



# Churchville Nature Center

A Facility of the Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation  
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## Program & Activity Guide Fall 2019

### Special Events



#### Autumn Faire

October 19

Join us in our Wildlife Gardens for our first annual Autumn Faire! Enjoy tastings from local breweries, live music, artisan vendors with sustainably crafted goods, food trucks, herbalism workshops, games, raffles and so much more! You'll see Naked Brewing Company, Crooked Eye Brewing Company, Mead Well Philadelphia, Noble Earth Kombucha, and Locust Light Farm to name a few. Come ready to find one-of-a-kind jewelry, clothes, wood crafted wares, local honey, paintings, and Bavarian-style foods.

Free entry! 2pm – 6pm  
Rain date October 20.

#### Farm-to-Table Benefit Dinner

October 19

After the Autumn Faire, please stay for an enchanting benefit dinner in our community room. This will be a five course farm-to-table dinner prepared by Chef Ian Knauer of The Farm Cooking School, *Gourmet Magazine* and PBS. Featured in the five courses will be local venison, as it is one of the most sustainable meat sources. Along with expertly prepared venison, enjoy delicious local organic vegetables courtesy of Roots to River Farm from Solebury, PA. These five courses will be paired with local wines. Enjoy live music, raffles, and talks on sustainability during the dinner. All proceeds benefit environmental education programs and preservation efforts at Churchville Nature Center.

Dinner Begins at 6:30pm  
Tickets are \$75  
Space is limited to 40 seats  
**Pre-registration is required.**



## Holiday Craft Fair

December 1 ~ 10 am - 4 pm

Come on over to the Churchville Nature Center on December 1st 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.



## Naturalist & Family Programs

### Fall Naturalist Walks

September 29, October 6, November 10 & December 15

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**



### Birding

#### 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.



#### Christmas Bird Count

December 14

On Saturday, December 14, 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

### Gardening

#### Wild Edibles Walk

October 20

Join our Head Gardener Dana Ward for the third wild edibles walk of the year. This one is timed to coincide with the edibles that can be found in the autumn.

Time: 10am-12pm

Fee: \$3 ~ Members Free



#### Garden Clean-up

October 26

On Saturday, October 26 CNC gardener Dana will be having a work and learn day in the nature center's gardens. Put on your gardening hat and work gloves and come on over to CNC's Wildlife Gardens to learn more about putting your wildflower gardens to rest for the winter as well as giving us a hand with ours.



#### Grounds Clean-up

October 26

In Conjunction with our Garden Clean-up day, we will also be having a general grounds clean-up of the nature preserve from 9:30 am to noon. Help collect trash and do some sprucing up of the grounds. Larger groups such as scouts and youth groups are welcome. Dress to get dirty and wear work gloves if you have them. Contact CNC Naturalist Bill Woodroffe at [wpwoodroff@buckscounty.org](mailto:wpwoodroff@buckscounty.org), or call 215-357-4005x5033 to sign up to volunteer.

### Campfire Programs

#### Autumnal Equinox Night Hike & Campfire

September 21

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: 7:00 PM Fee: \$5 per person

**MEMBERS ARE FREE**

#### Animal Myths & Legends Campfire

October 25

Join us for the last night hike campfire of the year as we tell stories and discuss common myths and misconceptions about the local wildlife people may think are spooky. Let's shed some light on just how cool rats, bats and other animals with bad raps are as we enjoy the autumn night. As always the hike will end with marshmallows around the campfire. Dress for the weather or as your favorite creature of the night!

**Reservations are Required**

Time: 7:00 PM Fee: \$5 per person

**MEMBERS ARE FREE**

## Classes

**Morning Yoga Series**

September 22, October 6 &amp; 13

Ground in with Simona of Nature Play School for a yoga series here in our nature center. Sunday mornings in our library she will lead you through a transformative and healing practice. Simona is a certified yoga teacher in trauma-sensitive yoga. Connect to your body & nature in a safe and intentional space.

**For adults only.**

Maximum 8 per class.

**Pre-registration is required.**

Time 9:30 – 10:30am

Fee: \$15 per class

## Kids Programs

**Fall Sound Adventure with Four Arrows Education**

September 25

Our class will be centered on the season of Fall and what it represents! We will go on a walk and discuss what change brings and signs of transition. Each child will have a drumming and/or rattling instrument used to call in the 4 directions, create their own songs, and explore different rhythms. We will study rocks, fossils, and crystals, that underwent massive change to be what they are today- stories telling our Earth's history! A crafting element will be added for the child to take home such as a plant, beaded craft, or rattle.

**Pre-registration required.**

Time: 6:30 pm

\$15 per child. Parents may attend for free.

Ages 3 and up.

**Mommy And Me Classes**

October 9, 16, 23, 30 &amp; November 6

5 Week Preschool Class for children age 2-4yr olds

Join educator Ms. Diane for a fun and educational Mommy & Me series! We'll explore the changing of seasons, do hands-on activities and crafts, and connect with all nature has to offer at this beautiful time of year. Registration for all five classes is strongly encouraged.

**Pre-registration is required**

Time: 10:30–11:30am

\$50 for 5 weeks

**Natural Ornaments Workshop**

November 17

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 11<sup>th</sup>**

## Lenape Village Programs

### Fall Tours

Our tours 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.

#### September 22nd: Hunting with Atlatl Throwing

Learn what animals were here 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. We will have Ray Becker, a certified ancient weapons marshal, in the Village that day handling the atlatl throwing area. Everyone is encouraged to try at least once to see if they can hit our targets. All safety precautions will be adhered too for the safety of our participants and observers.



#### October 27th: Fire Making

Fire is a basic necessity for Woodland Indians. Learn what three items are needed to even create a fire, and the different ways fire is used in Village life. You will be taught at least three methods of making a fire, and all are still used today! **CNC Members are FREE for this tour.**

**Cost: \$8 (Children 3 and under are free)**

**Pre-registration required**

**The tour will begin promptly at 2:00 pm and is the only tour of the day**



### REGISTRATION/CANCELLATION POLICIES

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

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.

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