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### Winter Solstice Fun at Cincinnati Nature Center!

On Sunday, December 19, 2010, celebrate the Solar New Year at Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods. From 1-5 p.m. visitors can enjoy a family-friendly winter celebration with music, crafts, horse drawn wagon rides, drumming circles, scavenger hunt and more.

The winter solstice, also called the Solar New Year or Midwinter, marks the first astronomical day of winter. This year it falls on December 21<sup>st</sup> and on this day, the sun is the farthest from the earth, making it the longest night of the year.

During the celebration, visitors can make a natural percussion instrument and then use it while participating in a drumming circle or they can plant a bowl of narcissus to enjoy a late winter bloom. Celtic music from *Dark Moll*, seasonal carols by West Clermont by Request and solstice education from Education Director Connie O'Connor will also be included. In addition, the Krippendorf Lodge will be open for holiday treats, historic renditions and horse-drawn carriage rides.

Community Relations Manager, Kristi Masterson explained, "This festive event appeals to everyone because of the wide array of activities. Our visitors can enjoy a winter hike and then warm up while listening to outstanding Celtic music and learning about the winter solstice," Masterson continued. "It's a wonderful way to relax and prepare for the holidays. In fact, many families have included Cincinnati Nature Center's Winter Solstice as part of their annual holiday traditions."

There will be no preregistration this year. Admission will be taken upon entrance into the Nature Center. Adult members pay \$5 and \$1 for children; adult nonmembers pay \$10 and \$2 for children.

For more information, visit [www.CincyNature.org](http://www.CincyNature.org) or call 513/831-1711. Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods is located at 4949 Tealtown Road, Milford, OH 45150.

Cincinnati Nature Center is a non-profit, environmental education organization. Their mission is to inspire passion for nature and promote environmentally responsible choices through experience, education and stewardship to ensure a sustainable future.

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