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### Winter Solstice Fun at Cincinnati Nature Center!

Celebrate winter traditions in a whole new way! On Sunday, December 18, 2011, join the CNC community and rejoice at their annual Winter Solstice Celebration. From 1-5 pm, participants can appreciate the simplest pleasures of the holiday season. Rekindle your senses with the sounds, smells, sights, and tastes of the Winter Solstice Celebration at Rowe Woods.

Partake in a timeless chance to see nature in action during the peaceful winter season. Guests will be invited to take a magical horse-drawn wagon ride through Rowe Woods. Participants will also have the opportunity to engage in a self guided winter scavenger hunt.

Visitors can enhance their holiday experience by making their own percussion instrument or planting Narcissus bulbs. Our simple percussion instrument making craft can be taken home to enjoy for the holiday season with your family. Visitors can also create their own personal arrangement of Narcissus bulbs and watch them bloom in the winter.

The many musical activities include:

- Traditional sounds of the winter solstice with Celtic music by *Dark Moll*.
- *West Clermont By Request* will be singing holiday classics for the CNC community.
- Dulcimer performance in the historic Krippendorf Lodge
- Participants are invited to join a drumming circle to feel the energy and excitement of the winter solstice.

"The winter solstice is a time honored way to celebrate the holiday season nature has created for us. We welcome community to share the excitement the holidays and learn the science behind the Winter Solstice Celebration," says Kristi Masterson, Director of Marketing and Membership at CNC.

Connie O'Connor, CNC's Director of Education, will be presenting a Winter Solstice presentation explaining the myths and historical truths regarding the shortest day of the year. "Winter Solstice Celebration guests learn the customs and beliefs of the traditional solstice combined with festive modern holiday cheer including crafts, music and

refreshments. Winter is a wonderful time to get outdoors and find peace in nature" she said

The winter solstice, also known as the Solar New Year, marks the first astronomical day of winter. It is the day the sun is furthest from the earth, making it the shortest day and longest night of the year.

"We will have activities in our Visitor Center, The Historic Krippendorf Lodge and of course outside on our trails" added Masterson.

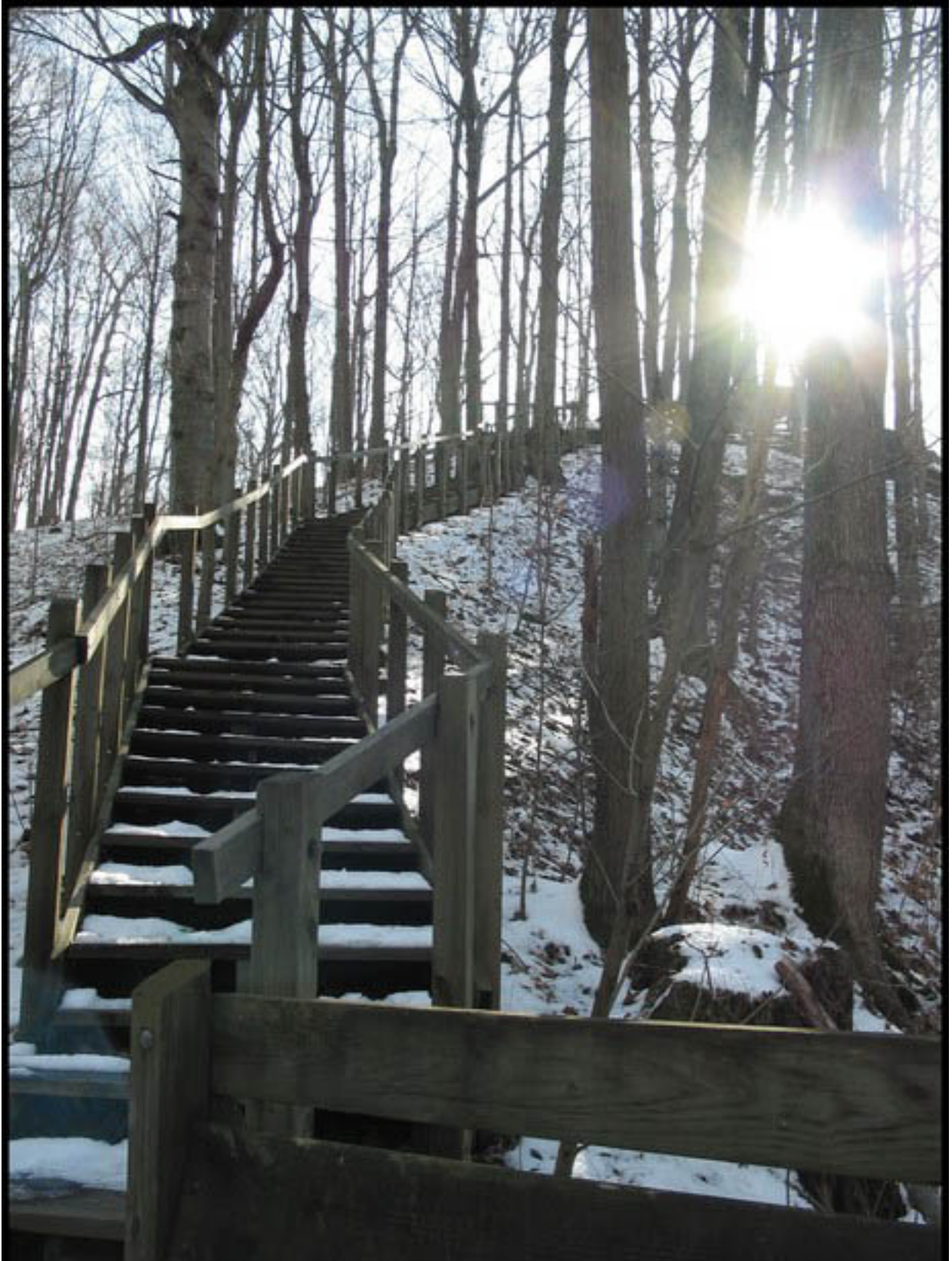
Registration is not required. Cincinnati Nature Center member adults are \$6, children are \$3. Nonmember adults are \$14, children are \$6. Some activities may require additional fees. Cash only accepted.

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

Cincinnati Nature Center is a non-profit, environmental education organization whose mission is to Enrich Lives by Inspire Passion for Nature through Experience, Education and Stewardship.

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