



December 2013 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.

Sunday, December 1 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Join us for a brief and fun walk. **Free.**

Tuesday, December 3 - Meeting of S. Bucks Garden Club, 7 - 9 pm. New members welcome.

Thursdays, December 5, 19, 26 - Yoga, 7:30 - 9 pm. This ongoing class is great for all ages and abilities. Fee: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

Saturday, December 7 - 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 can help, please call us at 215 785-1177.

Saturday, December 7 - Bird Seed Sale, 10 am - 3 pm. Order your seed by November 26th for pick up today.

Sunday, December 8 - Sunday Stroll: Winter Birds, 2 - 3 pm. By now, almost all of the migrants have fled to warmer grounds and our winter residents have settled in. What relationships can we discover in the species spending the winter in this area? **Free.**

Mondays, December 9 & 23 - Meeting of Focal Planes Photo Club, 7 pm. Join us!

Wednesday, December 11 - Meeting of the Artists of Bristol, 6:30 pm. New members welcome!

Thursday, December 12 - Volunteer Holiday Potluck, 5:30 - 7 pm. 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 let us know you'll attend!

Saturday, December 14 - Christmas Bird Count, 6:30 am - 5 pm. Join us on the 114th Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. For details about this full day of birding, call Bob Mercer at 215 785-1177.



Saturday & Sunday, December 14 & 15 - "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 15 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Join a naturalist for an informative walk. All ages. **Free.**

Saturday, December 21 - Winter Solstice Event, 7 - 8:30 pm. The West Chester University Harp Ensemble will entertain, and local historian, Clarence King, will discuss local history. A candlelit stroll through the woods to a campfire will cap off the evening. Light refreshments will be served. Please register by December 20th. Fee: \$10 members, \$15 non-members



Sunday, December 22 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Join us! **Free.**

Monday, December 23 - Focal Planes Photo Club meeting, 7:30 pm. Join us! New members always welcome.

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

Thursday, December 26 &/or Friday, December 27 - Kids & Nature, 9 am - 4 pm. See center box for details. Bring the kids for some fun at the Nature Center!

Sunday, December 29 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Let's see what we find! All ages. **Free.**



Kids & Nature

**Thursday, December 26
Friday, December 27
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

Call us at 215 785-1177 or stop in to register. Registration and payment due by December 21st.





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

Mondays, January 13 & 27 - Meeting of Focal Planes Foto Club, 7 pm. New members welcome.

Sunday, January 19 - Sunday Stroll: Winter Survival, 2 - 3 pm. Survival out in nature is always tough, but winter poses some special challenges, and nature has developed some wonderful adaptations. Join us! **Free.**

Thursdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 - 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 4 - 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.



Birding Barnegat Bay Saturday, January 11th 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 9th.

Monday, January 20 - West Chester University Harp Ensemble rehearsal, 6 - 7 pm. Come and enjoy. **Free.**

Wednesday, January 29 - Meeting of the Delaware River Fishermen's Association, 7 - 9 pm. If you're into fishing, check out this group that just started meeting at the Nature Center. New members welcome!

Thursday, January 23 - Bird Seed Order Deadline. Order your bird seed by today for pick-up on February 1st. Choose oil sunflower, SL mix, conservation mix, thistle, sunflower chips, peanut hearts, and suet cakes. We accept cash, check, Discover, Visa, and Mastercard. Phone orders



are welcome, or go to our website, www.silverlakenaturecenter.org and place your order. **Note: The fourth and last sale for the season is April 5th. Get your order in to us by March 26th.**

Wednesday, January 8 - Meeting of the Artists of Bristol, 7 pm. Join us!

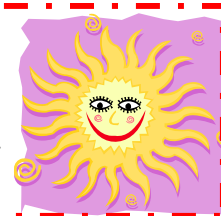
Saturday, January 11 - Birds of Barnegat Bay, 8 am - 5 pm. See center box for details.

Sunday, January 12 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. There's lots to find! All ages welcome. **Free.**

Sunday, January 26 - 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 23rd and runs 'til August 15th.
We offer half day and full day camp. Sign up for one week or several!
Preschool (4 & 5 year-olds), 6 - 12-year-olds, and teens (13 thru 17 year-olds).
We also need Counselors-in-Training (C.I.T.'s) - teens who volunteer to help with our Summer Camp for a minimum of two weeks during the summer.



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



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



Saturday, February 1 - Bird Seed Sale, 10 am - 3 pm. Order your seed by January 23rd for pick up today.



Tuesday, February 11 thru 14 - Maple Syrup Week, 9 am - 5 pm. This is your chance to see just where maple syrup comes from! See center box for details. Must pre-register.

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, February 1, 2, & 3 - Photo drop-off for Annual Photo Contest.

Come in between 2 and 4 pm Saturday; noon to 4 pm on Sunday; or 7 to 8:30pm on Monday night. Contact Steve at 215 736-1834 for details.

Wednesday, February 12 - Meeting of the Artists of Bristol, 7 pm. New members welcome. Join us!

Sunday, February 16 - 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.

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

Tuesday, February 4 - Meeting of S. Bucks Garden Club, 7 - 9 pm. Join us!

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27 - 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



Maple Syrup Week February 11 thru 14

Bring your school or scout group to the Nature Center and learn how to make maple syrup. Discover 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.



Monday, February 17 - West Chester University Harp Ensemble, 6 - 7 pm. Join us. It's free.

Fridays, February 21 & 28, and March 7, 14, 21, & 28 - 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 22 - 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. 20th. Fee: \$15 member; \$19 non-member

Sunday, February 23 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Enjoy a walk with a naturalist. Free.

Wednesday, February 26 - Meeting of the Delaware River Fishermen's Association, 7 - 9 pm. If you're into fishing, check out this group! New members welcome!



Saturday, February 8 - Maple Syrup Program, 2 - 3 pm.

It's maple syrup season! Today's program is open to the public. Learn how to make natural maple syrup. Fee: \$5 per person. Please pre-register.

Saturday, February 8 - Photo Contest Awards and 40th Anniversary Celebration, 7 pm. Come and see the winners receive their awards! Enjoy all the photos and chat with the photographers. Help us celebrate 40 years!

Sunday, February 9 - Sunday Stroll: Discovery Walk, 2 - 3 pm. Join a naturalist for an informative and leisurely walk. Free.



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



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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

NEW! 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: Steve 215 736-1834

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

On the Horizon

Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Lunch

March 15th 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 14th by calling Jenn at 215 785-1177 ext. 14, or jlbilger@co.bucks.pa.us

Earth Day Work Day Saturday, April 19

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 2014

Call for details and to register:

March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 - Saturday Morning Bird Walks, 7:30 am. Who's flying in? **Free.**

Saturday, March 1 - Volunteer Work Day, 9 am - 2 pm. If you can help, call Jenn.

March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 - Sunday Stroll, 2 pm. Fun naturalist-guided walk for all ages. Let's see what we can find! **Free.**

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 - Yoga, 7:30 - 9 pm. For all ages and abilities. Try it!

Saturday, March 15 - Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Event, 10 am - noon. Please call to RSVP! Join us for this special event.

Wednesday, March 26 - Bird seed orders due today for pick up on Saturday, April 5th.

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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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