



Churchville Nature Center

A Facility of the Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation
Reconnect ♦ Recharge ♦ Renew

Program & Activity Guide Summer 2018

Programs For The Family



Firefly Campfire

June 29

Have you ever wondered how or why a firefly glows? Find out the answers to these questions and more as you and your family join us for an evening firefly hike. Join us as we enjoy the spectacle of these amazing glowing insects. We will search in the meadows and forest edges; perhaps we can even find glowworms. We will end at the campfire for some roasting of marshmallows.

Reservations are required

Time: 8:00pm ~ \$5 per person/Members Free

Geode Cave

August 4 & 5

Enter the Cave at Churchville Nature Center and see what treasure you can find! For \$7 per person, you search for your very own geode rock. Once you find yours, you have the opportunity to crack it open! No way of telling what you might have: crystal druzy, solid crystal? You are able to take home your treasure.

Time: 10 am to 5 pm ~ \$7 per person

Invasive Plant Removal Day

August 25

We are looking for volunteers to assist us in removing some of the invasive plant species around the center on Saturday, August 25 from 8am to noon. Please come dressed to get dirty and bring along work gloves if you have them. Both organized groups and individual volunteers are welcome. For more information, or to sign up to help, please contact Coordinator of Volunteers Diane Sears at 215-357-4005 x5038

Time: 9am to Noon

Sunday Naturalist Walks

June 10, July 15 & August 5

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 summer months

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

Lenape Village Summer Tours



The Lenape Village will be open this summer for one Sunday tour each month. The tour will include a walk-through of our recreated Lenape Village from the 1500's, featuring a special hands on topic. The guided tour departs from the Visitor Desk at 2pm.

June 17th: Cooking

Learn about the cook methods used in the 1500's. Try your hand at making corn bread; pounding corn from a kernel, to corn meal, and then into a biscuit form. Different foods will be cooking while you are there so you can see, smell and maybe taste food as it was 500 years ago.

July 22nd: Hunting

Learn what animals were around 500 years ago and what hunting tools were used by the Lenape of that time. Test your skills with our stalking game, dart and atlatl throwing.

August 19th: Family Life

Learn about daily life in a Lenape Village. Try on buckskin clothing, learn about the musical instruments available and play games; many are still played today! Finally, make a necklace and take it home with you as a souvenir of your time in our village.

Cost: \$8 (Children 3 and under are free) ~ Members Free Pre-registration required
The tour will begin promptly at 2:00 pm and is the only tour of the day

Outings

Rancocas Canoe

June 23

Our group will be paddling the Rancocas Creek, Pemberton to Mount Holly, this is a class 1 trip. Suitable for beginners. A nice follow up to the tandem canoe class and anyone who wants to spend some nice time on a Jersey Pine Barrens river. This is a joint trip with AMC Fee includes canoes, paddles, preservers & experienced leadership. Pre-registration is required.

Departure Time: 7:30 AM

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

Leader: John Chalikian



Lehigh River Canoe

August 25

Our group will be paddling the Lehigh river, Palmerton to Walnutport. This is a class 1 paddle with a few riffles along the way for a fun ride. This is a joint trip with Appalachian Mountain Club, [AMC]. Fee includes canoes, paddles, preservers & experienced leadership.

Pre-registration is required

Departure Time: 7:15 AM

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

Leader: John Chalikian & Walt Underhill

Butterfly House Programs

Butterfly House Hours

June 16 to September 16
11:00am-3:00pm Wednesday – Sunday

The Butterfly House at Churchville will be opening this year for a full season of fun! Starting the weekend of June 16th, the house will run through mid-September and include special events such as Arthropalooza, Moth Week and The Monarch Tagging Party. We are also offering a Flutter Pass again this year as a season pass which includes admittance to Arthropalooza and discounts on many of the other insect related activities CNC will be holding throughout the summer. For more information on all the exciting activities we will be offering or the Flutter Pass, give us a call!

Prices for the Butterfly House are:

Members Are Free

Non-Member Fees: Adult (14 & up) \$8, Senior (65 & up) \$6; Children (4-13 years old) - \$5

Opening Weekend: June 16 & 17

To celebrate the opening of the 2018 season, the house will have extended hours from 10:00am to 4:00pm both days. See you there!

NABA Butterfly Count

July 14

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, July 14, 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 or to sign up, contact Bill Woodroffe at 215-357-4005 x5033

Arthropalooza

August 11 & 12



Join us for a weekend full of insects, arthropods and everything without a backbone! There will be tarantulas (lots of tarantulas), a beekeeper with some honey and all the things required to own a hive, hissing cockroach races, scavenger hunt and many other games, activities and insects on display. We will have vendors, demonstrations and of course food! How would you like to eat bugs? You may even get a chance if you dare!

11:00 am to 4:00pm

Entrance: \$8/person (children 3 & under free)

CNC Members are Free

Nighttime Invaders Series

June 22, July 27 & August 24

Join our Naturalist for a series of nighttime programs where we will be exploring the fascinating diversity of the insects that emerge when the sun goes down. Each month will explore a different group of insects that are most abundant during that time. We will be using light traps to bring them to us. With the largest diversity in the animal kingdom, you never know what awesome creatures we will find!

June 22: Beetles & Bugs

July 27: Moths

August 24: Katydid & Crickets

Time: 7:30-9:00pm / Fee: \$5 a person

Bon Voyage Party

September 16

All good things come to an end so to mark the closing of the Butterfly House season we will again be holding our Monarch Tag and Release event. Last year we tagged 100 monarchs and released a 100 more. It was a great rearing season. Join us as we celebrate a new release. We will open at 11:00am and release all the monarchs (they like to travel together) at 1:00 pm. There will be cake and paw paws. Also included will be bee hive demonstrations and may be more.

Event Fee: CNC Members Free/Non-Members \$5

Monarch Tagging is an additional \$4 ~ The number of butterflies is limited.

Pre-registration for the Tagging event is Required by 9/9



Saturday Morning Bird Walks

Each Saturday, June - September

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.

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