



# Churchville Nature Center

A Facility of the Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation  
47 Years of Education & Preservation

## Program & Activity Guide Winter 2011-2012



### Naturalist Programs



#### December

##### Winter Birds

December 10

Migration is over and it's time to enjoy our resident winter bird population. This program will start with a short discussion followed by a visit to the Center's bird feeding stations. There are over 15 species of birds that commonly visit bird feeders in our area. Come learn more about their ways and habits.

Time: 2:00 PM  
Fee: \$2.00 per person

##### Evergreens

December 18

'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  
Fee: \$2.00 per person

##### 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. 11, or at [cgstieber@co.bucks.pa.us](mailto:cgstieber@co.bucks.pa.us).

#### January

##### Winter Wonder Walk

January 15

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  
Fee: \$2.00 per person



##### Owl Prowl Campfire

January 20

Join us for a nocturnal hike through the moonlit forest in search of two of our locally common species of owl, the Great Horned Owl and the Screech Owl.

Our evening's program will begin with a presentation in our auditorium, followed by a walk on our trails to try and call in some owls for a closer look.

The evening's activities will conclude with marshmallows and conversation around the campfire.

Reservations are required

Time: 7:00pm  
Fee: Adults \$5.00 & Children \$3.00

##### Animal Tracks & Traces

January 22

Reading animal tracks can be one of the most rewarding and challenging skills to learn but with a few basics a new world will open to you. We will have a short discussion to learn how different species of animals make their tracks and patterns before heading out to the trails to find our own. Even during the cold winter months many animals remain active. Observing animal tracks and traces is a great way to become familiar with otherwise elusive animals.

Time: 2:00 PM  
Fee: \$2.00 per person

#### Saturday Morning Bird Walks

Each Saturday, December - February

Join an experienced bird watcher every Saturday morning from 7:00 to 9:00 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.



## Naturalist Programs

### February

#### Groundhog Traditions

February 4

Did the groundhog see his shadow? What is in store for us as far as winter weather goes? Come join us as we learn why the groundhog is the harbinger of spring and why the seasons do happen.

Time: 2:00 PM

Fee: \$2.00 per person

#### Winter Safari

February 12

The stark and seemingly lifeless landscape of late winter reveals many surprises when closely investigated. Join our search party as we venture out in search of nature's hidden mysteries, and discuss the marvelous adaptations plants and animals have evolved in order to cope with the harshest time of year.

Time: 2:00 PM

Fee: \$2.00 per person

#### Maple Sugar Day

February 19

Join us for our Maple Sugar Day on Sunday, February 19 at 1:00 pm. The public is invited to join us for this unique experience of making "sugar water" into sweet, sticky syrup. Everyone will learn the age-old process handed down by the Native Americans. There will be a variety of interpretive stations showing visitors the various steps taken to collect sap and make it into syrup.



**Advance reservations are requested.**

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: Adults \$5, Children \$3

### March

#### Star Party Campfire Program

March 2

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.



**Reservations are required**

Time: 7:30 PM

Fee: Adults \$5.00 & Children \$3.00

#### Spring Night Hike & Campfire

March 16

Join us for a nocturnal night hike as we search for the early spring risers that live at the Nature center. The evening's activities will conclude with marshmallows, hot chocolate and conversation around the campfire.

**Reservations are required**

Time: 7:00pm

Fee: Adults \$5.00 & Children \$3.00

#### Wake Up; Its Spring

March 18

We will be heading out onto the nature center's trails for a walk. Along the way we will try to discover the first signs of spring. Will they be plant or animal? Let's go on the trails and find out.

Time: 2:00 pm

Fee: \$2.00 per person



## Natural History Trips



#### Eagle Excursion

December 18

Join us as we celebrate the winter solstice in the midst of a large number of our most regal of raptors; the bald eagle. On our annual pilgrimage to the Conowingo Dam, we see scores of bald eagles, many at close range. After a morning of watching eagles, black vultures, herons, and other impressive birds at the dam, we will eat lunch and then take a leisurely stroll along the bank of the Susquehanna River in search of other interesting birds and wildlife. Participants are required to provide their own transportation; bring a bag lunch and beverage; and binoculars if you have them. Please dress for the weather expected.

**Registration and payment are required in advance.** Payment may be made in person, by mail, over the phone or via the center's web-site.

Departure Time: 8:00 AM

Fee: Member \$10 & Non-Member \$14

Leader: Marlin Corn



# Churchville Nature Center Annual Appeal



## Your Support Is Truly Needed!

There is still time  
to make your donation to the  
Churchville Nature Center's Annual Appeal



Your gift makes a big difference and helps the  
center to continue its mission of  
education and preservation

**Friends of Churchville Nature Center 2011 Annual Appeal**

**Yes!** *Add my contribution to support the work of the Churchville Nature Center.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note that contact information is for CNC use only. We do not share this information outside of our organization.

*I would like to make the following Contribution:*

\$35     \$50     \$100     \$200     \$500     \$1000     OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:     Check (Please make checks payable to Churchville Nature Center)

Visa/Master Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

My (spouse's) employer matches charitable contributions. (Please include matching gift form from employer)

Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Donations may also be made via the center's web-site at

[www.churchvillenaturecenter.org](http://www.churchvillenaturecenter.org)

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# CNC Holiday Membership Special!

## Free Membership!!!

**Renew** your CNC membership today, or join as a new member, and the Friends of Churchville Nature Center will give you an extra **FREE family or individual gift membership to share** with a family member, friend, or neighbor. The free membership is for *new members only* of the Friends of CNC and can not be used to renew existing memberships. A CNC membership is a great gift for your child's teacher, or for that Polly-Anna that you have to have for the office party. It doesn't matter when your membership expires. If you expire in June of 2012, we'll renew your membership to June of 2013!

**Act Now! This Offer Ends December 31, 2011!**

### Step 1 - Renew Your Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$18 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50+ Mallard*
<input type="checkbox"/> \$29 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100+ Blue Heron*
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250+ Osprey*
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000+ Dragonfly (life)	
<i>Senior Citizen (62+)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$21 Family

**Payment Method:**  Check       Master Card/Visa

Master Card/Visa #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send my publications to the above e-mail instead of by mail

### Step 2 - Gift Membership Recipient

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Gift Membership       Family Gift Membership



### Step 3

**Mail this form along with payment to  
Churchville Nature Center at  
501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA 18966  
OR**

**Call the center at (215) 357-4005 ~ Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

### Benefits to Being A Churchville Nature Center Member

- Quarterly "Dragonfly" Newsletter and bi-annual "Program & Activities Guide" mailed to you
- Invitations to special activities held each year for Friends only
- Special discounts for members only
- An invitation to attend the annual members meeting and social
- Reciprocal discounts at other nature centers & parks (list available upon request)

