

Looking Ahead...

Silver Lake Summer Camp 2017

Camp season begins June 26th 2017 and will run for 9 weeks. For a look at our 2017 brochure and registration information visit our website at: www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org/things-to-do/summer-camp/

2017 Camp Counselor Opportunities Summer Camp Counselors and C.I.T's are needed for Silver Lake Nature Center's 2017 Camp Season.

The Nature Center is looking for several energetic, creative individuals to fill these positions. Please visit our website at: www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org/Jobs

Saturday Series Programs!

We are continuing to add new Saturday Series programs every Saturday from 1 pm - 3pm. Stop in and learn something new this Saturday!

Come Kayak at Silver Lake

You asked for it and we heard you- The Silver Lake Nature Center Kayaking Program with Wm. Roger Clark has been revitalized! In addition to Kayaking 101 classes we are now also offering monthly Full Moon Kayak excursions as well. Come out and paddle the lake with us!

PA Master Naturalist Training

Registration for Fall 2017 is now open! For more information contact Jenn Bilger at 267 880 5024

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

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: Steve Waite at swaite210@msn.com

Nature Book Club

Meets at 6pm on the last Thursday of each month at the Earthship building.

Contact: Lee Roach at SLNCNatureBookClub@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.

Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation

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Silver Lake Nature Center

Spring Program Schedule



A Spring of possibilities...

March April May
2017

www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org

1306 Bath Road

Bristol, PA 19007

215 785-1177

March 2017 Programs

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

Baby & Me Nature Walk

Wednesday, March 1

2 - 3pm

Nature discovery exercise walk on our trails—see what lives in our various habitats and what they do during the different seasons. After the walk, gather for a snack in our indoor Welcome area or our covered picnic pavilion with access to our natural outdoor Kids Play Area
Contact Jenn Bilger at 267 880-5024 for more info
Free!

Animal Tracks & Scat

Saturday, March 4

1 - 3 pm

Animals are all around, even when we don't see them! Join us as we search the Preserve for animal signs and clues of who has been here
Families and Individuals of all ages welcome
Fee per adventurer: \$8 member; \$10 non member

Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, March 4

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.

Birding at Core Creek Park, Family Friendly

Saturday, March 11

8 - 10 am

Led by Dawn Denner and son Kavan. If you want to go on our birding trips but can't commit an entire day, this is the trip for you! Join Dawn and her son Kavan as we explore Core Creek park looking for early migrants.

\$15/member; \$19/non-member

Please visit www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org

or call 215-785-1177 for info/registration

Beginning Birding 101 ~ Spring Edition

Saturday, March 11

1 - 3 pm

This course is designed for the beginner. Everything from binoculars to birdfeeders will be covered 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

Friends of Silver Lake's Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition

Saturday March 18

10 am - 1 pm

Find out what Silver Lake Nature Center has been up to in 2016, meet the Friends of Silver Lake's new & current Board Members, and honor our amazing Volunteers who work hard all year 'round to keep this Natural Treasure so beautiful!

Please RSVP with Arden Williams 215-785-1177 or awilliams@buckscounty.org

Naturalist Aide Training– Spring Session

Fridays, March 24 and 31

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Nature Center is offering a **FREE** training program for people who can assist with our environmental education programs! If you have a few hours a week, can make a commitment to attend **BOTH** training sessions, and would like to be a part of a fun and diverse group, please contact us at 215 785-1177 Program is held on 2 Fridays, 10am to 3pm: March 24th & March 31st.

Birding Field Trip– John Heinz NWR

Saturday, March 25

8am - 5pm

Led by Steve Boyle. We start the day birding at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge and will break for lunch there. We will then continue onto Bartram's Gardens
Please bring food and beverages.

\$15/member; \$19/non-member

Please visit www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org

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

Signs of Spring 2017

Saturday, March 25

1 - 3:00 pm

The early signs of Nature waking up are everywhere. Walk with the naturalist through the habitats of the preserve deep into the wilds to discover what can be found as signs that spring is here!

Fee per adventurer: \$8 member; \$10 non member

Rainbows of Healing's Medicine Drum

Making workshop at the Earthship

Sunday, March 26

11 am - 4 pm

In this workshop you will be supplied everything you need to create your own frame drum and accompanying beater. While you are making your creations Valarie and Ian will teach you the care and feeding of your drum, as well as how to use them in healing and cleansing ceremonies. Once completed, we'll celebrate its birth with a special ceremony at the Stone Meditation Circle outside the Earthship.

PLEASE REGISTER AT

www.rainbowsofhealing.com/upcomingevents/
under Medicine Drum making Workshops

Cost & Materials:

\$165-*includes all materials for a 14" diameter Maple Frame/Elk Hide drum and drum stick*

\$195-*includes all materials for a 18" diameter Maple Frame/Buffalo Hide drum and drum stick*

All other materials will be provided and are included in price.

\$50 deposit & registration required and due by March 17

*No registration required unless otherwise noted

April 2017 Programs

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

Natural Egg Dying Class 101

Saturday, April 1

1 - 3 pm

Led by PA Master Naturalist Patti Burd, this is a basic/ beginners, hands-on experience using Natural dyes to color eggs. Use common vegetables, berries, and spices to create beautiful eggs. You will take home your finished eggs and some of the dyes you created. Please bring 6 hardboiled eggs and wear old clothes

Class size is limited, so please register early.

Families and Individuals of all ages welcome

Fee per adventurer: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

Naturalist Skills: Five Mile Woods

Saturday, April 8

10 am - 12 pm.

Join John Lloyd as he explores Five Mile Woods to take a look at Spring wildflowers, and what lives in vernal pools, as well as the various habitats plant communities, and signs of forest succession. This trip is open to people of all ages.

Families and Individuals of all ages welcome!

Fee per adventurer: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

Nature Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8

1 - 3 pm

Many creatures lay eggs in the depths of the preserve. This fun activity for the whole family will challenge the participants to find these "Special" hidden eggs throughout the wilds of the forest. Solve the *Who Done It* mystery of the special eggs to achieve the prize!

Families and Individuals of all ages welcome!

Fee per adventurer: \$8 member; \$10 non member

Full Moon Night Hike and Campfire

Tuesday, April 11

7 - 8:30 pm

Join us for an illuminating moonlit walk on the trails and stay for a campfire finale.

\$8 member; \$10 non member

Birding Field Trip- Bull's Island, D&R Canal

Saturday, April 15

8am - 5pm

Led by Hope and Kevin Sauppe. Enjoy a scenic ride along the Delaware to Bull's Island. We'll search for migratory birds including Warblers, Thrushes, and Vireos. We'll explore various areas within Delaware Canal State Park where Cuckoos, Pileated Woodpeckers, and various Raptors including Bald Eagles may be seen. This trip had a moderate amount of walking but on easier trails. Pack a picnic lunch and meet at the SLNC at 7:30 AM

\$15/member; \$19/non-member

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Live Animal Presentation

with Mercer County Wildlife Center

Saturday, April 15

1 - 3 pm

Meet and learn about some of the Mammals and Raptors that are local to this area. Families and Individuals of all ages welcome!

Fee per adventurer: \$8 member; \$10 non member

Naturalist Skills: Earthship to Artwork

Thursday, April 20th

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Join Gail and Marty, members of the Artists of Bristol, for a unique nature art experience and go home with your own creation! Held at the Earthship.

Fee per person: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

Earth Day Work Day

Saturday, April 22

9 am - 2 pm.

Celebrate the Earth by helping to clean her up! ! 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.

Earth Day (Every Day) Open House FREE!

Saturday, April 22

1 - 3 pm

Silver Lake Nature Preserve is hosting a FREE open house! If you've ever wanted to learn more about Silver Lake, today is the day. One of the things planned for this day is a hike deep into the wilds of the Delhass forest with our Director to discover the mysteries of this concealed place. Families and Individuals of all ages welcome.

All Activities this day are free!

Birding Field Trip- Cape May

Saturday, April 29

8am - 5pm

Led by Steve Boyle. Let's head to where the birds are- Cape May! With upland forests, forested wetlands, salt marshes, beaches, maritime forests and grasslands. Combined with the wind and geography and you have a great place for spotting migrating hawks, seabirds, shorebirds, and songbirds.

Bring a lunch. We will have dinner out at around 5pm.

\$15/member; \$19/non-member

Please visit www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org

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

Exercise Walk at the Park!

Saturday, April 29

1-3 pm

Enjoy the beautiful Preserve with us today while learning how to start and maintain a personal fitness program on the Nature Trails!

Families, individuals, all ages welcome!

Fee per person: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

*No registration required unless otherwise noted

May Programs

NO Registration needed!*

Just bring your curiosity and a sturdy pair of shoes

Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, May 6

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.

Wonderful Wetlands Walk!

Saturday, May 6

1 - 3 pm.

Learn about the wonderful wetlands that make Silver Lake Nature Preserve such a special place.

Families and Individuals of all ages welcome.

Fee per adventurer: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

North American Bird Migration Count

Saturday, May 13

5:30 am - 6:30 pm

Never been birding before? Here is a chance to learn while being actively involved in important citizen science national bird census. No experience needed, participate for half or full day. Meet at Silver Lake Nature Center at 5:30am, 7:30am or 10am, or join us later at 1pm to move on to Neshaminy State Park. For more information contact the Silver Lake Nature Center at 215 785-1177

Intro to Kayaking Class

Saturday, May 13

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Led by SLNC Kayaking Instructor, Wm. Roger Clark. This kayaking Class is informative and fun for beginners and those looking to improve paddling skills. He will demonstrate the basic paddle strokes, proper techniques, practice basic safety and proper boat handling skills. Once in the water we will practice our new skills and have fun getting familiar with paddling on Silver Lake and Magnolia Lake. Registration and payment are due by 5pm two days prior. Space is limited so please register early.

Fee per person per class:
\$25 Friends of Silver Lake Members; \$30 Non-members.

Pre-registration is required.

Full Moon Kayaking Excursion

Saturday, May 13

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturdays, 5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/5, & 9/9

Led by SLNC Kayaking Instructor, Wm. Roger Clark. Full Moon Kayaking Excursions will start out in the daylight as we journey from Silver Lake to Magnolia Lake. We’ll disembark on an island in Magnolia Lake for a campfire & marshmallow roast! Then we’ll paddle back to Silver Lake by the light of the Full Moon.

This program is for experienced kayakers over age 18.

Registration and payment are due by 5pm two days prior. Space is limited so please register early.

Fee per person per class: \$30 Friends of Silver Lake Members; \$35 Non-members.

Pre-registration is required.

Birding at Stony Brook Millstone Watershed,

Family Friendly

Saturday, May 20

7:30 - 11 am

Led by Hope and Kevin Sauppe. If you want to go on our birding trips but can’t commit an entire day, this is the trip for you! We will explore the Watershed reserve and it’s variety of habitats from meadow and forest, to stream and pond. Meet at SLNC at 7:30am. Pack water, and a snack or picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards.

\$15/member; \$19/non-member

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Awesome Amphibian Frog Slog!

Saturday, May 20

1 - 3 pm.

Amphibians abound at the Silver Lake Nature Preserve! Frogs, Toads, Salamanders and more live in and around the waters of this special place. Join our team of naturalists as we enter the waters of the preserve to catch and learn more about these mysterious creatures. Be prepared for wet and muddy conditions.

Fee per adventurer: \$8 member; \$10 non-member

Summer Camp Open House

Sunday May 21

10 am - 1 pm

Have a tour of the nature preserve where our unique camp happens as well as a taste of some of the fun activities that your child will experience.

Free!

***No registration required unless otherwise noted
in program description**