



Churchville Nature Center

A Facility of the Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation
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Program & Activity Guide Fall 2018

Naturalist & Family Programs

September

Butterfly House Hours

September 1-15

11:00am-3:00pm Wednesday – Sunday

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



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

Autumnal Equinox Night Hike & Campfire

September 22

The September equinox occurs the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator – the imaginary line in the sky above Earth's Equator – from north to south. This is at 4:02pm in our area. Join us in the evening to celebrate the first day of fall with a campfire and evening hike. All kinds of things in nature start to happen as the days get shorter and the nights longer. This evening will also include our first campfire of the season

Reservations are Required

Time: 7:30 PM

Fee: \$5 per person

MEMBERS ARE FREE

October

Clean-Up Day

October 20

Plastic bags, bottles, Styrofoam cups, alumni cans and fast food wrappers! None of these belong in the Churchville Nature Center's reservoir. That is why on Saturday, October 20, 10am to 1pm, the Center is coordinating with the Pa. Clean Ways and Ocean Conservancy for its semi-annual Inner-Coastal Clean-up. The public is encouraged to attend and this program is suitable for all ages. Volunteers who are passionate about keeping their environment and waterways clean should come out. Gloves and trash bags will be supplied. Anyone interested should call Diane V. Sears at 215-357-4005 ext. 5038

Mommy And Me Classes

October 3, 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 fall happenings in nature. You must register for all 5 weeks and space is limited to 15 children.

Pre-registration is required

Time: 10:30–11:30am

\$50 for 5 weeks



Naturalist & Family Programs



Saturday Morning Bird Walks

Each Saturday

Join an experienced bird watcher every Saturday morning for our early morning bird walks from 7 to 9AM during September, then we switch to 8 to 10AM October thru March. 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.



Fall Naturalist Walks

September 30, October 21, November 25 & December 9

Join us as we explore the changing seasons. Fall is a time of crisp air, warm colors and quiet changes in nature. Lets see what interesting things we can find as Mother Nature prepares for her winter rest.

Time: 2:00 PM

\$3 per person/**MEMBERS FREE**

November

Natural Ornaments Workshop

November 18

The tree decorating season is right around the corner. Learn how to make natural ornaments using items found out in nature. Gum ball owls, acorn squirrels, and pine cone deer are but a few of the many ideas we have. We will even make outdoor decorations for feeding the winter animals.

Time: 2:00 pm

Fee: \$5.00 per child (parents free) includes materials
Pre-registration is required before November 11th



December

Holiday Craft Fair

December 2 ~ 10 am - 4 pm



Come on over to the Churchville Nature Center on December 2nd and do some holiday shopping while supporting local crafters. This is a great chance to find that something special for the people on your holiday shopping list and perhaps even a special treat for yourself.



If you are interested in participating as a crafter, please contact Assistant Director Peg Mongillo at 215-357-4005 ext. 5036.

Owl Prowl Campfire

December 14

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 Fee: \$5 per person

MEMBERS ARE FREE

Christmas Bird Count

December 15

On Saturday, December 15, 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, or to sign up to participate, contact CNC Naturalist Bill Woodroffe at 215-357-4005 ext 5033

Lenape Village Programs



Life Celebration

September 23

Fall is a time to celebrate: crops are being gathered, friends and family are gathering. Those no longer with us are being remembered. We will celebrate with music, and learn some social dancing. Bring your own drums or rattles, if you have them, as it is possible a Drum Circle may transpire!

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Fee: \$8 per person ages 4 and up

Members Free!



Tah-ko-king

October 28

Lenape for Fall or Autumn. At the center's Lenape Village we honor this time with a celebration. Our educators will be at each learning station to answer any questions. Learn to make fire using friction! Several crafts and games will be included with admission. Our Trading Post will be set up offering refreshments, along with crafts and other souvenirs.

Time: 12noon to 4pm

Fee: \$10 per person

Clay Bead Making

December 16

Learn about how the Lenape used clay. See examples of the pottery and jewelry that was common 500 years ago. Then, make your own clay beads and pendants. Every participant will go home with their projects that day. You will be able to bring them back for firing during our Prayer Bundle event two weeks later.

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Fee: \$5 per person



Prayer Bundles for the New Year

December 31

While not specifically Lenape, many people today have adopted the use of Prayer Bundles. Learn what a prayer bundle is and how it is used in today. You will also learn what plants traditionally go into a bundle and their meaning. This is a great way to close out 2018 and set intentions for 2019. Create your own that day!

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Fee: \$5 per person

Outings



Delaware River Canoe Trip

September 15

Our group will be paddling from Kingwood to Bulls Island. Join us for this favorite Delaware trip through some charming country side. This trip will be a joint trip with AMC. Fee includes canoes, paddles, preservers & experienced leadership.

Pre-registration is required

Departure Time: 7:00 AM

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

Leader: John Chalikian



Brandywine Canoe & Museum Trip

October 20

Join CNC and Appalachian Mountain Club for one of our favorite fall paddling trips down the historic Brandywine River in Chester County. The group will be stopping at the Brandywine River Museum for lunch and a tour of the museum. *Admission to the museum, canoes, paddles, preservers & experienced leadership are included in the trip fee. Participants need to bring along lunch & beverage in bag, as well as clean, dry shoes to put on for the museum tour.

Departure Time: 7:00 AM

Fee: CNC & AMC Members \$35

Non-Member \$40

Leaders: Barb Nesbitt & John Chalikian

Now More Benefits for Members!

For years our members have received and continue to receive discounts for the following:

- ◆ 10% discount on gift shop & birdseed purchases
- ◆ Discount rates on birthday parties
- ◆ A special discount at the Annual Wildflower Sale
- ◆ Discount on summer camps and other programs

NEW BENEFITS!

Members now receive *FREE Admission* for:

- ◆ Sunday Naturalist Walks
- ◆ Campfire Programs
- ◆ Sunday Lenape Tours
- ◆ Arthropalooza Festival in August
- ◆ Unlimited access to the Butterfly House during its summer hours



Upgrade And Receive Membership Benefits And More!

- ◆ Upgrade to the *Mallard* level and receive 5 single day guest passes to the Butterfly House
- ◆ Upgrade to the *Blue Heron* level and receive 10 single day guest passes to the Butterfly House and 4 guest passes to Arthropalooza
- ◆ Upgrade to the *Osprey* level and receive 10 single day guest passes to the Butterfly House, 4 guest passes to Arthropalooza & seating for 2 at the Annual Garden Party
- ◆ Upgrade to *Dragonfly (Life)* level and receive all the benefits of an Osprey for life!

Stop by the nature center, or visit us on-line at churchvillenaturecenter.org to Join or Renew today!

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, course, 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/Discover 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, Chairman, Robert G. Loughery & Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW