



# Churchville Nature Center

A Facility of the Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation  
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## Program & Activity Guide Summer 2026

### 62 Years of Education & Preservation

#### Friday Campfire Programs

##### Firefly Campfire

Friday, June 12

Ever wonder how and why fireflies glow? Search the meadow and trails for these bioluminescent insects. If we are lucky, we might even find glowworms. Marshmallows around the campfire.

Time: 8:00 to 10:00 pm

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

**Registration is required**

##### Bugs & Beetles Campfire

Friday, June 26

Get a closer look at local insects to see their differences and similarities. Learn how to tell beetles and bugs apart! Afterwards, enjoy a toasted marshmallow around the campfire.

Time: 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Fee: Members Free / Non-Members \$5

**Registration is required**



##### Moth Campfire

Friday, July 17

Get ready for National Moth Week by learning about these nocturnal insects and attracting them with lights. Afterwards, enjoy a toasted marshmallow around the campfire.

Time: 8:00 to 10:00 pm

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

**Registration is required**

##### Singing Insects Campfire

Friday, August 7

Enjoy a toasted marshmallow around the campfire while being serenaded by the calls of crickets, cicadas, and katydids. Learn how and why some insects sing in the summer.

Time: 7:30 to 9:30 pm

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

**Registration is required**



##### Bat Campfire

Friday, September 18

Look to the skies as bats flutter about to find food, in preparation for hibernation. While they enjoy munching on insects, you can enjoy toasted marshmallows.

Time: 7:30 to 9:30 pm

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

**Registration is required**

##### Spiders Campfire

Friday, October 2

Come appreciate the artistic ability of spiders, who spin elaborate webs of all sizes and designs. Enjoy toasted marshmallows around a campfire and look for web-spun masterpieces outside.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

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

**Registration is required**

## Naturalist Programs

### 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. The group will meet in the nature center parking lot.

8:00 to 10:00 am October through March

7:00 to 9:00 am April through September

### Invasive Species Nature Walk

Saturday, June 14

Join our Land Manager Bill for a nature walk and learn about different invasive plants and animals found in our area. Learn how they appeared and what we can do to minimize their impact.

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Fee: Free - Registration is Required**

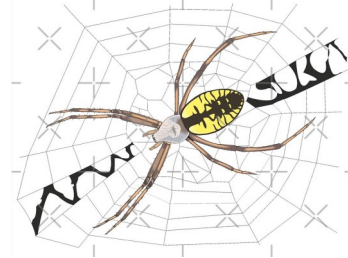
### Bugs & Critters Nature Walk

Sunday, July 19

Join educator Liz on our trails for a nature walk, learning about and looking for bugs and crawling critters in the summertime.

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Fee: Free - Registration is Required**



### Spiders Nature Walk

Sunday, August 23

Join Educator Sarah on a guided walk on our trails to search for spiders and learn what makes arachnids so special.

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Fee: Free - Registration is Required**

## Courses and Workshops

### Beginner Astronomy Course

Class Dates: Wednesdays, August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 9 & 16

Two observing sessions to be scheduled based on weather conditions

This Beginner Astronomy Course will be a great introduction for those looking to get into the hobby of astronomy or a refresher for those who are already observing. Stargazing will be included in the evening lectures as skies and weather permit. Course includes all lectures and materials

Instructor: Chris Stieber

Time: 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Fee: Members \$250/Non-Members \$270 per person

**Registration is Required**



### Edible Plants Walk

Sunday, September 20

Join educators Chris and Greg on a nature walk on our trails and learn about foraging for edible wild plants.

Instructors: Chris Egnoto & Greg Beatty

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per person

**Registration is Required**

### Letterboxing

Saturday, September 26

Join educator Irene for an outdoor scavenger hunt for adults and teens! If you enjoy using clues to discover some natural treasures along our trails and eventually find the hidden letterbox, then come learn about the art and history of "letterboxing" and venture outdoors to practice it.

Instructor: Irene Safren

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fee: \$5.00/person

**Registration is Required**



# Butterfly House Programs



## Butterfly House Hours

July 5 through Mid-September  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday

The Butterfly House and Botanical Garden will open this year for a full season of beauty and fun! Beginning on July 6th, the house will be active through mid-September and include special events, such as Arthropalooza and The Monarch Bon Voyage Party.

### Entrance Fees for the Butterfly House:

Members Are Free

Non-Member Fees: Adult (14 & up) \$8; Senior (65 & up) \$6; Children (4-13 years old) \$5



## NABA Butterfly Count

July 25

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 here at CNC for this special day. Tracking species of butterflies can be very educational, as well as enjoyable. On Saturday, July 25, we will participate in the North American Butterfly Association Annual Butterfly Count. Beginners are welcomed, as well as seasoned butterfly watchers. The count will begin around 9:00 am, and sign-up is required. There is a \$5 donation to NABA for all participants.

For more information or to sign up, contact Bill Woodroffe at 215-357-4005 x5033 or email: [v-wpwoodroffe@bucskcounty.org](mailto:v-wpwoodroffe@bucskcounty.org)



## Arthropalooza

Saturday, August 1 & Sunday, August 2

Insects, spiders, crustaceans, oh my! This weekend celebrates everything arthropods. Enjoy a variety of activities and displays in our gardens, patio, and Butterfly House. You can look forward to honey taste-testing, buggy crafts, cockroach races, and more!

Time 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

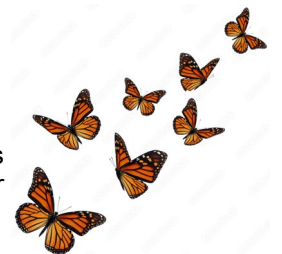
Entrance: \$8/person (children 3 & under are free) / CNC Members are Free

**No reservations needed - Pay at-the-door**

## Monarch Bon Voyage Party

Mid-September

Bid farewell to our monarch butterflies as they begin their migration south. Additional details regarding date, pricing and registration will be announced later in the summer. Check our website and social media for future updates.



## 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 fee-based program or workshop, all participants must register and pre-pay online at the nature center's website at [www.churchvillennaturecenter.org](http://www.churchvillennaturecenter.org) and follow the link to our DonorView portal. The nature center no longer accepts in person or 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.

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

# Is Your Membership Up-To-Date? Not A Member Yet? Join Today!

**These benefits are available for all membership levels:**

- ◆ **Free admission to these activities and events:** Weekend naturalist walks, occasional campfire programs, Arthropalooza Festival (August) and 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), and special discount at Annual Wildflower Sale
- ◆ **Upgrade to a higher membership level and receive additional benefits and passes**

**Visit [www.churchvillenaturecenter.org](http://www.churchvillenaturecenter.org)  
To Join Today  
Or Use the Form Below**

## Yes, I Want To Be A Member!

Individual \$25 [1 Adult]

Family \$40 [2 Adults & 4 kids under 18]

Sr. Individual \$20 [1 Adult]

Sr. Couple \$30 [2 adults & 2 grandkids under 18]

Upgraded Family Memberships

Mallard \$60

Blue Heron \$120

Osprey \$250

Dragonfly 1,000 (life member)

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Friends of Churchville Nature Center  
501 Churchville Lane  
Churchville, PA 18966

\*Email is needed to receive publications & membership notices

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