

# **Churchville Nature Center**

A Facility of the Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation Reconnect ♦ Recharge ♦ Renew

# Program & Activity Guide Spring 2024 60 Years of Education & Preservation



# **Special Events**



# 2024 Rock & Mineral Expo: "Elemental Experience" April 13 & 14

Get down to the basics of rocks and minerals by looking at their elemental properties. Witness the power of the periodic table with science experiments and chemical reactions. Shop for unique items from local vendors and enjoy the many fun activities we have planned. Some activities are free, and others cost a nominal fee.

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM General Admission is \$6.00 per adult; Children 12 & under are FREE





## **Annual Wildflower Sale**

April 27 & 28 May 4 & 5

Join us for the kickoff of our sale of beautiful, native perennials and stellar annuals! During the first two weekends of the sale, staff and volunteers will be on hand to help select the perfect plants for your garden. Check back in April for a list of plant species that will be available. Some species go quick, so make sure to mark your calendars!

The sale will be held from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

#### **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 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.

# **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.

8:00 to 10:00am October - March 7:00 to 9:00 pm April - September



# **Campfire Programs**



## Frog Call Campfire

Friday, May 10 Listen for the croaks and calls of toads and frogs along

our trails. Learn why these amphibians sing in the spring while toasting marshmallows around the campfire. Time: 7:30 to 9:30 PM

Fee: Members \$3/Non-Members \$5 Registration is required

# **Naturalist Walks**

### Garden Tour

Friday, April 19

Walk the trails at night during the first springtime campfire to look for signs of the season as nature wakes

Time: 7:30 to 9:30 PM

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

required

up. Enjoy toasting marshmallows around the fire.

Sunday, April 21 Our Head Gardener, Dana, will lead a guided tour through the gardens to showcase the diversity of native plants at the center and highlight some of the species you can expect to see at the Annual Wildflower Sale. Time: 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Fee: Free - Registration is Required



#### **Snake Spotting Walk**

Sunday, May 19 Join Naturalist Brooke on a trail walk and tour of our Reptile Room to learn about snakes and try to spot some in the wild.

Time: 2:00 to 3:00 PM Fee: Free - Registration is Required

# **Community Science Workshop**

#### **Reptiles & Amphibians**

Saturday, May 11

Learn more about our local reptiles and amphibians with a presentation featuring live animals followed by a guided walk to look for herpetofauna. Discover how you can get involved with community science projects to help improve our understanding of these slimy and scaley critters. Sign up for either the morning or afternoon session. Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM and 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Cost: \$6 per person **Registration Required** 

#### Save The Date

- 2024 Butterfly House opening, Tentative, First Weekend in July. Watch our website and social media for more information
- Arthropalooza August 3 & 4, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Celebrate all things arthropods during this weekend long family friendly event. More information to be announced closer to the event date.

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