Friends of Creamers will be hosting its annual winter field party at Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge on Saturday from 12-4 p.m.

There will be snowshoes and skis from Beaver Sports to try out and the waterfowl pond closest to the Farmhouse Visitor Center will be cleared for ice skating., the ski trails will be groomed and there will be hot drinks in the Farmhouse Visitor Center.

For more information, call 452-5162 or go online to www.creamersfield.org.

BIRD LECTURE

How do chickadees, ravens and redpolls survive the winter in Fairbanks? What do they eat? Where do they sleep?

Dr. Susan Sharbaugh, senior scientist at the Alaska Bird Observatory, will provide the answer to those and more questions on Tuesday during a lecture in the “Science for Alaska Lecture Series” sponsored by the University of Alaska and the University of Alaska Fairbanks’ Geophysical Institute.
The lecture, titled “Frosty Feathers: Avian tales of Winter Survival,” begins at 7 p.m. in the Gold Room at the Westmark Hotel.

NATURE WALK

The Arctic Audubon Society invites anyone interested to join members for a walk in the woods on Feb. 21 at 1 p.m.

The group will gather in the back parking lot at Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge by the old dairy barns to carpool to the destination.

The walk will be postponed for a week if the temperature at noon is 10 degrees below zero. Check the time and temperature recording at 844 for the official temperature.

WINTERFEST

The ninth annual Winterfest Celebration Feb. 20-22 at Denali National Park and Preserve.

The festival offers events for all ages and skill levels, including sled dog rides, cross-country skiing, ice hockey exhibition, snow sculpting contest, crafts bazaar, indoor presentations, ranger-guided snowshoe walks, ice carving demonstrations, children’s craft activities, a chili dinner and more.

The schedule of activities will be posted at www.nps.gov/dena, www.denaliborough.govoffice.com and at locations throughout the local communities.
For more information, please contact Kris Fister at 683-9583.

WORKSHOP

The Department of Fish and Game will host a winter version of the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop on March 13-15 at Victory Bible Camp near Palmer.

Early registration is $250 for applications postmarked by Feb. 15 and $275 after Feb. 15. The fee includes meals and lodging, as well as instruction, program materials and use of equipment.

The BOW program is designed to help introduce women to hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities.

Registration forms and details are available at the Department of Fish and Game Web site (www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us) or at the Anchorage Sport Fish Information Center at 267-2218 or the Soldotna sport fish office at 262-9368.

Completed registration forms should be mailed to ADF&G, attention to Tracy Smith, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518. Registrations cannot be accepted over the phone or by fax.

For more information, call Smith (267-2896) or Kirk Lingofelt (267-2534) in Anchorage or Patti Berkhahn (260-2943) in Soldotna.