

**University of Minnesota Duluth - Recreational Sports Outdoor Program**

# **Birch Bark Crafts**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 12<sup>TH</sup> 7-9PM**

Birch bark has been used as a valuable material in North America to create items such as baskets, canoes, decorations, and musical instruments.

## **HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT:**

Come and learn about birch trees and make crafts from its durable bark. You will cut, weave, and glue hand collected birch bark into a woven birch bark star and a traditional Ojibwa style birch bark basket.

Techniques for collecting bark and working with it will also be discussed.

## **WHERE:**

Meet in the Sports and Health Center Room 119

## **TOPICS:**

- Learn what makes birch bark so unique.
- Gain knowledge of traditional uses of birch bark.
- Folding and shaping bark without cracking or tearing.
- Cutting bark for designs and baskets (including patterns).

## **WHAT TO BRING:**

- Yourself!
- A creative talent

## **THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM PROVIDES:**

- Quality instruction
- Birch bark and other materials

## **COST:**

\$3 for UMD Students/ \$5 Others

## **REGISTER BY:**

Noon, February 11<sup>th</sup>



## **GOALS:**

- Learn how to weave a birch bark star and a basket
- Have fun and meet new people

## **EXPLORE MORE WITH THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM:**

- Crochet 101 February 28<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm
- Crochet 201 March 13<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm
- Earthday Color and Cloth April 24<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm

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