

## Looking Ahead...

The Nature Center will be **open every other Sunday starting Sunday, November 6th 2016** until further notice

### Home School Enrichment Series Spring Session

Begins April 4 2017 and will run every Tuesday through May 23 2017.

### Internship Opportunities at SLNC

#### Spring 2017 Education Internship at Silver Lake Nature Center

The Nature Center is looking for energetic, creative individuals to fill this internship position. The intern will be exposed to all aspects of the Nature Center's activities. Please see [www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org](http://www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org). Jobs for more details.

#### 2017 Silver Lake Nature Center Calendars are now available!

Enjoy stunning pictures of Silver Lake Nature Center & Park through all seasons! Photography and design are by Resident Historian & Photographer, Clarence King, as well as members of the Focal Planes Foto Club. Calendars are \$15 each.



Supplies are limited

All proceeds benefit the  
Friends of Silver Lake  
Nature Center

## 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 at [www.artistsofbristolpa.com](http://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](mailto:mcdonoughsk@gmail.com)

#### Focal Planes Foto Club

Meets at 7 pm on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, September through June.

Contact Heather: [hebaker1@gmail.com](mailto:hebaker1@gmail.com)

#### Southern Bucks Garden Club

Meets at 7 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Contact: Ellen at [ellenmiller24@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

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

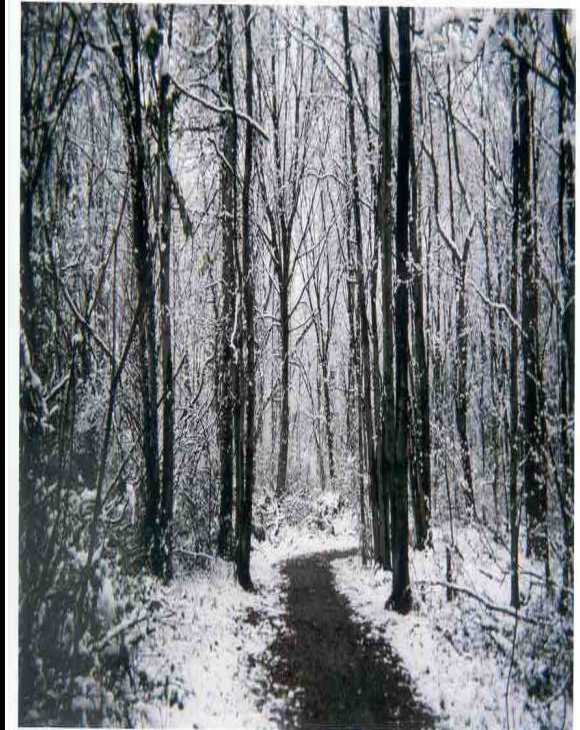


50  
YEARS

INSPIRING  
CONNECTIONS  
WITH NATURE  
SINCE 1966

Silver Lake  
Nature Center

## Winter Program Schedule



December January February  
2016-2017

[www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org](http://www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org)

1306 Bath Road  
Bristol, PA 19007  
215 785-1177

# December 2016 Programs

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

## **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](http://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*

\*No registration required unless otherwise noted

## **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 perform 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.**

# January 2017 Programs

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

## 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 participant 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

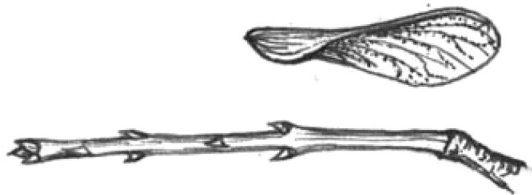
**Saturday, January 21**

**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

Please visit [www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org](http://www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org)

or call 215-785-1177 for info/registration.

## 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

# February Programs

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

## 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](http://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)

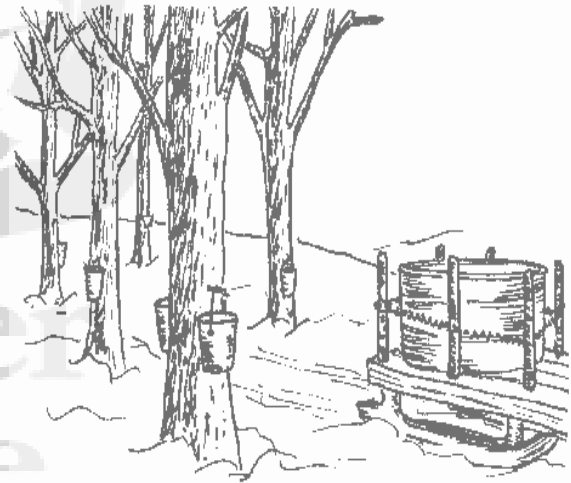
## Maple Syrup

**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 required unless otherwise noted**

**in program description**