



Churchville Nature Center

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Program & Activity Guide Winter 2017-2018

Naturalist Programs



Owl Prowl Campfire

December 15

Winter is just around the corner and great horn owl nesting season starts in early January. We hope to get in on their hooting season by calling them to see if we can get a response, they are most vocal at this time of the year as they look for mates and territory.

Reservations are Required

Time: 6:30 PM

Adults \$5/Children \$3



Christmas Bird Count

December 16

On Saturday, December 16, 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.

Winter Walks

January 27, February 17 & March 17
Join our staff as we explore the changing seasons. Winter is a quiet time when much of nature is dormant, but there's still plenty to explore. Lets see what interesting things we can find.

Time: 2:00 PM

\$3 per person/Members Free



Naturalist Class Series

Join our new staff Naturalist Bill Woodroffe for our new series of Naturalist Classes! These will be a bit more formal and information driven than our normal Sunday Naturalist Walks and geared towards adults and students. Each class will have a unique nature/science related topic and involve both an indoor and outdoor portion.

Time: 1:00-2:30pm Fee: \$8 per session

January 13th – Naturalist Class: Overwintering Techniques

In the first of the new series, we will cover some of the unique ways native animals hide from winter's chill. An emphasis will be placed upon insects, reptiles and other exothermic animals that remain inactive throughout the winter.

January 20th – Naturalist Class: Attracting and ID'ing Birds in Your Backyard

Winter is a great time of year to set up feeders and search for birds in the snow. We will be learning the best ways to attract birds to your home and how to identify the ones that arrive.

February 3rd – Naturalist Class: Groundhogs and Other Mammals

With groundhog's day so close, we will be discussing the groundhog and other native mammals found in Pennsylvania. As we walk we will look for, and learn how to identify, their sign in winter.

February 17th – Naturalist Class: Life In Winter

Join us for a discussion of how all the plants and animals still active in winter manage to survive during the coldest time of the year.

March 3rd – Naturalist Class: Winter Tree ID

Identification of native trees can be difficult in the wintertime so this week's naturalist class will teach you how to ID the trees found on our grounds and some skills you can use to make their identification easier.

March 17th – Naturalist Class: Signs of Spring

With spring arriving on the 20th, come out to learn what changes are occurring around the nature center during this unpredictable time of the year and the life that is beginning to creep back out.

Maple Sugar Day & Pancake Breakfast

February 25

Join us Sunday February 25th 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 11th 2018

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



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



Winter Primitive Survival Skills: Fire Program

January 27

Join Lenape Village Educator Joseph Boyle for a full day of primitive skills for wintertime! The day will be spent making fire from scratch with natural materials. We will learn about and make fire bows, coal extenders, and fire structures. Includes an introduction to building shelter, and basic cordage. You will go home with your own handmade fire bow kit. Sit around fire with tea afterwards. (Rain/Snow Date 2/3). **Requirements for class:** Ages 13 and above & Able to do moderate physical work. **Supplies Needed:** Knife for carving wood, safety gloves and glasses, notebook & Dress warm. **Pre-registration is required**

Time: 9:00am- 4:00pm Fee: \$75 each * Instructor: Joe Boyle, CNC Educator

*Save \$10 each if you enroll two or more people at the same time. Must Prepay

Adult Basketry

January 28

Come learn how to weave a round serving basket in time for Valentine's Day. This basket is about 8 inches in diameter and 4.5 inches high. This workshop is intended for the adult weaver, but is suitable for beginners. All materials are included. Although loaner tools will be available, if you have them please bring an awl, or flat-head screwdriver for adjusting reeds, knife to sharpen the ribs and heavy duty scissors, or diagonal wire cutters to cut the reed, needle nose pliers and ruler.

Time: 1:00-5:00 pm Cost: \$30 per person

Space is limited to 10, and pre-registration is required.

Instructor: Chris Applegate, CNC Educator



Wampum Bead Bracelet Workshop

February 10

Learn the surprising history of the beautiful white and purple shell beads we know as wampum. Find out why they were valuable to both Native people and Colonists, and how they were woven into jewelry, sashes, and belts. Then try your hand at it. Make your bracelet using buckskin and glass wampum with the single-needle method.

Time: 1:00-5:00 pm

Fee: \$20

Instructor: Chris Applegate, CNC Educator

Mommy And Me Classes

March 1, 10, 17, 24 & 31

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

Instructor: Peg Mongillo, CNC Assistant Director



Pysanki Egg Dying

March 18

Join us and learn an Old World folk art skill: Writing on Eggs! Make your own Pysanka (Ukrainian Easter egg)! Using dyes and wax, you will transfer a traditional images and, adding layers of dye and wax, see your designs take shape. At the end of the session, you will have at least one egg decorated in this beautiful Old World tradition. All materials included in the fee. **Pre-registration is required.**

Time: 2:00-5:00 pm Cost: \$20 per person

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

Instructor: Sarah Naughton, CNC Educator



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 29** Rainbows of Healing Sound Journey thru the Chakras 7:00-9:00pm Register through Rainbows of Healing on line at www.rainbowsofhealing.com
- January 6/7** Geode Cave Hunt. Kids can hunt for geodes in the center's "Cave". 10am-5pm \$7/child
- January 7** Basic Leathercraft 2:00 pm \$5 Tools and materials provided.
- January 14** Rainbows of Healing Drum Making Workshop 11:00 am – 4:00pm Register at rainbowsofhealing.com
- January 14** Storytelling and Games 2:00pm \$5
- January 21** Music & Social Dancing 2:00 pm \$5
- February 4** Basic Leathercraft Workshop 2:00pm \$5 Tools and materials provided
- February 11** Clay Bead making 2:00pm \$5. Beads will be fired the following Sunday, February 18
- February 18** Storytelling and Games 2:00pm \$5
- March 4** Basic Leathercraft Workshop 2:00pm \$5 Tools and materials provided
- March 11** Storytelling & games 2:00pm \$5
- March 25** Necklace Making 2:00pm \$5