Looking Ahead...

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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 at www.artistsofbristolpa.com

Delaware River Fishermen’s Association
Meets at 7 pm on the last Wednesday of each month.
Contact: Scott 215-989-0153 or mcdonoughsk@gmail.com

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

Southern Bucks Garden Club
Meets at 7 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month.
Contact: Ellen at ellenmiller24@comcast.net

West Chester University Harp Ensemble
Rehearses at 6 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month.
Contact: Gloria 215-342-9397 or ggharp@comcast.net

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 or jeaker1@verizon.net

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

Nature Center Hours
Tuesday – Saturday
10 am – 5 pm
Sunday, 12 pm – 5 pm
Closed Monday

Please come explore our museum display featuring native animals and visit our gift shop.

Supplies are limited
All proceeds benefit the Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center

The Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs, activities, or facilities.
December 2016 Programs

**Birding Field Trip– Conowingo Dam**
Saturday, December 3
8am - 5pm
Led by Linda Rowan. Meet at 8am at Silver Lake Nature Center. Bring snacks, late lunch out. Returning by 5pm.
$15/member; $19/non-member
*Registration and payment due by November 26*
Please visit www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org or call 215-785-1177 for info/registration.

**Volunteer Work Day**
Saturday, December 3
9 am - 2 pm.
Help us maintain our grounds! Be prepared to get wet and dirty. Bring a refillable water bottle. Give us 4 hours and we’ll give you lunch!
This event is *rain or shine.*
Please call 215-785-1177 if you would like to participate.

**Amazing World of Aquatic Critters**
Saturday, December 3
1-3pm
What happens to the bugs, insects, and critters that live in Silver Lake during the winter? Let’s head to the water and find out! Families & Individuals of all ages welcome.
Fee per adventurer: $8 member; $10 non member

**History of Silver Lake Presentation**
Saturday, December 3
7 - 8 pm
Local historian Clarence King offers an informative and engaging presentation on the history of Silver Lake.
$6 per person

**Volunteer Holiday Potluck**
Thursday, December 8
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!
Please call 215.785.1177 by December 6 to let us know that you’ll attend and what you’ll bring!

**Bird Seed Sale**
Saturday, December 10
10 am - 2 pm
*Orders due December 2*

**Beginning Birding 101 ~ Winter Edition**
Saturday, December 10
1 - 3 pm
This course in bird watching is designed for the beginner. Everything from binoculars to birdfeeders will be covered in this course before moving on to bird identification in the wilds of the preserve.
Families and Individuals of all ages welcome.
Fee per adventurer: $8 member; $10 non member

**Map & Compass in the Woods~ Wilderness Survival Series**
Saturday, December 17
1 - 3 pm
The arts of Map reading and Compass use are very useful tools when exploring the wilds of Pennsylvania. Use of GPS on cell phones may give many false confidence. Learn how to combine these tools in the deep woods of Silver Lake Nature Preserve.
Families, individuals, all ages welcome!
Fee per adventurer: $8 member; $10 non-member.

**Christmas Bird Count**
Saturday, December 17
6:30 am - 5:30 pm
117th Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count.
Call 215 785-1177

**Holiday Harps Concert**
Sunday, December 19
6 – 7 pm.
West Chester University Harp Ensemble, under the direction of Professor Gloria Galante, will preform a delightful concert of Holiday, Solstice and winter songs.
$5/person. Tickets available at the door

**Winter Solstice Night Hike & Campfire**
Wednesday December 21
7 - 8:30 pm
Join us for a night-time walk on the Trails to celebrate the Winter Solstice, complete with a warm campfire and marshmallows.
$10 per person

**Winter Nature Camp**
Monday, December 26 - Friday December 30
9 am - 4 pm
Sign up for one day or the whole week! Six to twelve-year olds are invited to spend their Winter Break with us! We will explore the trails, play games, do crafts, and more! Activities will be inside and outside. Light snacks will be provided, please pack a lunch.
Fee: $50 per day or $200 for whole week.
Before/After Care Options available for an additional fee.
For information and registration, please call 215-785-1177
*Registration and payment are due by Dec. 20th.*

*No registration required unless otherwise noted
Volunteer Work Day  
Saturday, January 7  
9 am - 2 pm.  
Help us maintain our grounds! Please bring a refillable water bottle and “dress for mess” including closed toe shoes! Give us 4 hours and we’ll give you lunch!  
**Rain or Shine!**  
Please call 215-785-1177 if you would like to participate.

Nature Crafts  
Saturday, January 7  
1 - 3 pm  
Fun for the whole family. Combine nature with art and watch the magic begin. Each participate will create a work of art to take home.  
Families and Individuals of all ages welcome  
Fee per adventurer: $8 member; $10 non-member

Shelter Building in the Forest  
Wilderness Survival Series  
Saturday, January 14  
1 - 3 pm.  
Lost in the woods and need to stay the night outdoors in winter? Join the naturalist on this hike through the forests of Silver Lake Nature Preserve to build a debris shelter and survive the cold. Be prepared for some physical activity!  
Families and Individuals of all ages welcome!  
Fee per adventurer: $8 member; $10 non-member

Winter Tree Identification  
Saturday, January 21  
1 - 3 pm  
The trees have no leaves! How can we discover their identities in winter? Join the naturalist on this hike through the forests of Silver Lake Nature Preserve to learn amazing tips and tricks for identifying these majestic trees. Prepare for a wonderfully chilly hike deep into the forest.  
Families and Individuals of all ages welcome!  
Fee per adventurer: $8 member; $10 non member

Birding Field Trip– Barnegat Light  
Saturday, January 21  
8am - 5pm  
Led by Mary Jane Mannherz. A brisk 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  
$15/member; $19/non-member  

Homeschool Enrichment Series  
Winter Session  
Tuesdays, January 24– March 14  
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Created for Home school students, this class runs for 8 weeks. Hands on learning happens both inside and outside on the Nature Center grounds. New topic each week.  
$100 per child ages 6-12  
$120 per child ages 12-18  
Please see website for application.  
Call Silver Lake Nature Center for more information.

The Mysteries of Delhaas Woods  
Saturday, January 28  
1 - 3 pm  
Many strange stories emanate from the woods known as Delhaas within the Silver Lake Nature Preserve. Hike over two miles through the twisting and winding paths while learning some of the human and natural history of these wild woods.  
Families and Individuals of all ages welcome!  
Fee per adventurer: $8 member; 10 non member

Winter Nature Camp!  
Monday, January 16  
9 am – 4 pm  
School is out for the day and what a great way to spend it – In the wintery wilds of Silver Lake Nature Preserve!  
The professional Naturalists are ready to spend the day assisting your child in engaging nature in the outdoors. Easy drop off and pick up at the Nature Center. Before and Aftercare is available.  
All children ages 6 to 13 are welcome to attend.  
Fee is $50 for the day  
**Register by 1/13/2017.**

*No registration required unless otherwise noted*
Volunteer Work Day
Saturday, February 4
9 am – 2 pm.
Help us maintain our grounds! Please bring a refillable water bottle and “dress for mess” including closed toe shoes. Give us 4 hours and we’ll give you lunch!
Rain or Shine!
Please call 215-785-1177 if you would like to participate.

Fire-Building for Beginners
Wilderness Survival Series
Saturday, February 11
1 - 3 pm.
If you were stranded in the woods could you build a simple fire to survive? Even with matches, starting and maintaining a fire in winter can be a difficult task. Join us in the forest and discover if you have what it takes. Families and Individuals of all ages welcome.
Fee per adventurer: $8 member; $10 non-member

Birding Field Trip –North Shore
Saturday, February 18
8 am - 5 pm
Led by Rick & Terry Van Kirk. This trip will provide a wonderful chance to see a number of waterfowl up close. This a great trip for beginners and photographers. For lunch, we will warm up in a local restaurant.
$15/member; $19/non-member
Please visit www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org or call 215-785-1177 for info/registration

Wild Animal Signs of Delhaas Woods
Saturday, February 18
7:30 am - 5 pm
Wild Animals leave behind all types of signs that give us clues to their behaviors. During this expedition participants will learn to examine animal signs. They will also make a plaster cast of a footprint to take home.
Families and Individuals of all ages welcome!
Fee per adventurer: $8 member; $10 non–member

Winter Adventure Camp!
Monday, February 20
9 am – 4 pm
School is out for President’s Day and what a great way to spend it – In the frosty woods of Silver lake Nature Preserve!
The Seasoned Naturalists are ready to spend the day assisting your child in engaging nature in the outdoors.
Easy drop off and pick up at the Nature Center.
Before and Aftercare is available.
All children ages 6 to 13 are welcome to attend this.
Fee $50 for the day  Register by 2/17/2017.

Maple Syrup Week, Group Programs
February 21 - 25
Schedule your group to visit Silver Lake Nature Center for this special seasonal program and learn all about Maple syrup.
1.5 and 3 hour group programs available.
Call 215.785.1177  to schedule.
$6 per person for 1.5 hour program
$8 per person for 3 hour program
(minimum of 10 participants)

Maple Syrup
Saturday, February 25
1- 3 pm
Learn the basic steps to turn tree sap into delicious syrup. Taste a sample and help in the process of making this wonderful delight. Be prepared for outdoor exploring! Families and Individuals of all ages welcome.
Fee per adventurer: $8 member; $10 non member

NO Registration needed!*  Just bring your curiosity and a sturdy pair of shoes

*No registration required unless otherwise noted in program description