

Churchville Nature Center

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Program & Activity Guide Winter 2024

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 (typically the second Wednesday evening of each month with a minimum of four meetings per year);
- 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 16, 2024. 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 16, 2024.



Special Events





World of Weather Weekend January 27 & 28

All weekend long, the nature center will transform into the mid-Atlantic meadows of North America, tropical lowland forests of Madagascar, and the Great Barrier Reef of the Australian coast. Enjoy interactive displays, make weather themed crafts, and 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, February 25

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 22nd 2024 for the Pancake breakfast. **Payment is due at time of registration**

Pancake Breakfast: Time 11:00 am - Cost: \$13/person Maple Sugar Program: 1:00 pm - Cost: \$6/person



Save the date for these upcoming events:

Summer Camp Registration Dates:

Priority Registration for members and 2022/2023 campers: Opens Tuesday, January 16 General Registration: Opens Tuesday, January 30

- 2023 Rock & Mineral Expo, April 13 & 14
- Annual Wildflower Sale Kickoff Weekends, April 27 & 28 and May 4 & 5 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



Family Programs



Life in Winter Nature Walk

Sunday, January 14

Join our Naturalist and Land Manager, Bill Woodroffe, on a guided nature walk through our trails to observe and appreciate the plants and animals that thrive during the wintertime. Please dress appropriately for the weather.



Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm Free - Registration is required,

Animal Valentines Campfire

Friday, February 9

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 through the

> Time: 7:00 pm Fee: Members Free/Non-Members \$5 Registration is required



Groundhog & Shadows Nature Walk

Sunday, February 4

Did the Groundhog see its shadow? Join Naturalist and Assistant Director, Peg Mongillo, as we search for the slumbering mammals and learn why the shadows are long this time of year because of the Earth's rotation and its distance from the sun. We'll walk the trail to find their hibernation dwellings and maybe dispel a myth or two.

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm Free - Registration is required,



Camouflaged Egg Hike

Sunday, March 17 (rain or shine)

Instead of racing across a lawn to collect colorful eggs and prizes, children between the ages of 4 - 9 will first learn about camouflage and wildlife through demonstrations and live animals. They will then use their observation skills outdoors to spot and tally dozens of camouflaged eggs that will be strategically hidden high and low, along a woodland trail. Afterwards, kids will compare their tallied findings with the total numbers of hidden eggs and will go home with a wildlife prize. Children must be accompanied by adults.

Time: Morning Hike 10:00 am - 12:00 pm / Afternoon Hike 1:00 - 3:00 pm Fee: \$6 per child - Registration 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



2024 Spring Knee-high Naturalist

Wednesday Session: Wednesdays, February 28, March 5, 12, 19 & 26

Thursday Session: Thursdays, February 29, March 6, 13, 20 & 27

Join Ms. Diane each week in March 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.

Capacity: 10 kids per class Time: 10:30-11:30 AM

Cost: \$55 for 5 class series - Registration 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