



Churchville Nature Center

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Program & Activity Guide Spring 2019

Special Events

2019 Rock & Mineral Expo "World of Metals & Magnetism"

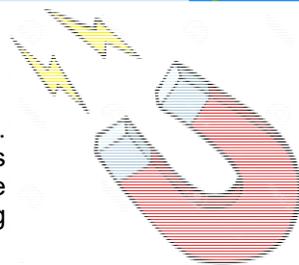
April 6 & 7

Join us for our 5th Annual Rock & Mineral Expo! A very fun family event appealing to all ages. This year's theme will be a "World of Metals and Magnetism." Bring your young rock hounds out again this year to continue to add to their collections. For the adults we will have some amazing vendors. Activities for the kids include: gold panning, cave exploring, gem sluicing and geode smashing plus more to come.

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Adult General Admission is \$5.00

Children are FREE to attend with some activities costing a nominal fee between \$2.00 - \$4.00.



Annual Wildflower Sale

April 27 & 28 ~ May 4 & 5



Start your summer planting right with Churchville Nature Center's Annual Wildflower Sale! We will be selling a wide variety of native perennial wildflowers selected to attract butterflies, bees, hummingbirds and other native wildlife to your yard. We will also be selling annuals, herbs and other plants like in years past. We grow our plants without pesticides making them safe for the pollinators they attract. If you are interested in promoting native flora & fauna, then stop in to talk with our knowledgeable staff and volunteers to direct you to the best plants to purchase for your yard! The sale will be held from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Arthropod Bioblitz

June 8

Churchville Nature Center is planning a day out in the preserve to record as many species of insects, spiders and other arthropods as we can. This is not a program, but a day to get involved in citizen science for those interested in helping to record the biodiversity around the center. We will be using a program called iNaturalist that will allow those in attendance to upload photos they take on their phones to be identified and posted to our Bioblitz survey. Don't worry if you aren't exactly an expert, the iNaturalist app will help you identify what you spotted or narrowed down for later confirmation. We will start the day by briefly going over how to use the iNaturalist app, how to upload photos to the survey from the computer and rules for participating in the Bioblitz. We will then split up around the property to see what awesome species we can find! Please let us know if you are interested in participating by calling our naturalist Bill Woodroffe at 215-357-4005 ext. 5033 or by email at wpwoodroffe@buckscounty.org.

Meeting Time: 7:00 am

Save the Date! Annual Garden Party

June 7

6:30 - 9:30 pm

Watch your mail this spring for your invitation!





Naturalist Programs



Saturday Morning Bird Walks

Join an experienced bird watcher every Saturday morning 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.

8:00 to 10:00 October - March
7:00 to 9:00 AM April - September

Weekend Naturalist Walks

March 23, May 12 & June 9

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

Nature on Display: A Wissahickon Photographic Experience

March 23

Local photographer John Nelson will share his extensive collection of naturalistic photographs that he's taken over the course of the last 3 years. We'll be meeting in our large community room for a night of gorgeous nature slide shows followed by a naturalist Q&A session.

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm
Fee: Free

Spring Clean-Up Day

April 20

Calling all volunteers! The Churchville Nature Center will be having a Spring Clean-Up Day on April 20, 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



Bat Campfire Program

May 10

Come explore the CNC trails looking for our fuzzy flying friends, the bats! We will be talking about the different types of bats that call Bucks County home and reveal how important they are to the local ecosystems. After the program, stay behind to enjoy marshmallows around the campfire.

Time: 7:30-9:30pm

Fee: \$5 a person - Members Free

Registration is required

Migratory Bird Marathon

May 11

We are again holding our annual Migratory Bird Marathon with participants and donors needed! Each year during the spring avian migration, CNC representatives go out for a 24 hour species survey to record as many migrants as possible. This year our count coincides with the Pennsylvania Annual Migration Count (PAMC) to which we will add our information from this count to as well. We ask you to consider pledging to donate a monetary amount for each species recorded and/or to join us in the search. Our group will meet at 7:00 am to begin the count.

For more information, please contact our naturalist Bill Woodroffe at wpwoodroffe@buckscounty.org



Wildlife Garden Programs



Spring Cleaning and Propagation in the Wildlife Garden

April 13

This is the first in a seasonal series of educational garden programs with Head Gardener Dana Ward. In this program we'll cover the spring clean up of the waking garden and the propagation and dividing of crowded plants. This is a very hands on program, and each participant will get a plant that they divided to take home. We will provide tools and materials, just bring your own gardening gloves. A good lead up to our coming plant sale.

This program is limited in attendance to 15 people so please be sure to register in order to get a spot.

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm Fee: Members-free/non-members \$5

Wild Edibles Walk

April 14

Join Head Gardener Dana Ward to explore the abundant wild edibles at Churchville Nature Center. We'll learn proper etiquette and identification and even try a few of our finds. We'll wrap-up the walk by making wild ginger tea.,

Time: 2:00 - 4:00pm Fee: Members-Free/Non-Members \$3

Get your garden growing!

May 25

Join seasoned organic farmer and Churchville Nature Center staff member Stephanie Catrambone as she teaches the basics of composting, tomato growing tips and tricks, and answers any questions you may have as you're getting your spring garden started. Wear a sunhat and sensible shoes.

Time: 10:00am Fee: Members – Free/Non-Members \$4



2019 Butterfly House Hours

July 6 to September 15 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 July 6th, the house will run through mid-September and include special events such as Arthropalooza and The Monarch Tagging Party.

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Summer Programs

- ◆ **Weed or Wildflower?**, June 15 - The next in our seasonal series of educational garden programs
 - ◆ **Firefly Campfire**, June 28 - Come learn about these favorite evening insects
- ◆ **Geode Cave Hunt**, August 3 & 4 - Come search for a geode in our indoor "cave" and crack it open!
 - ◆ **Arthropalooza**. August 10 & 11 - A weekend of Summer Insect fun!
 - ◆ **Monarch Tag & Release**, September 15 - Say Bon Voyage to our Monarch Butterflies

Workshops



Basket Making Class

May 18

Make your own basket! Learn the basics of making your own basket from start to finish. A basic but functional basket design will be chosen. Materials are included in the price. Due to need to make sure enough materials are prepped for this class, preregistration is required by May 5th.

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Fee \$40 per person, 12yrs to adult



Lenape Village Programs

Lenape Games

March 10

Learn the games the Lenape and other Woodland Indians would play; many are still played today! Learn the stories attached to some, and when certain games would be played. Try your hand at all!

Time: 2:00 to 3:30 pm Cost: \$5 per person

Lenape Craft Corn Husk Dolls

March 24

Hear the story of the Corn Maiden and learn why most Woodland Indians did not put faces on their dolls. Create your own corn husk doll to take home! Kits for extra dolls will be available that day for purchase.

Time: 2:00 to 3:30 pm Fee: \$5 per person, ages 6yr to adult

Lenape Village Public Tour: Planting the Garden

May 19

Learn about what was planted and how the Lenape would work the land. Learn about the garden helpers, and who they needed to protect their crops from and how. Try planting your own seeds in the method used since 3,000 years ago, when the Lenape started to plant food. Test your skills foraging for some spring foods you will find around our Village.

Time: 2:00 pm Fee: \$8 per person/Members Free



Lenape Village Public Tour: Cooking

June 16

Learn about the many ways food was prepared and cooked 500 years ago. Try your hand at grinding your own corn, mixing into a corn cake and baking it on a rock by the fire. Other food examples will be cooking to show you different methods. You might be surprised at what is still eaten today! Some samples, old style vs today, may be available. Due to materials needed to be pre purchased, please register by Friday, June 14, 2019.

Time: 2:00 pm Fee: \$8 per person/Members Free

Not A Member? Join Today!

These benefits are available for all membership levels:

- ◆ **Free admission to all these activities and events:** Weekend naturalist walks , Campfire programs, Summer Sunday Lenape Tours, Arthropalooza Festival (August), Unlimited access to the Butterfly House during its summer hours
- ◆ **Member Discounts: 10% discount** Dragonfly Gift Shop ,Discount rates on Birthday Parties (Senior members can register up to 2 grandchildren), Special discount at Annual Wildflower Sale
- ◆ **Upgrade to a higher membership level and receive additional benefits and passes**

Visit us at www.churchvillenaturecenter.org to join today

Pre-registration is required for all children's programs, campfires, workshops, Lenape Village public programs and some special events. Space is limited. Please be sure to read the Registration/Cancellation Policies.

REGISTRATION/CANCELLATION POLICIES

REGISTRATION: To register for any paid program, 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, VISA/Master Card/Discover, as well as PayPal via the center's website. The fee can be dropped off in person at the center, by phone with a credit card, 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: Robert G. Loughery, Charles H. Martin & Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW