



Churchville Nature Center

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Program & Activity Guide Summer 2019

Programs For The Family



Children's Sound Adventure

June 18

Children age 11 and under are invited to join us for an evening of fun. Make your own nature rattles, explore local pollinators, and do drumming and animal calling with Kat Gyantar of Four Arrows Education! Take home a native plant. Parents welcome too!

Time: 5:30pm Fee: \$15 per child

Please email fourarrowseducation@gmail.com to Pre-register

Firefly Campfire

June 28

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.

Pre-Registration is required

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

Moth Campfire

July 26

Join our Naturalist for an evening program exploring the fascinating moths that emerge when the sun goes down. We will be using light traps to bring them, and plenty of other insects right to us. You never know what we will find! The night will end with marshmallows around the campfire

Pre-Registration is required

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

Geode Cave

August 3 & 4

Enter our man-made replica of a cave inside the Churchville Nature Center and see what treasure you can find! You search for your very own geode rock. Once you find the one you want, 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. Due to the increased interest in this event, we are revamping how this is offered and will be adding a variety of activities along with the cave, including our gem sluice. Watch our Facebook page for any updates. We are looking forward to a fun, new experience for all!

Geode Stock is limited—Pre-Registration is required

Time: 11am to 4pm Cost: \$10.00 per person

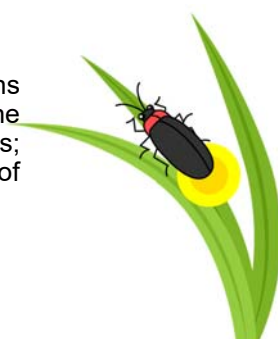
Nighttime Adaptations Campfire

August 23

Learn how the creatures of the night adapt to live in the dark. We will venture out onto the nature center's trails to explore, look and listen for nighttime creatures, as well as doing some activities to try out our own nighttime senses. We will end at the campfire for some roasting of marshmallows.

Pre-Registration is required

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



Summer Garden Programs

Weed or Wildflower

June 15

Join Head Gardener Dana Ward in our wildlife garden for the second program of our Wildflower Gardening Educational Programs. In this one, we discuss what make a plant a “weed” or a “wildflower”. How we determine this, and native versus non-native plants.

This program is limited to 15 participants and registration is required. Families with children are welcome.

Time: 10-11:30 am Fee: \$5 ~ Members Free

Herbal Mocktail Party Featuring Native Herbs

July 12

Join herbalist Amanda Midkiff of Locust Light Farm for an evening outside in our wildlife garden. You'll learn about the magic and benefit of native plants, how to make an herbal infusion, and sample some for yourself. Bring a friend or two, this is a special program you won't want to miss!

Time: 6 – 7:30pm

Fee \$15 for program & beverages

Sign up at locustlightfarm.com

Members use discount code provided on website.



Wild Edibles Walk

July 14

Join our Head Gardener Dana Ward for a wild edibles walk. This one is timed to coincide with the ripening of brambles, raspberries and wine berries. We'll talk about other things available as well.

Time: 10am-12pm Fee: \$3 ~ Members Free



Get your Garden Growing! 2

August 17

Join seasoned organic farmer Stephanie Catrambone for her second installation of this helpful class. Learn about succession planting, soil health, composting, household tips and tricks, flower gardening and fall-friendly veggies.

Time: 10 am Fee \$4 ~ Members Free

Reservations are requested

Save the Date!

1st Annual Autumn Faire

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Harvest Fest: 2 – 6 pm

Dinner - 6 – 8:30 pm

Save the date for an afternoon of local breweries like Naked Brewing & Crooked Eye Brewing, Germanic foods, and fabulous vendors in our “bier” garden Like Noble Earth Kombucha. Stay the evening for an incredible farm-raised venison & farm-to-table dinner by Chef Ian Knauer of The Farm Cooking School. Watch for more information.

Butterfly House Programs



Butterfly House Hours

July 6 - September 14
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 6, the house will run through mid-September and include special events such as Arthropalooza and The Monarch Bon Voyage Party.

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

NABA Butterfly Count

July 13

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 13, 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 10 & 11

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



Bon Voyage Party

September 15

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

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

Lenape Village Programs



Summer Tours

The Lenape Village will be open this summer for one Sunday tour each month. We will start in the Nature Center's main building, showing artifacts and a brief overview of history of the time period our Village represents. The group will then, weather permitting, walk to our recreated Lenape Village from the 1500's, with discussion of currently available plants that would be used for food or medicine. A walking tour of our Village, explaining what each area teaches is included, and ending with a featured topic that changes each month. The guided tour departs from the Visitor Desk at 2pm.

June 16th: Cooking

Learn about the cooking methods used in the 1500's. Make your own 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 28th: Family Life

Learn about daily life in a Lenape Village. See two styles of housing they would use. Try on buckskin clothing, learn about the musical instruments available and maybe even play them! Finally, make a necklace and take it home with you as a souvenir of your time in our village.

August 25th: Games

Did you know you learn from the games we play? It was no different 500 years ago. We will learn the stories attached to some of the games, what they taught and how they might prepare the children for adult life in the woods. All ages are welcome to play any of the games we cover. At the end of the tour, make your own corn husk pop-it to take home.

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

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**
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Visit us at www.churchvillenaturecenter.org to join today

Pre-registration is required for most programs. Space is limited. Please be sure to read the Registration/Cancellation Policies.

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, credit card and PayPal. 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 program(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 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.