



Silver Lake Nature Center

Spring 2014 Program Schedule



March - June 2014



1306 Bath Road Bristol, PA 19007
215 785-1177

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Building Hours:

Tuesday – Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday - noon – 5 pm; closed Monday

Gift Shop

Museum/Display featuring native animals

Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation
Bucks County Commissioners
Robert G. Loughery, Chairman
Charles H. Martin, Vice Chairman
Diane Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW

Symbionts

Clubs that meet at the Nature Center:

Artists of Bristol meet year 'round at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Contact: John 215 595-8295

Delaware River Fishermen's Association meets on the last Wednesday, September through June.

Contact: Scott 215-989-0153

Focal Planes Foto Club meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, September through June. Contact: Steve 215 736-1834

Southern Bucks Garden Club meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Contact: Ellen 215 788-0651

West Chester University Harp Ensemble rehearses on the 3rd Monday.

Contact: Gloria 215 342-9397

On the Horizon



Sign the kids up for half-day or full-day

Summer Camp!

Weekly fees—

Full day: \$190 member; \$225 non-member

Half day: \$110 member; \$130 non-member

6 - 12-year-olds, 9 am to noon *or* 9 am to 4 pm



Camp runs for eight weeks, Monday thru Friday, beginning June 23rd.



Before and After Care is available.

4 & 5 year-olds, Preschoolers Camp: 9 am - noon, July 14 - 18 and/or August 11 - 15

Weekly fee: \$110 member; \$130 non-member

Teen Camp runs for four weeks, noon to 4 pm:



June 23; July 14; July 28; Aug 12

June 2014

Call for details and to register -

Saturday, June 7 – Volunteer Work Day,
9 am – 2 pm. Contact Jenn at 215 785-1177.

Sundays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 - Sunday Stroll, 2 pm. Something new each week! Free.

Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19, & 26 – Yoga,
7:30 pm. For all ages and abilities.

Saturday, June 7 - Kayak Assiscunk Creek, 9 am. This is a moderate paddle and dinner trip.

Wednesday, June 11 - Intro to Kayaking,
6 - 8 pm. Learn strokes & techniques.

Thursday, June 12 - Full Moon Paddle, 7 -
10 pm. Enjoy this *easy* paddle. Adults only.

Saturday, June 21 - Flea Market and Craft Fair, 8 am - 2 pm. Rain or shine. Stop in to pick your space - first come, first served!

Saturday, June 21 - Kayak the Pine Barrens, 9 am. This one is rated *difficult*.



March 2014 Programs, Workshops, and Special Events

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Cancellation Policy: No refunds or credits for cancellations received less than ten days before the program.

Note: No registration is required for free programs, including Saturday Morning Bird Walks and Sunday Strolls.

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 - Saturday Morning Bird Walk, 7:30 – 9 am. For everyone. **Free.**

away! Change comes quickly as the season progresses. We set the benchmarks today. **Free.**

Saturday, March 1 – Volunteer Work Day, 9 am – 2 pm. Help us maintain our grounds! Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, and bring a water bottle. Give us four hours and we'll give you lunch! Rain or shine. Call Jenn at 215 785-1177.

Monday, March 17 - West Chester University Harp Ensemble's Celtic Music Recital, 6 - 7 pm. Join us for this delightful concert. Tickets: \$5 per person, available at the door.

Sunday, March 2 - Sunday Stroll: March Madness, 2 – 3 pm. Get out and stretch those legs and breathe some fresh air. Join us! **Free.**

Tuesday, March 4 - Meeting of Southern Bucks Garden Club, 7 - 9 pm. New members welcome.

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 - Yoga, 7:30 - 9 pm. Stretch, tone, and get flexible. This ongoing class is great for all ages and abilities. Fee per class: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

Saturday, March 15 - Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Brunch, 10 am - 12 pm. Join us for this special event as we recognize our volunteers' hard work and thank everyone for sharing their time, talent and friendship this year. We hope to see you all there! Call Jenn at 215 785-1177 ext. 14 or jlbilger@co.bucks.pa.us. Please RSVP by Friday, March 7.

Sunday, March 9 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Join a naturalist for an informative and leisurely stroll along the trails. Topics are seasonal and audience-driven. **Free.**

Mondays, March 10 & 24 - Meeting of Focal Planes Photo Club, 7:30 pm. New members welcome.

Wednesday, March 12– Artists of Bristol meeting, 6:30 pm. Come see what we're about!

Sunday, March 16 - Sunday Stroll: Last days of Winter, 2 - 3 pm. The spring equinox marks the time when day and night are equal and it's just a couple days

Saturday March 22nd 9:00 - Noon

Water Monitoring Workshop

Become a water monitor!

Learn how to test the waters in your neighborhood.



Wednesday, March 19 - Naturalist Skills, 6 pm—8 pm We will go into Delhaas Woods. Maybe we will get lucky and find ourselves a woodcock. Bring field guides and any equipment you might want to use (binoculars, magnifiers, nets, etc.) Bring a picnic dinner.

This program will not be appropriate for young children (no one under 16). Registration is required. The Fee: \$6/person members and \$8/person non-members.

Saturday March 22 - Water Monitoring Workshop, 9 am—12 pm.

Interested in what's going on in your local waters? Want to learn how to test for a variety of parameters? Participants in this workshop will have an opportunity to learn how to use testing equipment and interpret data.

Learn about, and help protect, your local waterways. Fee: \$15 per person.

Sunday, March 23 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Join a naturalist for a stroll along the trails. All ages welcome. **Free.**

Wednesday, March 26 - Bird Seed Order Deadline no later than 5 pm.

Order your bird seed by today for pick-up on April 5th. We accept cash, check, Visa, Discover, and Mastercard. *(This is the last sale 'til October!)*

Wednesday, March 26 - Delaware River Fishermen's Meeting, 7 - 9 pm. New members always welcome.

Sunday, March 30 - Sunday Stroll - Was March a lion or a lamb? 2 - 3 pm. How does weather impact life?

Our building, trails, and observation platform are handicapped-accessible. Come and enjoy the park!



April 2014 Programs, Workshops, and Special Events

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Tuesday, April 1 – Southern Bucks Garden Club meeting, 7 – 9 pm. Join us!

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24 - Yoga, 7:30 - 9 pm. Join us! Fee per class: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26 - Saturday Morning Bird Walk, 7:30 – 9 am. For all birding enthusiasts. Come on out! Free.

Saturday, April 5 – Volunteer Work Day, 9 am – 2 pm. Help us maintain our grounds! Wear work clothes and bring a water bottle. Give us four hours and we'll give you lunch! Call Jenn at 215 785-1177 if you can help.

Sunday, April 6 - Sunday Stroll, 2 - 3 pm. Join our naturalist for an informative stroll. All ages welcome. Free.

Mondays, April 7 & 21 - Focal Planes Foto Club meeting, 7:30 - 9 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, April 9 – Artists of Bristol on the Delaware meeting, 6:30 - 9 pm. All are welcome.

Saturday, April 12 - Recycle Craft Class, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Crafter Extraordinaire, Theresa Vassallo, will lead this fun class!! Learn to create all kinds of neat things from items you would have thrown out! Call or email for details - and what "trash" to bring. Please pre-register. Fee: \$5 member; \$6 non-member

Saturday, April 12 - Natural Egg Dyeing Class, 1- 2:00 p.m. Create beautiful eggs using natural dyes from common plants and vegetables. Fee: \$7 members, \$9 non-members. Please register in advance. Call for details.

Saturday, April 12 - Frog Slog in the Bog, 7 - 8:30 pm. (Frog slogging is also offered on April 23rd.) Meet at the Nature Center for an introduction, then car caravan to the site. Dress for the weather and to wade in the bog. Space is limited; register early. Must register and pay in advance. Fee: \$7 member; \$10 non-member

Sunday, April 13 - Sunday Stroll: Spring is Greening, 2 pm. The days are longer than the nights, so spring changes will come rapidly. The color green is creeping back into our vistas. Free.

Thursday, April 17 and/or Friday April 18- Kids & Nature, 9 am - 4 pm. Six to ten-year olds are invited to join us as we explore the trails, play games, make a craft, and visit with our animals! Bring a lunch and a bottle of water. Sign up for one or both days! Fee per person per day: \$35 member; \$40 non-member Registration and payment are due by April 12th.

*Fine Spirits and Fare
On the Delaware
Saturday, April 26, 2014
5 - 7 pm*

Visit the stunning home of Lou and Cissi Quattrocchi, enjoy spirits from Bucks County, food from Bristol Restaurants, and meet new friends.

Cost: \$55 per person





**Earth Day Work Day
April 19th 9 am - 2 pm**

Celebrate the Earth by helping to clean her up!!

We will pick up litter and debris that has collected in and around Magnolia and Silver Lakes and the channel in between.

Wear clothes that can get wet and muddy, with closed-toe shoes. Dow Chemical is sponsoring water bottles and lunch.

If you put in all four hours, we will provide lunch!
Contact Jenn to register: 215 785-1177 x14.



Wednesday, April 16 - Naturalist Skills, 6 pm - 8 pm We will go into Delhaas Woods. It is a good time to listen to frogs and toads. Bring a picnic dinner. No one under 16. Registration is required. Fee: \$6/person members and \$8/person non-members.

Saturday, April 19 - Earth Day-Work Day, 9 am - 2 pm. See center box for details. Join the fun!

Sunday, April 20 - Building closed for holiday.

Monday, April 21- West Chester University Harp Ensemble rehearsal, 6 - 7 pm. Free. All are welcome.

Wednesday, April 23 - Frog Slog in the Bog, 7 - 8:30 pm. See April 12th for details.

Saturday, April 26 - Fine Wine & Fare on the Delaware, 5 - 7 pm. Join us for this special evening! See center box for details.

Sunday, April 27 - Sunday Stroll: Spring is in the Air, 2 - 3 pm. Spring is such a wonderful season, full of life and growth. Free.

Wednesday, April 30 – Meeting of Delaware Valley Fishermen, 7 pm. New members welcome!





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May 2014 Programs, Workshops, and Special Events

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Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 - Yoga, 7:30 - 9 pm.
Great for everyone! Fee: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31- Saturday Morning Bird Walk, 7:30 - 9 am. For all enthusiasts. **Free.**

Saturday, May 3 - Volunteer Work Day, 9 am - 2 pm.
Help us maintain our grounds! Wear 'get dirty' clothes, and bring a water bottle. Give us four hours and we'll give you lunch! Call Jenn at 215 785-1177 if you can help.

Sunday, May 4 - Intro to Kayaking, 1 - 3 pm. Learn basic paddle strokes and proper boat-handling skills. Then, we will practice on the water! Pre-register. Fee: \$22 member; \$27 non-member

Sunday, May 4 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Join us for an informative and leisurely stroll along the trails. Everyone is welcome. **Free.**

Tuesday, May 6 - Southern Bucks Garden Club meeting, 7 - 9 pm. Join us!

Saturday, May 10 - North American Bird Migration Count, 5:30 am - 5:30 pm. We will bird local parks and along the river. Contact Robert Mercer at 215 785-1177 if you can help us with this national bird census.

Saturday, May 10 - Plant Watchers Walk, 2-3:30 pm. Join PA Master Naturalist Candidate Pat Coleman for a walk focused on seasonal stages of plant growth. **Free.**

Sunday, May 11 - Sunday Stroll: Migrating Birds, 2 pm. What migrating birds can be found today? **Free.**

Mondays, May 12 & 26 - Focal Planes Foto Club meeting, 7:30 pm. All photo enthusiasts welcome!

Tuesday, May 13 - Full Moon Paddle, 7 - 10 pm. Kayak to Lake Magnolia and back, stopping midway to toast marshmallows. This adults-only paddle is rated *easy*. Register and pay in advance. Fee: \$22 member; \$27 non-member

Wednesday, May 14 - Artists of Bristol on the Delaware meeting, 6:30 - 9 pm. Join us!

Saturday, May 10 - Kayak Lake Nockamixon, 9 am - 3 pm. Join us for the first paddle of the 2014 season! This trip is rated *easy* and is great for beginners and those looking for a leisurely paddle. All pre-paid registered participants will receive a call with trip details the day prior to the trip. Registration and payment due by 5pm on May 7. Fee: \$38 member; \$48 non-member. With your own kayak: \$27 member; \$37 non-member

Cape May Birding Saturday, May 17, 2014, 6:30 am - 5:00 pm There are always birds in Cape May. Many years we have found over a hundred species. At the end of the day, those who want can sit down to a group dinner at a local restaurant. Fee: \$15 members \$19 non-members

Sunday, May 18 - Sunday Stroll: Reptiles, 2 - 3 pm. Join a naturalist for a walk in the preserve as we learn about local reptiles and their habitats. **Free.**

Wednesday, May 21 - Naturalist Skills, 6 pm-8 pm We will plants on the Silver Lake side of the Center. Not be appropriate for young children (no one under 16). Registration is required. The Fee: \$6/person members and \$8/person non-members.

Monday, May 19 - West Chester University Harp Ensemble rehearsal, 6 - 7 pm. **Free.**

Saturday, May 17 - Kayak Tuckerton Creek, 9 am - 4 pm. Rated *moderate*. Register and pay by May 14. All pre-paid registered participants will receive a call with trip details the day prior to the trip. Fee: \$38 member; \$48 non-member With your own kayak: \$27 member; \$37 non-member

Sunday, May 25 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Come out on your Memorial Day weekend to enjoy the beauty and bounty of nature. **Free.**

Lots to do
in shade and sun,
Summer Camp
is fun, fun, fun!

Exploration, crafts,
healthy snacks, pond study,
wetlands, woods,
predator & prey game,
and lots more.

Call Jenn for details!
215 785-1177

Sign up for Camp - one week or several! Starts June 24th, full and half days, for preschoolers thru teens!