



December 2012 Programs, Workshops, and Special Events

Silver Lake Nature Center

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

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Saturday, December 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.

If you're interested, call Jenn at 215 785-1177 x14.

Saturday, December 1 - Bird Seed Sale, 10 am - 3 pm. Order your seed by November 20th for pick up today.



Sunday, December 2 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery, 2 - 3 pm. Join a naturalist for an informative walk. **Free.**

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

Thursday, December 6, 13, 20, 27 - Yoga, 7:30 - 9 pm.



This ongoing class is great for all ages and abilities. Fee: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & 9 - Gift Shop Holiday Sale, 10 am - 5 pm. Save 10% on everything in the store this weekend! Find unique gifts and stocking stuffers for all!

Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & 9 - "A Christmas Carol". Come and enjoy Step II Productions' annual performances. Three shows: Saturday at 2 pm and 7 pm, and Sunday at 2 pm. Tickets available at the door.

Sunday, December 9 - Sunday Stroll: Winter Birds, 2 - 3 pm. What relationships can we discover in the species spending the winter in this area? **Free.**

Monday, December 10 - Meeting of Focal Planes Photo Club, 7:30 pm. New members welcome.



Come to the Nature Center to see Rosco's Giving Tree!

Choose an ornament with a gift suggestion on the back, take it home, and bring back the gift to put under the tree!



Wednesday, December 12 - Meeting of the Artists of Bristol, 6:30 pm. Join us!

Thursday, December 13 - Volunteer Holiday Potluck, 5:30 - 7 pm. Holiday cheer, good friends, good food, and a night to share the spirit that makes the Nature Center's volunteer program so special! Look for an invitation in the mail and call us!



Saturday, December 15 - Christmas Bird Count, 6:30 am - 5 pm. Join us on the 107th Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. For details about this full day of birding, call Bob Mercer at 215 785-1177 .



Saturday, December 15 - Winter Solstice Event, 7 - 8:30 pm. Join the celebration! The West Chester University Harp Ensemble will entertain, and local historian Clarence King will inform us about local Native Americans. A candlelit stroll through the woods to a roaring campfire will cap off the evening. Light refreshments. Please register by December 14th. Fee: \$10 members, \$15 non-members



Kids & Nature

Wednesday, December 27 9 am - 12 noon

Spend some of your winter break with us!

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!

Activities will be held both outdoors and indoors.

Light snacks will also be provided.

Call us at 215 785-1177

or stop in to register.

Registration and payment due by December 22.

Fee: \$10 member; \$15 non-member



Tuesday, December 25 - Visitor Center closed. The building is closed, but the trails are open from sunrise to sunset. We will reopen on Wednesday, December 26th.

Wednesday, December 26 - Delaware Valley Fly Fishers meeting, 7 - 9 pm. Join us!

Wednesday, December 27 - Kids & Nature, 9 am - noon. See center box for details. Bring the kids for some fun at the Nature Center!



Sunday, December 30 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 pm. Join a Naturalist for a leisurely stroll. **Free.**



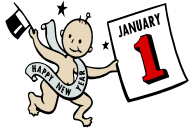
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January 2013 Programs, Workshops, and Special Events

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Tuesday, January 1 - Happy New Year! **The Visitor Center is closed today.** The building is closed, but the trails are open from sun up to sun down. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd at 10 am.

y, January 15 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Join a naturalist for a leisurely walk. **Free.**

Sunday, January 20 - Sunday Stroll: Winter Survival, 2 - 3 pm. Survival out in nature is always tough, but winter poses some particular challenges, and nature has developed some wonderful adaptations. Join us!

Free.

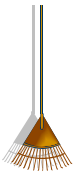


Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 29, February 12, 19, March 12, 19, & 26 -

Fly Tying Class, 7 pm. Call Wayne at 215 280-7198.

Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 - Yoga, 7:30 - 9 pm. This on-going class is great for all ages and abilities. Fee: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

Saturday, January 5 - Volunteer Work Day, 9 am - 2 pm. Help us maintain our grounds! Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet or dirty, and bring your own water bottle. We hold this event rain or shine. Give us four hours and we'll give you lunch! If you're interested, call Jenn at 215-785-1177 x14 to register.



Birding Barnegat Bay Saturday, January 12 8 am - 5 pm



We will carpool from SLNC to Barnegat Lighthouse where a long, cold walk should provide excellent views of Harlequin Ducks, Red-breasted Mergansers and Long-tailed Ducks. We will lunch in a warm restaurant and then bird the bay. Just before sunset, we will search for Short-eared Owls.

Fee: \$15 member
\$19 non-member

Please register by January 10th.

Note: Destination may change due to storm damage at the shore.

Monday, January 21 - West Chester University Harp Ensemble, 6 - 7 pm. Free and open to the public!

Wednesday, January 23 - Meeting of the Delaware Valley Fly Fishers, 7 - 9 pm. New members always welcome.

Thursday, January 24 - Bird Seed Order Deadline. Order your bird seed by today for pick-up on February 2nd. Choose oil sunflower, SL mix, conservation mix, thistle, sunflower chips, peanut hearts, and suet cakes. We accept cash, check, Visa, Discover, and Mastercard. Phone orders are welcome, Or go to our website, www.silverlakenaturecenter.org and place your order. **Note: We are planning a fourth seed sale on April 13th!**



Get your order in to us by April 3rd.

Sunday, January 6 - Sunday Stroll: Winners in the Winter, 2 -



3 pm. We often think of winter as an empty time devoid of life, but that is far from the reality. Join us! **Free.**

Wednesday, December 12 - Meeting of the Artists of Bristol, 6:30 pm. Join us!

Saturday, January 12 - Birds of Barnegat Bay, 8 am - 5 pm. See center box for details.

Sunday, January 13 - Sunday Stroll: Animals in Winter, 2 - 3 pm. Join a Naturalist for an informative and leisurely stroll on the trails. All ages welcome. **Free.**

Monday, January 14 & 28 - Meeting of Focal Planes Photo Club, 7:30 pm. New members welcome.

Sunday, January 27 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Join a naturalist for an informative and leisurely walk. **Free.**

It is not too soon to think about Summer Camp! Our Summer Camp starts on June 24th and runs 'til August 16th. We offer half day and full day camp. Sign up for one week or several! Pre-schoolers, 6 - 8's, 9 - 12's, and teens.

Our building, trails, and observation platform are handicapped-accessible. Come out and experience the woods in winter!



February 2013 Programs, Workshops and Special Events

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Saturday, February 2 - Volunteer Work Day, 9 am - 2 pm. Help us maintain our grounds! Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet or dirty, and bring your own water bottle. Rain or shine. Give us four hours and we'll give you lunch! If you're interested, call Jenn at 215 785.1177 x14 to pre-register.



Sunday, February 10 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Join a naturalist for an informative and leisurely walk. **Free.**

Monday, February 11 & 25 - Meeting of Focal Planes Photo Club, 7:30 pm. New members welcome.



Wednesday, February 13 - Meeting of the Artists of Bristol, 6:30 pm. Join us!

Saturday, February 2 - Bird Seed Sale, 10 am - 3 pm. Order your seed by November 20th for pick up today.

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, February 2, 3, & 4 - Photo drop-off for Annual Photo Contest. Come in noon to 4 pm on the weekend; 6:30 - 9 pm on Monday night. Contact Steve at 215 736-1834 for details.

Saturday, February 16 - Photo Contest Awards Ceremony, 12:30 pm. Come and see the winners receive their awards! Enjoy all the photos and chat with the photographers.

Sunday, February 3 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Come out and stretch those legs and breathe some fresh air. **Free.**

Tuesday, February 5 - Meeting of S. Bucks Garden Club, 7 - 9 pm. Join us!

Thursday, February 7, 14, 21, & 28 - Yoga, 7:30 - 9 pm. This ongoing class is great for all ages and abilities. Come and give it a try! Fee: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

Fridays, February 8, & 15, March 1, 8, 15 & 22 - Naturalist Aide Training, 10 am - 12 pm. Do you enjoy children and Nature? This **free** training will provide you with the background to help us in leading groups through our environmental education programs. Must pre-register and be able to attend all six sessions. Please call Lorraine at 215 785-1177 for details and to register.

Saturday, February 9 - Birding the North Shore of New Jersey, 8 am - 5 pm. We will carpool from the Nature Center and bird all day. For lunch, we will warm our toes and fingers in a local restaurant. Please register by Feb. 7th. Fee: \$15 member; \$19 non-member
Note: Destination may change due to accessibility at shore locations.



Maple Syrup Week February 19 thru 22

Bring your class or group to the Nature Center

for this 90 minute program.

Learn the history and process, and taste the real thing!

Programs offered this week *only*.

Please call Lorraine at 215 785-1177

or liskala@co.bucks.pa.us

for details and to book your group.

Basic fee: \$5 per person

Must pre-register.

Sunday, February 17 - Sunday Stroll: Winter Birds, 2 - 3 pm. Believe it or not, the northern migration has started, but the vast majority of the birds will be our winter friends. **Free.**

Monday, February 18 - West Chester University Harp Ensemble, 6 - 7 pm. Join us. It's **free** and open to the public!

Sunday, February 19 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Enjoy a walk with a naturalist. **Free.**

Tuesday, February 19 thru 22 - Maple Syrup Week, 9 am - 5 pm. This is your chance to see just where

maple syrup comes from! See center box for details. *One week only.* Must pre-register. Call Lorraine for details at 215 785-1177.



Sunday, February 26 - Maple Syrup Demonstration, 1 - 2 pm. Come and learn how maple syrup is made, from tree sap to bottle. Taste real maple syrup! Bottled syrup from a local farm will be available for sale. Fee: \$3 per person



It's Maple Syrup time! Come and experience the process. Contact Lorraine for details.



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 Valley Fly Fishers meets at 7:30 pm on the 4th Wednesday, September through June. Contact: Wayne 215 280-7198

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 at 7 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Contact: Ellen 215 788-0651

West Chester University Harp Ensemble rehearses at 6 pm on the 3rd Monday of the month. Contact: Gloria 215 342-9397

Yoga class meets at 7:30 pm on Thursdays all year 'round. Contact: Joe or Deb at 267 808-1071.

On the Horizon

Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Lunch

March 9th 11 am - 1 pm

Join us 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!

RSVP by Friday March 1st by calling Jenn at 215 785-1177 ext. 14, or jlbilger@co.bucks.pa.us

Earth Day Work Day Saturday, April 20

9 am - 2 pm

Celebrate the Earth by helping to clean her up! We will be picking up the litter and debris in and around Magnolia and Silver Lakes and the channel in between. We will work on land and in kayaks.

Give us four hours and we'll give you lunch!
If you can help, call Jenn at 215 785-1177.

March 2013

Call for details and to register:

March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 - Saturday Morning Bird Walks, 7:30 am. Who is arriving? Free.

Saturday, March 2 - Volunteer Work Day, 9 am - 2 pm. If you can help, call Jenn.

Saturday, March 2 - Celtic Concert by Mary Courtney, 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 on March 2nd.

March 3, 10, 17, & 24 - Sunday Stroll, 2 pm. For all ages: Come exploring with us. Free.

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28 - Yoga, 7:30 - 9 pm. For all ages and abilities. Try it!

Saturday, March 9 - Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Event, 10 am - noon. Please call to R.S.V.P.!

Saturday, March 16 - Fly Fishing Clinic, 10 am - 4 pm. Call Wayne at 215 280-7198 for details and to register.

**Silver Lake Nature Center
1306 Bath Road
Bristol, PA 19007
215 785-1177**

Building Hours:

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

Gift Shop

Museum/Display featuring native animals

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