



Churchville Nature Center

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Program & Activity Guide Winter 2026

Special Announcement from the Board of the Friends of CNC

The Board of the Friends of Churchville Nature Center, a non-profit member organization that supports the Churchville Nature Center, is calling for applications for those interested in joining the board.

Serving on the board can be a rewarding experience for individuals who want to elevate their volunteer experience or contribute their leadership skills to a vibrant, flourishing non-profit organization.

At this time, we are seeking to fill up to seven open positions on the Board. Prior board experience is not necessary; however, financial and fundraising expertise would be beneficial. Requirements and expectations of board members are as follows:

- ♦ Individual of at least eighteen (18) years of age who may or may not reside in the Commonwealth;
- ♦ Current member of the Churchville Nature Center;
- ♦ Attend monthly meetings Participation on and/or chairing of Committees (Finance & Fundraising, Election, Membership, Ad-Hoc);
- ♦ Serve a term of three (3) years and for no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Additional details can be found in the FoCNC Bylaws, which is posted on Churchville Nature Center website (www.churchvillenaturecenter.org).

Interested applicants can contact the center for an application, which must be submitted by January 21, 2026. The candidate's names and a brief biography will then be published to the CNC general membership; voting for the open positions will be held at the Annual Meeting of Friends on March 21, 2026.

Special Events

Pleiades Observatory: Winter Astronomy Program

Friday, January 23 (Inclement weather date, Saturday, January 24)

Come to our Pleiades Observatory and learn about the moon and planets! Get the chance to look through our telescopes and see what's out there in the night sky this time of year.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Fee: \$8.00/person - **Space is limited & Pre-registration is required**



World of Weather Weekend

January 31 & February 1

All weekend long, explore the troposphere within the nature center, and enjoy interactive weather and meteorology displays, experiments, crafts, games, and more. Practice your forecasting skills in front of our green screen.

Time: 10 am to 4pm

Entrance: \$6 per person at-the-door (Children 3 & under - Free)



Maple Sugar Day & Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 1

Our annual Maple Sugar Day is back and sweeter than ever! Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast, with made-to-order pancakes in the morning and experience our maple sugar program in the afternoon. Learn the process of tapping maple trees, collecting the sap, and making maple syrup. *You do not need to attend the breakfast in order to attend the program.*

Space is limited and pre-registration is a must by February 20 2026 for the Pancake breakfast. **Payment is due at time of registration**

Pancake Breakfast: Time 11 am - Cost: \$13/person

Maple Sugar Program: 1 pm - Cost: \$6/person



Campfire Programs

Liking Lichens Campfire

Friday, January 30

Learn about the fascinating world of lichen that surrounds us. Join our educators for a night hike as they point out interesting sights in the winter forest. Afterwards, warm up by the campfire and toast a marshmallow. Please dress for the weather!

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Fee: Non-members \$5/Members \$3

Space is limited and Pre-registratin is required.

Animal Valentines Campfire

Friday, February 13

Valentine's Day is around the corner, so it's the perfect time to learn about different animal relationships in nature! Enjoy toasting marshmallows and a Hershey's kiss treat, then go on a guided moonlit walk on the trails.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Fee: Non-Members \$5/Members Free

Space is limited and Pre-registratin is required.

Spring Night Hike Campfire

Friday, March 14

Walk the trails at night during the first springtime campfire to look for signs of the season as nature wakes up. Enjoy toasting marshmallows around the fire.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Fee: Non-members \$5/Members \$3



Family Programs

Winter Appreciation Walk

Sunday, January 25

What's going on in nature during the winter season? Join educators Chris and Dana on a walk through our trails to learn about nature's adaptations to winter.

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fee: Free

Space is limited and Pre-registratin is required.



Winter Birds Nature Walk

Sunday, February 22

Join Land Manager and Naturalist Bill on a guided walk through our trails, looking for and learning about birds in the wintertime.

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fee: Free

Space is limited and Pre-registratin is required.

Wetlands Nature Walk

Sunday, March 15

Learn about the wetlands habitat on a nature walk, guided by one of our Naturalists, Megan. We will look for and learn about what lives in the wetter areas of our trails.

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fee: Free

Space is limited and Pre-registratin is required.

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.

Children's Programs



Winter Break Camp Days

Monday, December 29 & Tuesday, December 30

Children ages 5-7 and 8-11 can spend their time off from school here at Churchville Nature Center with different crafts, activities, lessons, and games planned each day. Enjoy animal encounters, nature stories, science experiments, and much more! Our Winter Break Camp Days follow a similar format to our Summer Camp program. Children should bring their own lunch/snacks. Make sure to dress for the weather as we may go on hikes, weather permitting.

Capacity: 12 kids per class

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fee: Non-Members \$55/day & Members \$45/day

Registration is Required

Knee-high Naturalists

Wednesday Session: Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

Thursday Session: Thursdays, February 26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26

Join Ms. Diane for fun nature lessons, crafts, and activities designed for children ages 2 to 4. Register for either the Wednesday or Thursday session. Kids must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the program. Due to class size, we ask that attendance be limited to one or two adults per registered child. Unregistered siblings under the age of 2 may be present during the program.

Capacity: 10 kids per class

Time: 10:30 to 11:30 am

Fee: \$55 for 5 class series

Registration is Required



Save the date for these upcoming events:

- ◆ Summer Camp Registration Dates:
 - Priority Registration for members and 2024/2025 campers:
 - Opens Tuesday, January 13 at 9am
 - General Registration:
 - Opens Tuesday, January 27 at 9am
- ◆ Spring Observatory Program, Friday, March 27
- ◆ Camouflaged Egg Hike, Sunday, March 29
- ◆ Spring Break Day Camp, Thursday, April 2 & Friday, April 3
- ◆ 2023 Rock & Mineral Expo, April 11 & 12
- ◆ Annual Wildflower Sale Kickoff Weekends, April 25 & 26 and May 2 & 3, 10 am to 5 pm

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 J. Harvey, Jr., Chair, Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW & Gene DiGirolamo

Workshops

Survival Skills Class

Saturday, February 21

Whether you're going for a walk in the woods or a weekend camping trip, outdoor safety is an essential tool you're going to need. Learn from Chris Egnoto about the basic principles of survival and safety outdoors, including potential hazards, water, shelter, food, and more. Adults and kids ages 12 and up are recommended.

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Cost: \$5 per person

Space is limited and pre-registration is required



Moss Art Workshop

Saturday, March 14

Create your own beautiful moss art using preserved moss, bark, and other natural materials. We'll provide all the materials, you'll provide the creativity. No watering or maintenance required. This workshop is recommended for adults and kids ages 12 and up.

Time: Morning Session 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Afternoon Session 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Cost: \$40 per person

Space is limited and pre-registration is required

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, or workshop, all participants must register and pre-pay online at the nature center's website at www.churchvillenaturecenter.org. The nature center no longer accepts in person, or over the phone registrations.

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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 Visit our website at
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