



Churchville Nature Center

A Facility of the Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation
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Program & Activity Guide Spring 2017

Special Events

Rock & Mineral Show

April 1 & 2

Join us for a weekend of rocks and minerals. Whether your hobby is collecting minerals, lapidary or gem setting; if you are a rockhound or fossil finder, we will have something that will interest you. Our collection of donated rock and minerals will be on display for sale or auction. Area collectors and mineral club members will have their collections available for sale or exhibit. It is a great way for beginners to start their collections.

Entry: \$5 Adults/Children 12 and under are free

Time: 10 am to 4 pm



Annual Wildflower Sale

April 29 & 30 ~ May 6 & 7

Come purchase a wide variety of plants for your garden, including native perennials, plants for attracting hummingbirds and butterflies, aquatic plants and much more. The sale will be held from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Tea Party

May 7

Join us for tea and treats in the nature center. The garden will be in full spring bloom. Bring Mom, bring the family, or bring a friend and enjoy the day. Along with tea and sweet treats, there will be fun activities with a scavenger hunt and crafts

Registration required by April 23

No Walk-Ins

Time: 11:00 am

Fee: \$7 per person



Spring Open House

May 20

We had so much fun at our Fall open house that we decided to have another this spring. Come on over to the nature center for a day of family activities. A highlight of the day will be corn planting in our Lenape Village. The event is free and we would love to have you join us.

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm





Naturalist Programs



Saturday Morning Bird Walks

Join an experienced bird watcher every Saturday morning from 8:00 to 10:00 October—March, 7:00 to 9:00 AM April—September, 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.

Sunday Naturalist Walks

March 19, April 23, May 21 & June 11

Join us for a guided walk through the trails of the nature center. Each walk will be seasonal and focus on what is happening in the natural world during the winter months.

2:00 PM Donation: \$3 per person/Members Free



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

Spring Clean-Up Day

April 22

Calling all volunteers! The Churchville Nature Center will be having a Spring Clean-Up Day on April 22, from 10 AM to 1 PM. We will be taking this opportunity to clean up trash along the center's trails and around the reservoir. We'll also be doing some sprucing up around the outside of the center. All participants should dress for dirty work and bring work gloves with them. Scouts and other organized groups are welcome. If you would like more information, or to sign up to volunteer, please contact CNC Coordinator of Volunteers, Diane V. Sears at (215) 357-4005 ext. 5038, or dvsears@buckscounty.org

Migratory Bird Marathon

May 13

Help the center by supporting our Migratory Bird Marathon team. Each year during the month of May, our CNC team heads out to count bird species. The goal of the bird count is to tally the total number of species seen in a single 24-hour period during spring migration. In addition to providing valuable research data, our team raises funds to support the Churchville Nature Center. Our team is hoping to count 80 to 100 species. Donation forms and more information are available at the center by calling (215) 357-4005.

NABA Butterfly Count

June 17

If you would like to have a rewarding experience, help contribute to local and national research efforts, and have the opportunity to learn about butterflies, then join us for this special day. Tracking species of butterflies can be very educational, as well as enjoyable. On Saturday, June 17, we will be participating in the North American Butterfly Assoc. Annual Butterfly Count. Beginners are welcome, as well as seasoned butterfly watchers. The count will begin around 9:00 AM, and sign-up is required. There is a \$3 NABA fee for all participants. For more information call (215) 357-4005.



Lenape Village



Lenape Village Tours

Every Sunday from April 9 To October 22
1:00 PM

Travel back in time to the 1500's just prior to European contact. Trained educators dressed in authentic buckskins will take you through the stations for a hands-on experience just the way it would have been back then.

- ◆ What kind of medicines they used and where to find them
- ◆ How food was cooked and stored
- ◆ What kind of animals they hunted and uses for all parts of the animal
- ◆ Learn how the Lenape made bowls and other things from nature.
- ◆ A different station, or topic, featured each month
- ◆ How to plant a Three Sister's garden and what foods were foraged
- ◆ What kind of houses they lived in and their social structure
- ◆ How to make a fire by friction using only natural materials
- ◆ Learn to make rope from natural materials.

Spring Topics

April 9 Medicine from rocks	April 16 closed for Easter	April 23 Medicine from clay	April 30 Medicines from Plants
May 7 Preparing the Garden	May 14 Fire making	May 21 closed*	May 28 Garden crafts
June 4 Fire Making	June 11 Wild edibles & stone boiling	June 18 Cooking fish	June 25 clay bead making

*Please join us for our open house on 5/20. We will be planting the corn in the Lenape Village garden that day

Cost: \$8 (Children under 4 Free) Pre-registration required
The tour will begin promptly at 1:00 pm and is the only tour of the day



First Sunday Leatherworking

April 2, May 7 & June 4

Join us the first Sunday of the Month to learn the basics and fun of making and tooling things out of leather. This class is designed for ages 8 years up to and including adults. All materials and tools will be provided. **Pre-registration is required for these workshops so that we have enough materials available for all who would like to participate.**

Time: 2:00-4:00 pm

Fee: \$35 per person/\$25 per person if you bring a friend

Join As A Member Today!

Join and Receive:

The following benefits are available as our thank you for your support

10% discount off all items in the Dragonfly Niche Gift Shop in the Churchville Nature Center

10% discount off bird seed purchases from the Churchville Nature Center

Attend Naturalist-led weekend walks for free

Family level or higher receive discounts on summer camps and birthday party programs

Dragonfly members receive a brass name plate and name on members' board

Most of all we hope you enjoy the satisfaction of contributing to preserving a place of Natural Beauty in Bucks County, PA.

Membership Level:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard \$60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Heron \$120 | <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dragonfly \$1,000 (life) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Individual \$18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Couple \$25 | |

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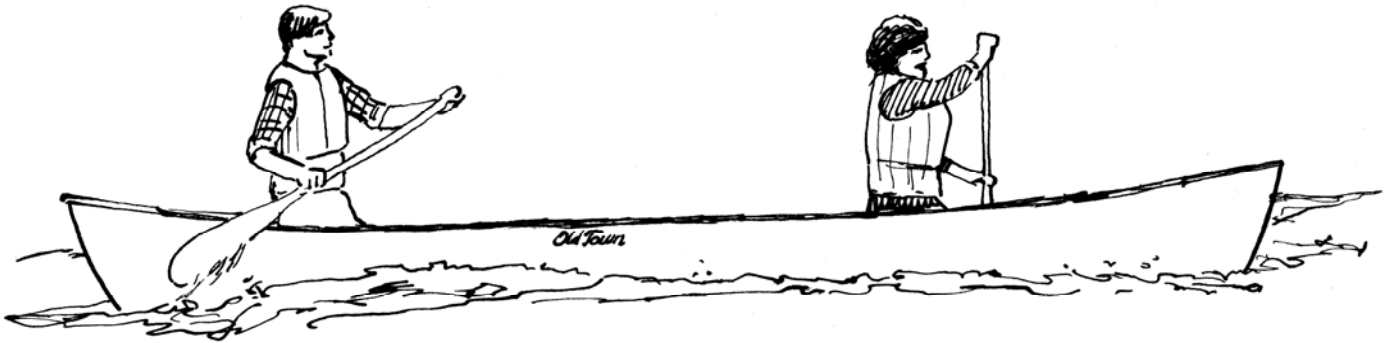
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Return this form with payment in person, or mail to:
Friends of Churchville Nature Center
501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA 18966

Membership can also be paid for via our website and payment through PayPal at www.churchvillennaturecenter.org



Courses & Workshops



Tandem Canoe Training

June 3 & 4

This is a two day course. The first day will be spent at Core Creek learning and practice the essential strokes to get your canoe to go where you want it to go. Safety and good technique will be emphasized. The second day will take place on the Delaware River at Lambertville. Skills such as eddy turns and ferries will be taught along with reading water skills and the day will finish with a short run down the Delaware where you will get to do some surfing. You will practice and learn both the bow and stern strokes. You will be in the canoe with an experienced paddler to coach you along with group demonstrations.

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

Meeting Time: 7:45 AM

**Course & Canoe Use Fee: CNC & AMC Members \$90/Non-Members \$110

Instructors: John Chalikian, Walt Underhill & Others



Trips

Neshaminy Canoe Trip

April 29

Join us for this classic, scenic Bucks County paddle. We will canoe from Mill Road to Tyler State Park, almost 7 miles of rolling hills scenery. Cold weather clothing may be needed [no cotton will be allowed]. Some experience is helpful. This is a joint trip with Appalachian Mountain Club. Fee includes canoes, paddles, preservers & experienced leadership.

Departure Time: 8:30 AM Leader: John Chalikian
Canoe Use Fee: Members \$25/Non-Members \$30



Batsto Canoe

June 24

Our group will be paddling from Quaker Bridge to Batsto Village in the New Jersey Pine Barrens. Although the river twists and turns, this class 1 (easy) river is a good follow up for the tandem class students and anyone who wants to have an adventure on the water. Departure

Time: 7:00 am

Leader: John Chalikian

Fee: CNC Member \$25/Non-Member \$30

Pre-registration is required for all children's programs, natural history trips, courses and workshops. Space is limited. Please be sure to read the Registration/Cancellation Policies. For trips, travel is by private car pool, departing from the Churchville Nature Center (unless otherwise noted). An information letter with further details for each outing will be sent upon registration. Gear and food are not provided, unless stated otherwise. Canoe trip prices include canoes, paddles and adult-size preservers. **All outing itineraries are subject to change due to unforeseen conditions**.

REGISTRATION/CANCELLATION POLICIES

REGISTRATION: To register for any paid program, field trip, or workshop, participants must pre-pay. Once payment is received, the participant will be put on the program register. The nature center accepts cash, personal checks, money orders, or VISA/Master Card. The fee can be dropped off in person at the center, or sent by mail to the Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville PA, 18966. Payment should be accompanied by a note with participant's name, address, day and evening phone numbers, and the name of the event(s) they are signing up for.

CANCELLATION: A non-refundable cancellation fee of 10% of the program cost (with a minimum of \$1.00) will be deducted for any paid program/outing canceled up to one week prior to the activity. If cancellation is received less than one week before the program starts, no refunds or credits will be given.

NOTICE: There is a \$10.00 service fee for any "bounced" checks.

The Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs, activities and facilities. The official registration information of the Friends of Churchville Nature Center, Inc. may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling 1-800-732-0999.

Bucks County Commissioners: Charles H. Martin, Chair, Robert G. Loughery & Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW