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January in Calvert County, Md.

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Dec. 26, 2013 – Don't get stuck with cabin fever in January. There is plenty to see and do in Calvert County to get your family out of the house this month.

Wednesday, Jan. 1 (1 p.m.)

Polar Bear Plunge

The Town of North Beach
9032 Bay Ave., North Beach
301-855-6681 • www.northbeachmd.org

Plungers will take a quick dip, splash or swim in the frigid Chesapeake Bay. Afterward plungers enjoy hot cocoa and roasted marshmallows around a warm bonfire. This event is free, but participants who choose to pay the \$25 registration fee will receive a certificate and T-shirt. Net proceeds go to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Visit online to preregister.

Wednesday, Jan. 1 and Friday, Jan. 3-Sunday, Jan. 5 (6-9 p.m.)

Garden In Lights \$

Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center
13480 Dowell Road, Solomons
410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Garden In Lights is a magical tour that takes visitors of all ages on a beautiful journey through the glittering woods. As you walk along the protected path, you will be transported to a fantastical place of spectacular lights and amazing "light sculpture." Guests will be surrounded by superheroes, wild animals, airplanes, pirates, princesses, dinosaurs, fantasy land and outer space to name a few. All of the "light sculptures" are designed and made at Annmarie Garden; nothing in this show is commercially available.

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Sunday, Jan. 5 (noon-3 p.m.)

Aqua-thon \$

Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center
130 Auto Drive, Prince Frederick
410-414-8350 • www.co.cal.md.us/hac

The Aqua-thon is a family-friendly competition that consists of three 10-minute water events: running in shallow water, biking on a noodle in deep water and swimming. Participants must be older than 12 and able to swim. Prizes will be awarded.

Saturday, Jan. 11 (2-3 p.m.)

Kids! Jukebox Sock Hop

Bayside History Museum
4025 4th St., North Beach
301-855-4028 • www.baysidehistorymuseum.org

Learn about what life was like in Maryland in the 1950s. Take a look at the jukebox in the collection, learn a few easy vintage dance steps including The Mashed Potato, The Twist and The Pony and then join in on a fun sock hop to jukebox songs from the 1950s. This event is recommended for children ages 3 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, Jan. 18 (6:45-9 a.m.)

Artist's Access Days

Flag Ponds Nature Park
1525 Flag Ponds Parkway, Lusby
410-535-5327 • www.calvertparks.org

Here's an excellent opportunity for artists and photographers to access the county parks before and after regular park hours. Artists are encouraged to create landscape paintings, drawings and photographs as they experience the quiet of a winter sunrise at Flag Ponds Park. Registration is required.

Saturday, Jan. 18-Sunday, Jan. 19 (1-4 p.m.) and Monday, Jan. 20 (11 a.m.-4 p.m.)

MLK Days

Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center
13480 Dowell Road, Solomons
410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a community art activity. Each year, Annmarie invites guests to help create a community art installation in honor of a dream. The projects vary from year to year, but they are always inspiring and appropriate for all ages and backgrounds. Reservations are not required; just drop in.

Saturday, Jan. 18 through Saturday, Feb. 8 (10:30 a.m.-noon)

Digital Photography Workshop \$

Northeast Community Center
4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach
410-257-2554 • www.co.cal.md.us/parks

Join this lively hands-on class to learn camera functions, lighting techniques and computer editing that will give you the tools to shoot like a professional.

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Saturday, Jan. 18-Sunday, Jan. 19 (1-4 p.m.)

Wild Winter Wibit Weekend

Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center

130 Auto Drive, Prince Frederick

410-414-8350 • www.co.cal.md.us/hac

Enjoy and challenge yourself or your friends on the Wibit obstacle course. This event is fun for children ages 6 and older who can swim.

Sunday, Jan. 19 (3 p.m.)

War of 1812: A Legacy of Division speaker series presents “Tecumseh and Conflicting Native Views on the War of 1812”

The College of Southern Maryland Auditorium

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Dr. Donald L. Fixico is a distinguished professor of history at Arizona State University's School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies. He is a native scholar from Oklahoma and is Shawnee, Sac and Fox, Muscogee Creek and Seminole. Fixico worked on numerous documentaries about American Indians, including the PBS documentary “The War of 1812.” A facilitated discussion will follow. This speaker series is made possible by the Maryland Humanities Council, Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and the Calvert Marine Museum.

Saturday, Jan. 25 (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Vine Vindicator Work Day

American Chestnut Land Trust

North Side Trailhead

676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick

410-414-3400 • www.acltweb.org

Join us as we work to improve native plant species on ACLT lands by identifying and removing non-native invasive plants species. Please bring work gloves and loppers or clippers if you have them. Contact ACLT to register.

Saturday, Jan. 25 (2-3 p.m.)

Kids! Oyster Gardens

Bayside History Museum

4025 4th Street, North Beach

301-855-4028 • www.baysidehistorymuseum.org

Families learn about oyster restoration in the Chesapeake Bay in a kid-friendly, fun way from local expert John Bacon. This event is recommended for ages 3 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday, Jan. 29 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

School's Out Fun Day \$

Southern Community Center

20 Appeal Lane, Lusby

410-586-1101 • www.co.cal.md.us/parks

School's out and fun is waiting at the Southern Community Center! Children will enjoy gaming, arts and crafts, cooking projects, contests and more. Bring a bag lunch.

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Thursday, Jan. 30 (6-9:30 p.m.)

Winter Extravaganza Comedy Night

Jake & Al's Chophouse

258 Town Square Drive, Lusby

410-394-6694 • www.co.cal.md.us/parksguide

Join us for comedy night featuring Jonathan Burns and Jay the Chameleon. Burns has performed his hilarious flexible comedy throughout the United States and the world for more than 10 years. He has performed on the Jay Leno Show and on the Late Show with David Letterman. Jay the Chameleon has performed for more than 14 years up and down the East Coast with the likes of Guy Torry and Lisa Lampanelli. Must be 18 or older to attend. The event is free; an optional buffet dinner will be available for \$22.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to nearly 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services. Like us on Facebook by searching for Calvert County Government, Calvert County, Maryland.