



December 2015 Programs, Field Trips, and Special Events

Please note: Payment is required at registration. Only after payment is received will your reservation be final. Stop in or call to register at least one week before the program date. We accept cash, check, Visa, Discover, and MasterCard.

Silver Lake Nature Center

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

Note: Registration is not required for free programs, including Sunday Strolls.

Tuesday, December 1 - Meeting of S. Bucks Garden Club, 7 - 9 pm. New members welcome.

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

Friday, December 4 - Naturalist Aide Training, 10 am - 3 pm. Registered participants.

Saturday, December 5 - Volunteer Work Day, 9 am - 2 pm. Help us maintain our grounds! Give us four hours and we'll give you lunch! Rain or shine.

Saturday, December 5 - Bird Seed Sale, 10 am - 2 pm. Order your seed by Nov. 27th for pick up today.

Saturday, December 5 & Sunday, December 6 - Step II Productions 3 pm - 5 pm. Step II Productions presents "A Christmas Carol". The event takes place in the auditorium of the Nature Center. Tickets are \$8 per person and will be available at the door.

Sunday, December 6 - No Sunday Stroll Today Visitor Center Closed Join us next Sunday.

Wednesday, December 9 - Meeting of the Artists of Bristol, 7 pm. New members welcome!

Thursday, December 10 - Volunteer Holiday Potluck, 4- 6 pm. Holiday cheer, good friends, homemade recipes, and a night to share the spirit that makes the Nature Center's volunteer program so special! Let us know by Dec. 10 that you'll attend and what you'll bring!

Saturday, December 12- Earthship 10 am - 2 pm. Public tours **Fee: \$5 pp**

Sunday, December 13 - Sunday Stroll, 2pm - 3pm. Reptiles may be avoiding the cold temperatures, but plenty

of other animals remain active. We should too! Come stroll the trails and search for wildlife. **Free.**

Mondays, December 14 & 28 - Meeting of Focal Planes Photo Club, 7 pm. Join us!

Saturday, December 19 - Christmas Bird Count, 6:30 am - 5 pm. Join us on the 116th Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Call Bob Mercer at 215 785-1177.

Saturday, December 19 - Winter Solstice Event, 7 - 8:30 pm. Join us for the Winter Solstice Event. Gloria Galante with the West Chester University Harp Ensemble will be back, as will local historian Clarence King. Mr. King's presentation topic will be "Wildlife of Silver Lake Nature Center... Then and Now." Cap off the evening with

Kids & Nature
Tuesday, December 29
Wednesday, December 30
9 am - 4 pm

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.
Sign up for one or both days!

Fee, per day: \$35 member; \$40 non-member
 Registration and payment due by December 22nd.

Winter through the woods and a roaring campfire. Hot cider and light refreshments will be served. Fee: \$10 member, \$15 non-member. Please pre-register by calling 215-785-1177

Sunday, December 20 - No Sunday Stroll Today the Visitor Center will be Closed. Join us next Sunday.

Friday, December 25 - Visitor Center closed. Enjoy the holiday! We will reopen on December 26th.

Sunday, December 27 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Even though the days are getting longer and temperatures are dropping. Bundle up and take a walk on the trails to enjoy Winter's beauty. **Free.**

Tuesday, December 29 &/or Wednesday, December 30 - Kids & Nature, 9 am - 4 pm. See center box for details. Bring the kids for some fun at the Nature Center! Call us at 215 785-1177 or stop in to register.

Wednesday, December 30 - Delaware River Fishermen's Association meeting, 7 pm. Join us!



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!





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Friday, January 1 - Happy New Year! The Visitor Center is closed today. We will reopen on Saturday, January 2nd at 10 am.

Saturday, January 2 - Volunteer Work Day, 9 am - 2 pm. Monthly volunteer work days are held outside and involve grounds work, pond maintenance, trail cleanups, litter and non-native species removal. Give us four hours and we'll give you lunch! The work days happen rain or shine. Remember to dress in clothes you don't mind getting wet and/or dirty, appropriate footwear, and a refillable water bottle. Call Jenn at 215-785-1177.

Sunday, January 3 - No Sunday Stroll Today The Visitor Center is Closed. Join a naturalist for an informal stroll next week.



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

Saturday, January 9- Earthship 10 am- 2 pm. Public tours
Fee: \$5 pp.

Sunday, January 10 - Sunday Stroll 2 -3 pm. Join a Naturalist for an informal stroll as we enjoy the trails in Winter. **Free.**

Mondays, January 11 & 25 - Meeting of Focal Planes Foto Club, 7 pm. New members welcome.

Wednesday, January 13 - Meeting of the Artists of Bristol, 7 pm. Join us!

Thursday, January 14, 21, 28 -Afterschool Nature Camp, 3:30 -5:30 pm. See bottom box for details.



Birding Barnegat Bay Saturday, January 23th 8 am - 5 pm



Meet MaryJane Mannherz at Barnegat Lighthouse where a long, cold walk should provide excellent views of Harlequin Ducks, Red-breasted Mergansers, Long-tailed Ducks and plenty of other rare and common birds. 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

Monday, January 18 - West Chester University Harp Ensemble rehearsal, 6 - 7 pm. Come and enjoy. **Free.**

Saturday, January 23 - Birds of Barnegat Bay, 8 am - 5 pm. See center box for details. Preregistration is needed so that we can let the volunteer leaders know in advance who will be coming!



Sunday, January 24 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Join a naturalist for an informal stroll as we enjoy the trails in winter. **Free.**

Wednesday, January 27 - Meeting of the Delaware River Fishermen's Association, 7 - 9 pm. New members welcome!

Friday, January 29 - Bird Seed Order Deadline. Order your bird seed by today for pick-up on February 6th.

We accept cash, check, Discover, Visa, and Mastercard. Phone orders are welcome, or go to www.silverlakenaturecenter.org and place your order. **Note: The last sale for the season is April 2nd. Get your order in to us by March 25th.**

Afterschool Nature Camp

Register your 6 -12 year old child for the Winter Session, which includes 10 Thursday meetings. Children will explore the preserve, practice survival skills, and learn about our resident creatures and their winter habitats. **Fee: \$70 member/\$90 non-member.**

Our building, trails, and observation platform are handicapped-accessible.

Come out and experience the woods in winter!



February 2016 Programs, Field Trips, and Special Events

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Tuesday, February 2 - Meeting of S. Bucks Garden Club, 7 - 9 pm. Join us!

Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25 - 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.

Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 -Afterschool Nature Camp, 3:30 -5:30 pm. This is a preregistered ten week Winter Session program for 6 to 12 year olds.

Saturday, February 6 - Volunteer Work Day, 9 am - 2 pm. Help us maintain our grounds! Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, and bring a refillable water bottle. Rain or shine. Give us four hours and we'll give you lunch! Call Jenn at 215 785.1177 to register.

Saturday, February 6 - Bird Seed Sale, 10 am - 2 pm. Order your seed by Friday, January 29th for pick up today.



Sunday, February 7 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. What Did the Groundhog Say?

2 - 3 pm. Can animals or plants predict the future? Walk the trails and look for indications of what the future will bring and how natural cycles work. **Free.**

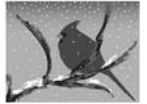
Mondays, February 8 & 22 - Meeting of Focal Planes Photo Club, 7 pm. New members welcome.

Wednesday, February 10 - Meeting of the Artists of Bristol, 7 pm. New members welcome. Join us!

Saturday, February 13- Earthship 10 am- 2pm. Public Tours **Fee: \$5 pp.**

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, February 13, 14 & 15 - Photo drop-off for Annual Photo Contest.

Stop in between noon and 4 pm Saturday; noon to 2 pm on Sunday; or 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm on Monday night. To contact Heather, e-mail her at hebaker1@gmail.com for details.



Monday, February 15 - West Chester University Harp Ensemble, 6 - 7 pm. Join us. It's free.



Saturday, February 20 - Maple Sugaring Program, 2 - 3:30 pm.

One day only! It's maple syrup season! Come out and learn how to make natural maple syrup. Learn the history, the processing steps, and taste the real thing! Please pre-register. Fee: \$6 per person.

Birding: North Shore of New Jersey Saturday, February 20 8 am - 5 pm

It is cold, but this trip provides a wonderful chance to see a number of waterfowl up close. Volunteer leaders Rick and TerriLynn Van Kirk will guide participants to a number of special locations to view birds. Rick and Terri will let participants know about the meeting location and times the week of the trip.

For lunch, we will warm our toes and fingers in a local restaurant.

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

Please register by Feb. 10th by February 20th.



Saturday, February 20 - 41st Annual Photo Contest Awards, 12:30 pm. Come and see the winners receive their awards!

Enjoy all the photos and chat with the photographers.



Saturday, February 20 - Birding the North Shore of New Jersey,

8 am - 5 pm. See center box, this page, for details. The focus is on waterfowl, big slow moving colorful birds, making this a great trip for beginners and photographers. Please register by Feb. 10th. Pre-registration is required so we can coordinate meeting locations with program participants.

Sunday, February 21 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Enjoy a walk with a naturalist. **Free.**

Wednesday, February 24 - Meeting of the Delaware River Fishermen's Association, 7 - 9 pm. If you're into fishing, check out this group! New members welcome!



It's Maple Syrup time! Come and experience the process. Call 215.785.1177 for details.



Silver Lake Nature Center



Winter 2015 Program Schedule



December 2015 - March 2016



1306 Bath Road, Bristol, PA 19007

www.silverlakenaturecenter.org

On the Horizon

Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Lunch March 19th 10 am - noon

Help us recognize our volunteers' hard work and thank everyone for sharing their time, talent and friendship this year. We hope you can come!

RSVP by Friday March 12th. Call Jenn at 267 880-5024, or jlbilger@buckscountny.org

Earth Day Work Day
Saturday, April 16
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. Give us four hours and we'll give you lunch! If you can help, call Jenn at 215.785.1177

March 2016

Call for details and to register:

Sundays, March 6 & 20 - Sunday Stroll,
2 pm. Fun naturalist-guided walk. Free.

Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Yoga,
7:30 - 9 pm. For all ages and abilities. Try it!

**Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17- Afterschool
Nature Camp, 3:30 -5:30 pm.** Participants

**Saturdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 -
Saturday Morning Bird Walks, 7:30 am.**
Who's flying in? Free.

**Saturday, March 19 - Annual Meeting and
Volunteer Recognition Event, 10 am -
noon.** Join us for this special event. Please
call Jenn at 215 785-1177 to RSVP!

**Friday, March 25 - Bird seed orders due
today** for pick up on Saturday, April 2nd.

**Wednesday, March 30 - Delaware River
Fisherman's Association meeting, 7- 9 pm**
New members always welcome.

Symbionts

Clubs that meet at the Nature Center:

Artists of Bristol meets year 'round at 7 pm
on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
Contact: John 215 595-8295

Delaware River Fishermen's Association
meets at 7 pm on the last Wednesday of each
month. Contact: Scott 215 989-0153

Focal Planes Foto Club meets at 7 pm on the
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month,
September through June.
Contact Heather: hebaker1@gmail.com

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

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

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

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ture Center**
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19007
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Building Hours:
Tuesday - Saturday, 10
am - 5 pm
Sunday, noon - 5 pm;
closed Monday

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Museum/Display featur-
ing native animals

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