



The Churchville Nature Center
LENAPE VILLAGE

An Exciting Living History Experience

This program could be used toward PAHEE focusing on Agriculture, Environmental Health, Resources, Humans and the Environment, and Integrated Pest Management

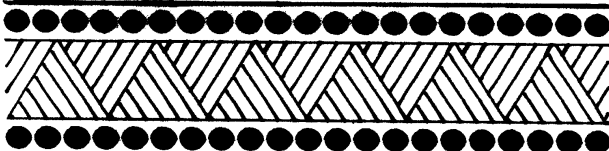
The Churchville Nature Center offers a wide variety of educational programs. One of the most unique is a hands-on, living history program about the Lenape people who once inhabited the area.

Trained educators dressed in authentic buckskin will present the students with a hands-on experience in our Lenape Native American Village. The Village depicts life in the time of the 1500's; just before contact with European settlers. We have striven to be historically accurate in our outfits, structures and information.

In order to enhance and reinforce the learning process, teachers will be mailed a confirmation letter with information to prepare students for their visit; and given a post-trip packet to review with them afterwards.

Our staff works with up to 15 children at one time. Groups larger than 15 should be split into separate groups with their own educator. All groups need to bring 2 teachers, or chaperones for every 15 children.

Children should come dressed for the weather, since the program is entirely outdoors.



PROGRAMS OFFERED



3 ½ Hour Program
(3rd Grade and up)

This program is an extended hands-on experience which is not possible with the shorter programs. There are 7 interpretive stations that students are rotated through. Each station introduces another aspect of the daily life of the Lenape people. The stations are as follows:

- **Garden/Horticulture** – Students will learn about the garden and foods that were grown such as corn, beans and squash. Also discussed will be the foods foraged for such as wild edibles, seeds and nuts. On the way to the next station, students can observe the construction of a dugout canoe.
- **Family Life** – Students will have a chance to see first-hand a Lenape bark house and how it is constructed as well as learn about the family life, clothing and other social aspects of the Lenape.
- **Hunting Skills** – Hunting was a necessary and needed skill to have in order to survive and to provide for both food and clothing. Students will learn many of the methods used to hunt such as traps, snares, bow and spear. At this station, the children will also learn the importance of the whitetail deer.
- **Fire Making** – The ability to make fire was a very basic and necessary skill. It provided warmth, heat for cooking and many other uses. Students will learn how to make a fire by friction and how to construct a tipi fire. The highlight will be the production of fire from scratch using only natural materials.
- **Pottery** – The ability to make containers and other items out of natural clay allowed the Lenape to make bowls and pots that could actually be put on the fire for cooking. Students will learn the process of making a clay pot from start to finish and have a chance to make their own finger pot to take home with them.

- **Food & Cooking** – Students will learn the ways various foods were prepared such as hominy, bread, stews, nut oil and more. Then they will be shown how these foods were stored in the village.
- **Natural Cordage** – Natural cordage is the use of natural fibers to make string, rope and other lashings. The ability to make cordage was a basic skill since it was used to make homes, clothing, tools and much more. At this station the students will learn about the plants used to make cordage and will be able to make their own piece to take home with them.

Fee:

<u># of Children</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1 – 15	\$135 minimum
16 – 30	\$9 per student
31 – 45	
46 – 60	
61 – 75	\$5
76 – 90	(teachers & chaperones)
91 – 105	
106-120	



1 ½ Hour Program

(Age 4 and up)

This program is a general introduction to the life of the Lenape people. Included will be information on family life, cooking, gardening, hunting and other basic skills while touring the whole village.

Fee:

<u># of Children</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1 – 15	\$105 minimum
16 – 30	
31 – 45	\$7 per student
46 – 60	
60 - 75	
	\$5 per adult (teachers and chaperones)

Note:

One hour programs are available for younger children upon request.



Making Reservations

Booking begins May 1 for the next school year.

** Because of the popularity of this program, early reservations are suggested. ** Reservations for a Lenape Village Program can be made by phone. Call (215) 357-4005 extension 5039. Programs can be scheduled from mid-April to mid-November, Monday through Friday. Short programs may be reserved between the hours of 9:30 AM – Noon, or afternoons after 12:00 PM. The time frame for the extended program will be scheduled on an individual basis, but usually runs from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, with a ½ hour break for lunch included. Reservations may be made with the Lenape Village Coordinator, Marge Custer. **Most fees are due 1 month before the program** unless other arrangements are made with the coordinator. If the fee is not paid at the due day, reservations will have to be cancelled. All teachers and chaperones are \$5.

*Fees in this brochure are in effect until 8/31/2018

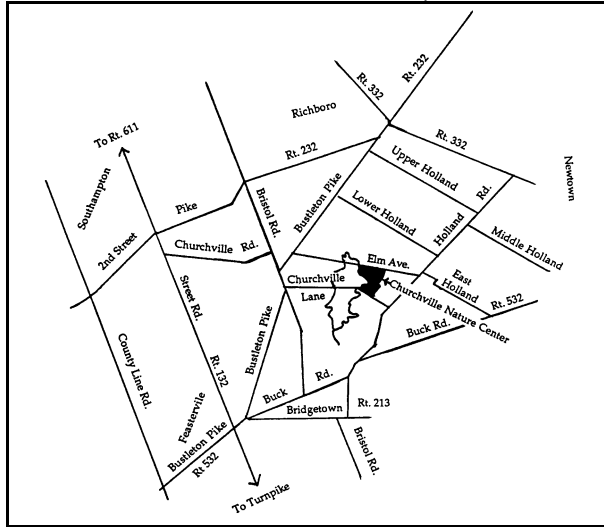
Rainy Days

Due to the use of many artifacts for our programs, all programs will need to be re-scheduled, or cancelled due to rain.

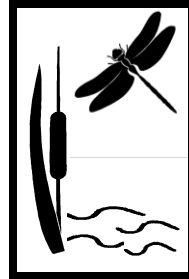


Where We Are Located

In Lower Bucks County



Churchville Nature Center
501 Churchville Lane
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Office Hours
Tuesday ⇌ Sunday
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Monday – Closed
Trails are open every day from sun-up to sun-down

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The mission of the Churchville Nature Center is to instill an awareness and appreciation of the natural world in all people through education, and to promote responsible environmental stewardship with a commitment to the preservation of resources and wildlife habitat.

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