



Churchville Nature Center

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

Special Events

Monarch Bon Voyage Party

Saturday, September 12

Wish our monarch butterflies farewell as they start their southern migration! Enjoy a final tour of the butterfly house, make some crafts, and witness the release of butterflies.

Time: Morning Session 10:00 am to 12:00 pm / Afternoon Session 1:00 pm to 3:00pm

Fee: Members are Free, Non-members \$6/person. **Pre-Registration is Required**



Natural Ornaments Workshop

Saturday, November 21

Craft an animal and festively-shaped ornaments using natural materials, such as pinecones, twigs and seeds. These handmade ornaments make for great gifts or decorations.

Time: Morning Session 10:00 am to 12:00 pm / Afternoon Session 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Fee: \$6 per person, includes materials

Pre-registration is Required



Pleiades Observatory – Autumn Astronomy

Friday, October 16

Come to our Pleiades Observatory and learn about the stars! Get the chance to look through our telescopes and see what's out there in the night sky.

Time: 8:00 pm

Fee \$8 per person

Pre-registration is Required

Holiday Craft Fair



Saturday, December 5 ~ 10 am to 4 pm

Shop for one-of-a-kind gifts for the holidays while supporting local crafters. You are sure to find something special for everyone on your shopping list! Perhaps even find a special treat for yourself.

Free Admission for shoppers

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If you are interested in participating as a **crafter**, please contact **CNC at 215-357-4005**.

Priority registration for past vendors begins 9/15, General registration for all other vendors is 9/29. Standard spaces are \$35 and single table spaces are \$20



Fall Knee-High Naturalists

Group 1 - Tuesdays, September 29, October 6, 13, 20 & 27

Group 2 - Wednesdays, September 30, October 7, 14, 21 & 28

Group 3 - Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Join us for fun nature lessons, crafts, and activities designed for children ages 2 to 4! 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, but we ask that older siblings remain home.

Time: 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Cost: \$55 per child for 5 sessions

Pre-registration is Required



Saturday Morning Bird Walks

Each Saturday

Join an experienced bird watcher every Saturday morning for our early morning bird walks from 7:00 to 9:00 am April thru September, then we switch to 8:00 to 10:00 am October thru March. 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. These walks are free of charge.

For more information: (215) 357-4005 ~ www.churchvillenaturecenter.org



Naturalist Programs



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**

Autumn Changes Nature Walk

Sunday, October 18

Join Land Manager/Naturalist Bill as the group heads out on the trails to learn about the changes of the seasons and how nature adapts during Autumn

Time: 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Fee: Free **Registration is required**



The Sights, Sounds, Smells, Signs & Shapes of Autumn

Sunday, November 15

When the green leaves of summer drop, what's left? Join educator Tanya on an exploratory stroll to exercise your senses, get your hands dirty and discover the signs and shapes of Autumn. This casual walk is for all ages and will be held rain or shine.

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fee: Free **Registration is required**

Tree Bark Nature Walk

Sunday, December 13

Learn to identify trees in winter by their bark and other signs on a guided nature walk with Assistant Land Manager Shannon.

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fee: Free **Registration is required**



Campfire Programs



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.

Registration is required

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

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

Nocturnal Creatures

Friday, October 23

Join us after dark to learn about and look for nocturnal creatures that come out at night! Go on a guided night hike looking for raccoons, moths, bats and more. Afterwards enjoy a toasted marshmallow over the campfire

Registration is required

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Fee: Members Free / Non-Member \$5

Glow Night Hike

Friday, November 6

Using blacklights, our educators will search the trails for things that fluoresce under UV light. Enjoy toasted marshmallows as well! We have a limited number of blacklights, so guests are welcome to bring their own.

Registration is Required

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

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

Owl Prowl

Friday, December 11

Look and listen closely for owls as they search for mates and establish their territories within our woods. Warm up around the campfire while toasting marshmallows.

Registration is Required

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

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



Workshops



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

Composting

Sunday, October 18

Learn about the basics of composting with Assistant Land Manager Shannon! Learn about the different methods used, what it's made of, how it works and why it's important.

Instructor: Shannon Davis

Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Fee: \$5.00/person

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 fee-based 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.

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.

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