

Workshops

Make & Take: Creating Herbal Salves for Winter Skin Health

December 14

Join herbal enthusiast and CNC employee Steph Catrambone for a foray into easy herbal remedies you can make at home! Talk herbs, ask questions, and make your own salve to get you through dry skin season! Bring a friend. Herbal teas and drinks will be served. You also have the opportunity to make extra tins to gift to your friends and family for the holidays!

Time: 7pm \$15 per person, includes first tin, \$5 for each extra tin

Open Studio Art Classes

Amara Bedford, M.A. Art Therapy and CNC educator, will be facilitating these classes for ages 12 to adult. Materials will be provided in the initial cost of each class. Extra materials or material kits will be available for purchase the day of the class. Feel free to bring a bag lunch or snack if you wish.

Drawing Studio

January 5

The group will begin with several warm-up sketches on newsprint paper, followed by more extensive drawings on drawing quality paper. We will use nature scenes outside our windows for inspiration. The hope is to use the drawing

class as a way to promote the inner artist and have fun.

Cost: \$30, includes supplies

Painting Studio

February 2

Each person will be provided with an easel, canvas, mixing

Due to materials and a class limit of 12 participants, pre-registration is required.

Time: 10am to 1pm

Acorn Processing Workshop

January 12

Native people in our area had a wide variety of nuts available. Chestnut, walnut, hickory, beech, and hazel were easy to gather and enjoy. Acorns were also abundant. These "oak nuts" are nutritious, but contain high amounts of tannins and require special preparation to make them edible. Although they were enjoyed here, acorns were a staple food of many California tribes where other nuts were less available. Join CNC educator Chris Applegate to learn traditional and modern methods to process and use them.

Time: 2 to 4 pm Cost: \$8 per person

Beginner's Origami

January 19, February 16 & March 15

Have you seen the animals folded out of paper and wondered how it was done? Join educator Gail Russo for a fun afternoon creating your own pond and pond creatures using this ancient art form. The first class will be the "pond" box to hold your creations and the following two classes will be creatures such as butterflies, fish and flowers. Participants can sign up for any one or all three.

Time: 2 to 4pm Cost: \$15 per session, includes materials

Get Your Garden Growing

March 21

It's time to wake up your garden! Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, join Master Gardener Stephanie for tips and tricks that will help your garden thrive. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Time: 10 am Cost: \$5/Members are Free

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.



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Program & Activity Guide Winter 2019-2020

Special Events

World of Weather: A Wintertime Adventure

January 11



Join us this winter for our 2nd Annual Weather Adventure. This fun filled day will feature all kinds of cool activities and crafts about weather. Some rooms will be transformed this year into different climate regions represented in the United States. We will be exploring the climate regions of broadleaf temperate forest, grasslands and the taiga through the use of the Everglades, the Great Plains and Interior Alaska respectively. Visit with live animals that live in these types of regions. Make your own weather station. Check our website and Face Book event page for more updates

Time: 10 am to 4pm

Entrance: Members \$4 & Non-Members \$6 (Children 3 & under - Free)

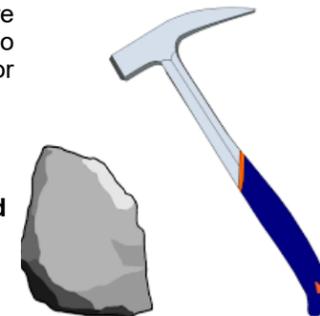
Geode Cave Hunt

January 25 & 26

Enter our man-made replica "cave" inside the nature center and see what treasure you can find! 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; a crystal druse, a solid crystal? Your treasure will be yours to take home. While you wait your turn in the "cave" join in the fun at the information stations, Lenape Games and stories, or make your own cave art pictographs and petroglyphs. The nature center's gem sluice will also be running and available for an additional \$3.

Supplies of geodes are limited and Pre-registration is required to reserve your geode!

Time: 11am to 4pm
Cost: \$8 per person



House Plant Sale

February 8

Houseplants improve air quality, reduce dust and levels of certain pollutants, and give a general sense of well-being! It's time to spruce up your space with a new plant or two. Enjoy local potters selling beautiful plant pots, drink & snack vendors, workshops, and more!

Time: 11am to 5pm

Reptile Day

March 14

Come out to see all of our reptiles up close and personal at this free event! We will have our volunteers and staff on hand to answer questions and talk about all the different reptiles in our care here at the center and at home. We will be accepting donations and offering our Adopt-a-Reptile program at the event where you can sponsor one of our scaly friends. All proceeds will go towards the care and well-being of our education animals. We hope to see you there!

Time: 11 am to 3 pm
Cost: Free

Maple Sugar Day & Pancake Breakfast

February 23

Join us Sunday February 23rd for our annual Maple Sugar Day. The process of tapping maple trees, collecting the sap, and making maple syrup (one of the many uses of maple sap) is actually quite simple. It does, however, take some time and a willingness to get outdoors and experience this miracle of nature. This year's event will again feature a limited space Pancake breakfast. **Pre-registration is a must by February 10th 2020 for the Pancake breakfast.**

****Payment is due at time of registration****

Pancake Breakfast: Time 11:00 am

Cost: \$10/person

Maple Sugar Program: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$5/person



Family Programs

Saturday Morning Bird Walks

Each Saturday, December - March

Join an experienced bird watcher every Saturday morning from 8:00 to 10:00 AM 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.

Sunday Naturalist Walks

January 5, February 2 & March 1

Join our staff as we explore the changing seasons. Winter is a quiet time when much of nature is dormant, but there's still plenty to explore. Lets see what interesting things we can find.

Time: 2:00 pm
\$3 per person
Members Free

Owl Prowl Campfire

January 10

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: 7:30 pm
Fee: \$5 per person
Members Free

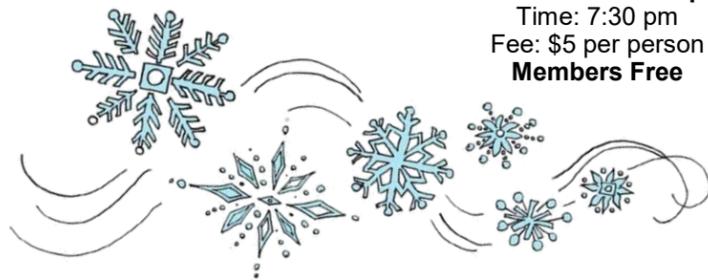
Star Party Campfire

February 28

Come and explore the nighttime sky during our late winter campfire program. Weather permitting we will view constellations, and other celestial wonders with both our naked eye and a telescope. We will view any planets that are visible as well as some well known winter deep sky objects. Star finder charts will be available for use. A campfire and marshmallows will finish off the night. This program is dependent on good weather and clear skies.

Reservations are Required

Time: 7:30 pm
Fee: \$5 per person
Members Free



Children's Programs

Fairy & Gnome School

December 26, 27, 28, 30 & 31

This is open to fairies, gnomes, girls, and boys ages 5 – 9. A typical day at Fairy & Gnome School includes fairy and gnome inspired arts and crafts, games, time with live animal friends, storytelling, dancing, crystals, yoga, outdoor exploration, and free play. If your child loves nature, this program will link them to the magic found under the unturned stones and leaves! December 31 will be our New Year's Eve party with movie time, snacks, and dancing!

Class size is limited to 12 and pre-registration is required

Parents/guardians must pack lunch and snacks

Time: 9am to 4pm except 12/31 9am to 1pm

Cost: \$35 per day; \$150 for all 5 days

Nature Story & Song Hour

Sunday, February 9 at 11am

Come for an hour of songs and reading about nature! If you have an instrument or favorite nature book, bring it along!

All ages welcome

Start Time: 11 am

Cost: Free



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Bucks County Commissioners: Charles H. Martin, Chairman, Robert G. Loughery & Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW

Children's Programs

Nature Center Adventures

January 4, 18, February 1 & 15

Age 5-8

Join longtime educator Irene for a series of adventures here at Churchville Nature Center! Each session includes meeting one of our live critters, a trail adventure (weather permitting), games, stories, a craft to take home with you and other fun activities. Older siblings and accompanying adults are welcome to join in.

Time: 10am to 12pm Cost: \$15 per session \$55.00 for all sessions

Mommy & Me

March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

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

Join an educator 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 animals using our live animals. You must register for all 5 weeks and space is limited to 15 children. **Pre-registration is required**

****Payment is due at time of registration****

Lenape Village Programs

Lenape Craft Corn Husk Dolls

December 15

Did you know many native cultures do not put faces on their dolls? If you join us for this fun craft, you will hear the story behind this tradition. The Lenape did not waste anything, so you will see some great examples of how corn husks were used in everyday life. Create your own corn husk doll to take home.

Time: 2-4 pm

Fee: \$5 per person, ages 6yr to adult

Prayer Ties for the New Year

December 29

While not specifically Lenape, many people today have adopted the use of Prayer Ties for many reasons and uses. Learn what these are and how you can use them today. You will also learn what plants traditionally go into a tie or bundle and their meaning. This is a great way to close out 2019 and set intentions for 2020. Create your own that day!

Time: 2-4 pm

Fee: \$5 per person, ages 6yr to adult

Clay Bead Making

February 9

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.

Time: 2-4 pm

Fee: \$5 per person, all ages

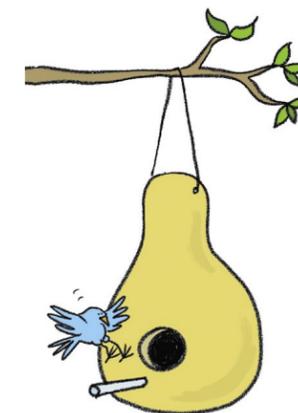
Gourd Bird Houses

March 8

The Lenape made gourd bird houses to help in the garden. Learn why and see some examples of other uses of gourds. Then we will go about making our own birdhouse gourd to take home.

Supplies are limited. Pre-registration is required.

Time: 2-4 pm
Cost: \$10 per person



Lenape Village Work Day

March 22 (rain date March 29)

Have you ever wondered how to build a longhouse? Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? Come join staff and educators in the Lenape Village while we get ready to re-open the village for the season. Activities will include: mulching where needed, clearing weeds, fallen limbs and the garden area, lashing drying racks and tripods, repairs to the longhouses and other structures, including putting the reed siding back on. Volunteers need not work all day; any time you can give is welcomed! Bring along a bag lunch if you intend to stay for the day. Water and work gloves will be provided if needed.

Time: 10 am to 4 pm