

Winter Solstice Luminary Activity



The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year, so bring some light back into it by constructing a Metroparks luminary! Luminaries are decorated paper bags, usually stenciled and lit with tea light candles. Cultures around the world celebrate the Winter Solstice by illuminating the dark with lighted decorations like these.

SUPPLIES:

- Paper Bag
- Pencil
- Scissors or Craft Knife
- Stencil
- Tea Light Candles

HOW TO:

Cut out the stencil below, trace onto one side of the paper bag, and carefully cut out to reveal the design. Tip: make sure the stencil is at least 2-3 inches from the bottom of the bag.



Place a tea light candle into the bottom of the bag and have an adult light it for you. If it's windy, weight your luminary down with a rock or some sand/gravel. Now you're all set to celebrate the Winter Solstice!

