



Churchville Nature Center

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Program & Activity Guide Winter 2016-2017

Naturalist Programs

Birds at Your Feeder

December 4



Bird feeding is one of the most popular outdoor endeavors in our country. Join us as we visit the Centers bird feeding stations and learn how to identify our winter birds. There are a variety of species that can be seen so it is good opportunity for beginners to learn how to attract them and identify them.

Time: 2:00 PM

\$3 per person/Members Free

Evergreens

December 11

'Tis the season ... of evergreens. Join us as we explore the area looking for a bit of the everlasting green in our woodlands during the season much associated with the pine tree. We will learn more about these and other plants that remain green throughout the winter months.

Time: 2:00 PM

\$3 per person/Members Free

Christmas Bird Count

December 17

On Saturday, December 17, we will be heading out onto the grounds of Churchville Nature Center and the surrounding area to take part in a bird census for the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. If you are a bird watcher, be it a novice or an experienced birder, you are welcome to join the count. For more information, contact CNC Director Chris Stieber at (215) 357-4005 ext. 5033, or at cgstieber@buckscounty.org.

"Owling" Campfire

January 13

"Owling" is the art of identifying owls using sound. Join us at dusk (the time they are most active) as we use recorded calls to attempt to get mating Great Horn owls to answer us. This is the time of year that the Great Horns are calling to one another in the hope of getting a mate. Breeding begins in early January. What fun to learn about each species of owls' unique calls! You can even learn to do them without a recorder. We will then settle around a warm fire, roast hotdogs, and listen to owl stories and legends.

5:00 PM

Adults \$6/Children\$4

Pre-registration is required.

Winter Wonder Walk

January 22

Winter seems to be a quiet time for the woodlands, but there are still a great many things to find and beauty to enjoy. Join us as we venture out into the woodlands for a winter walk to see what wonders we might find.

Time: 2:00 PM

\$3 per person/Members Free

Winter Search Party

February 12

It is mid-winter, and the landscape appears largely lifeless. However, closer investigation reveals there is still plenty of activity going on, and there is much to discover about dormant animals from the evidence they have left behind at the end of last summer. Join us as we search out last summer's insect homes, bird nests, and other animal 'artifacts', as well as some of the critters that remain active throughout winter.

Time: 2:00 PM

\$3 per person/Members Free

Star Party Campfire Program

February 17

Come and explore the nighttime sky during our late winter campfire program. Weather permitting we will view constellations, and other celestial wonders with both our naked eye and a telescope. We will view any planets that are visible as well as some well known winter deep sky objects. Star finder charts will be available for use. A campfire and marshmallows will finish off the night. This program is dependent on good weather and clear skies.

Time: 7:30 PM

Fee: Adults \$5/Children\$3



Saturday Morning Bird Walks

Each Saturday, December - March

Join an experienced bird watcher every Saturday morning from 8:00 to 10:00 AM for our early morning bird walks. These walks are a great way to meet new people and enjoy casual conversation with other bird enthusiasts. Your guide will pick out the best spot to visit within the area. Bring along binoculars and a bird identification book, if you have them.



Family Programs

Adult Basketry

January 14

Come learn how to weave a traditional 10 inch ribbed egg basket. This basket is made using two oak hoops joined with a "God's Eye" technique and the sides are woven using rattan reed. This is sure to be a useful basket, even if you don't use it to carry eggs. Although loaner tools will be available, bring an awl for adjusting reeds, knife to sharpen the ribs and diagonal wire cutters to cut the reed if you have them.

Time: 1:00-5:00 pm Cost: \$35 per person

Space is limited to 15, and pre-registration is required.

Instructor: Chris Applegate, CNC Educator

Maple Sugar Day & Pancake Breakfast

February 26

Join us Sunday February 26th for our annual Maple Sugar Day. The process of tapping maple trees, collecting the sap, and making maple syrup (one of the many uses of maple sap) is actually quite simple. It does, however, take some time and a willingness to get outdoors and experience this miracle of nature. This year's event will feature a limited space Pancake breakfast. Preregistration is a must by February 12th 2017

Note: We are looking for families that would like to have us tap their Maple trees and use the sap to make syrup. We are limited to the number of maple trees we have on site. All families that participate will get a free breakfast the day of the event.

Pancake Breakfast: Time 11:00 am Fee: \$10/person

Maple Sugar Program: 1:00 pm \$5/person



Mommy And Me Classes

March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

5 Week Preschool Class for children age 2-4yr olds

Join our education director for this 5 week course for our youngest visitors. So often these little guys come with their older siblings to drop them off at camp. They usually want to stay too but are too young. Well here is their chance to come do camp stuff with their adults. We will spend an hour reading a story, doing a crafts and learning about animals using our live animals. You must register for all 5 weeks and space is limited to 15 children. **Pre-registration is required**

Time: 10:00-11:00am

\$50 for 5 weeks

New! - Free Camp Day

March 11

Camp Introduction for NEW campers

Not sure if our camps are right for your child. Let them decide for themselves. This is a two hour camp session, one day only for new campers. There is no charge and you just drop the kids off. They will see what a ½ day session of camp here at the nature center is all about. Space is limited to 15 kids in each age group

Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm



Lenape Village Winter Programs

The village is closed for the winter, but the season was a time for creating, storytelling and games. Come in from the cold and join us for some indoors Lenape fun.

- December 4** Leathercraft Workshop 2:00-4:00pm \$25 Tools and materials provided. **Pre-payment and Registration a must so we can order supplies.**
- December 9** Rainbows of Healing Sound Journey thru the Chakras 7:00-9:00pm Register through Rainbows of Healing on line at www.rainbowsofhealing.com
- January 8** Leathercraft Workshop 2:00-4:00pm \$25 Tools and materials provided. **Pre-payment and Registration a must so we can order supplies.**
- January 15** Storytelling and Games 2:00pm \$5 Held inside the building.
- January 22** Rainbows of Healing Drum Making Workshop 11:00 am – 4:00pm Register at rainbowsofhealing.com
- January 27** Rainbows of Healing New Moon Snowflake Mandela making 7:00 – 8:30pm. Register at their site.
- January 29** Clay bead making 2:00pm \$5 Held inside the building
- February 5** Leathercraft Workshop 2:00-4:00pm \$25 Tools and materials provided. **Pre-payment and Registration a must so we can order supplies.**
- February 10** Rainbows of Healing Selenite & Sound Journey 7:00 -8:30pm Register through Rainbows of Healing on line. www.rainbowsofhealing.com
- February 12** Storytelling and Games 2:00pm \$5 Held inside the building
- February 19** Clay Bead making 2:00pm \$5 Held inside the building
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