Looking Ahead...

Special Event!
*a taste of ARTISTRY* will be here on Sunday, May 6, 2018, for a Step-by-Step craft/painting class—the* Create a Painting of your Pet!*

Kayak Programs return *Bigger and Better in June, 2018!*
The Center recently purchased 9 new youth sized sit-upon kayaks for our Summer Camp. We have expanded our programs as well! In addition to our Kayaking 101 and Full Moon Paddles we will be now be offering *Kayak Fishing and Kayak Bird Watching* as well. We would also like to announce that Melanie Pawlowski, SLNC Summer Camp Counselor and Kayaker Extraordinaire will be leading our 2018 Kayaking Season programs. You may remember her as a co-lead on the programs last year with Roger Clark. While Melanie is busy on the water, Roger will be busy on land creating a beautiful mural to grace our kayak garage. He did a magnificent job with the mural on the front of the visitors building, we cant wait to see what he has in store for this one. We hope to see you on the water this Summer!

Family Fishing Day
*September 8, 10 am - 2 pm*
Join us for a FREE Family Fishing Day! Activities will include learning about fish identification, fishing equipment, and fishing techniques. This event is *sponsored by the Delaware River Fishermen’s Association.*

Community Service Crafting Club
Interested in learning a new skill for yourself that could turn into a hobby? This club runs once a month on the 3rd Monday 10 to 2
More info at www.silverlakenaturecenter.org/volunteer

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.

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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.artistsofbristol.com

*Delaware River Fishermen’s Association*
Meets at 7 pm on the last Wednesday of each month.
Contact: John Pedrick at jjpedrick@verizon.net

Focal Planes Foto Club
Meets at 7 pm on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, September through June.
Contact: Heather Baker at he baker1@gmail.com

*Nature Book Club*
Meets at 6 pm on the last Thursday of each month at the Earthship building.
Contact: Lee Roach at SLNCA NatureBookClub@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 215 342-9097 or ggharp@comcast.net

*Yoga*
Class meets at 7:30 pm on Thursdays all year ’round. All ages & abilities welcome. $8/members, $10/non-members Contact Joe or Deb at 267 808-1071 or joedeb2000@verizon.net
March 2018 Programs

Silver Lake After Dark Series

Full Moon Hike – The Worm Moon
Friday, March 2
7 pm - 8:30 pm
Come hike the trails after dark and enjoy a campfire gathering to end the evening!
Member $8; Non-Member $10

Volunteer Work Day
Saturday, March 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.

Summer Camp Open House
Wednesday, March 7
6 pm - 8 pm
Come meet our summer camp staff, explore the grounds, and get a chance to ask any questions that you may have! This is also a great opportunity to meet other camp families and familiarize your child with Silver Lake Nature Center prior to camp. Free!

Evenings at the Earthship Series

Essential Oils and Aromatherapy
Thursday, March 8
6:30 pm - 8 pm
Essential oils can enhance many areas of daily life. They’re often used for immune support, relaxation, skin care, green cleaning, and more. In the workshop, you’ll learn about essential oil safety, production, and common methods of use. You will also have the opportunity to make and take an essential oil item.
$12 - Member; $15 - Non-Member
Workshop is limited to 15 people
Please RSVP to SilverLakeNatureCenter.com or call 215-785-1177 by March 2

Wild Animal Signs of the Woods
Saturday, March 10
1 pm - 2:30 pm
Wild animals leave behind all types of signs that give us clues to their behaviors. During this expedition, participants will learn how to examine animal signs and even how to make a plaster cast of a footprint to take home with them. All ages welcome.
$2 member; $3 non-member

Leprechaun Story Hike
Saturday, March 17
1 pm - 2:30 pm
This hike will put a spin on “story time” requiring us to walk the trails to get to the next page. Follow the Leprechaun’s path through SLNC, and see if it leads us to a pot o’ gold! No leprechauns will be harmed during this event.
$2 member; $3 non-member

Summer Camp Open House
Sunday, March 18
2 pm - 4 pm
Come meet our summer camp staff, explore the grounds, and get a chance to ask any questions that you may have! This is also a great opportunity to meet other camp families and familiarize your child with Silver Lake Nature Center prior to camp. Free!

Friends of Silver Lake’s Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition
Saturday, March 24
10 am - 12 pm
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

Natural Egg Dyeing with Patti Burd
Saturday, March 24
1 pm – 2:30 pm
This beginner’s, hands-on experience, led by PA Master Naturalist Patti Burd, uses 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 create. All ages welcome.
Please bring 6 hardboiled eggs and wear old clothes.
Class size is limited, registration is required
$2 - Member; $3 - Non-member

Medicine Drum Making Workshop with Rainbows of Healing at the Earthship
Sunday, March 25
11 am - 5 pm
In this workshop everything you need to create your own personalized frame drum & beater will be supplied. Class size is limited to 15 students, $50 deposit required.
Cost: $165/14” drum, or $195/ 18” drum
Register at RainbowsOfHealing.com by Wednesday, March 14th!

Kids’ Nature Days – “Spring is in the Air”
Thursday, March 29 and Friday, March 30
9 am - 4 pm
Spend Spring Break tapping trees for syrup in the budding woods of Silver Lake! Your child will love to see what goes into making delicious maple syrup while wandering through the woods and participating in crafts and activities.
$50 for one day or $90 for both, Please pre-register by March 28.

Signs of Spring
Saturday, March 31
1 pm – 2:30 pm
The sun is shining and the weather is sweet! Take a leisurely stroll around the preserve, and see what plants and animals are awakening. We’ll bring exploration tools such as magnifying glasses, binoculars, and butterfly nets to get a closer look at the warming world. $2 member; $3 non-member
April 2018 Programs

Homeschool Enrichment Series – Spring Session
Tuesdays, April 3 - May 22
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
This hands on nature based homeschool program runs for 8 Tuesdays.
For registration, please contact the Nature Center at 215-785-1177 or www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org

Nature Egg Hunt!
Saturday, April 7
1 pm – 2:30 pm
Many creatures lay eggs in the depths of the woods. 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 one of many prizes! $2 member; $3 non-member.

Evenings at the Earthship Series
Seed Starting
Thursday, April 12
6:30 pm - 8 pm
Starting seeds indoors can seem intimidating, but with some simple techniques and inexpensive supplies, you can set up a seed starting workstation and start your favorite varieties indoors with minimal effort. You will have a chance to put your hands in the soil and get some of your own seeds started to take home and care for.
$12 - Members; $15 - Non-Member
Workshop is limited to 15 people
Please RSVP by April 5 at SilverLakeNatureCenter.com or call 215-785-1177

Bird Seed Sale Pick - Up
Saturday, April 14
10 am - 12 pm
Orders due on April 6th. Orders can be placed over the phone, online or in person.
215 785 1177

Eat Your Weeds!
Saturday, April 14
1 pm – 2:30 pm
Some plants at SLNC are trouble makers! When a non-native out-compets a native species we call it an invasive. Learn to identify edible, invasive plant species and have the chance to try a few recipes!
$2 member; $3 non-member

Earth Day Work Day
Saturday, April 21
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.

Chris Westfall’s Earth Day Concert
Saturday, April 21
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
We are pleased to welcome back singer, songwriter, musician, and Nashville recording artist, Christopher Westfall to celebrate Earth Day with us!
Concert will be held inside our Visitors’ Building. Please feel free to arrive early to enjoy a walk on the Trails!
$12 person in advance (by 5pm on 4/20)
$15 at the door.
Doors to the Visitors’ Building will open at 7pm
Ticket prices apply to all ages. No refunds/exchanges.
Proceeds to benefit Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center.

White House Chef Tour
Saturday, April 28
1 pm - 5 pm
White House Chefs will be at Silver Lake Nature Center to demonstrate their skills preparing White House recipes as they answer questions and share stories & mementos collected during their service to five former presidents. Prior to the cooking demonstration, guests will be treated to appetizers and beverages from local restaurants. There will be opportunities to purchase a chance to win a seat at the Chef’s Table, as well as other great prizes.
Proceeds benefit the Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center.
$35/person. Seating is limited.
Register early by visiting SilverLakeNatureCenter.org or by calling 215-785-1177

*No registration required unless otherwise noted
Volunteer Work Day
Saturday, May 5
9 am – 2 pm
Help us maintain our grounds! Please bring a refillable water bottle and “dress for mess” including close-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.

Evenings at the Earthship Series
May Mushroom Musings w/ Joe Rakowski of Noble Earth
Thursday, May 10
6:30 pm - 8 pm
Lets talk about mushrooms! We’ll walk the trails and learn the basics of identifying our local wild mushrooms. We will also discuss cultivation and ecological responsibilities as well as how mushrooms are used as food and medicine. There will also be mushroom growing kits available for purchase at the end of the workshop.
$12 - Members; $15 - Non-Member
Workshop is limited to 15 people
Please RSVP by May 3 at SilverLakeNatureCenter.com or call 215-785-1177

Bucks County Camp Out
Friday May, 11– Saturday, May 12
The first ever Bucks County Camp-out will provide families with a camping experience right here at the Silver Lake Nature Center! Set-up camp behind our Nature Center on Friday night, followed by a night hike and marshmallows beside the fire! In the morning, enjoy a camp breakfast. Then, head out for the day’s activities. Your whole family will enjoy their time outdoors with activities ranging from kayaking to shelter building!
This is a FREE event made possible by the Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau (BCCVB).
Space is limited, Pre-Registration is REQUIRED
www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org or 215-785-1177

North American Bird Migration Count
Saturday, May 12
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 Silver Lake Nature Center at 215-785-1177

Awesome Amphibian Frog Slog!
Saturday, May 19
1 pm – 2:30 pm
Amphibians abound at the Silver Lake Nature Center! 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 to catch and learn more about these mysterious creatures. (Be prepared for wet and muddy conditions)
$2 member; $3 non-member

Silver Lake After Dark Series
Full Moon Hike– Budding Moon
Friday, May 25
7 pm - 8:30 pm
Come hike the trails after dark and enjoy a campfire gathering to end the evening!
Members $8; Non-Members $10

Bugs & Slugs – Land & Water
Saturday, May 26
1 pm – 2:30 pm
Do a pond search and a land search, too. Look to see who is a part of our tiny hidden menageries!
$2/ Members; $3/ Non-members

Summer Camp 2018 Registration is open now!
9 one-week sessions from June 25 to August 24
9 am to 4 pm
Before and after care available.
Our camp is one of the most affordable in the county, with rates of $200 per week, and you can sign up for one week or all nine!
Children ages 6 to 14 will get personal attention with an average staff to camper ratio of 1:5.
While our focus is on nature, we also offer art, cooking, engineering, poetry, and sports! Our staff is constantly adding more activities from day-to-day and week-to-week, so campers that attend all 9 weeks of camp will be entertained!

Counselors in Training (CIT's)
For teens and young adults age 15 and up, we offer a volunteer opportunity guaranteed to provide them with invaluable job experience and training.
Whether your child wants to become a teacher, biologist, or architect, volunteering as a CIT is the place to start.
For more information, visit SilverLakeNatureCenter.org or contact our Camp Director, Kassandra Archer at kaarcher@buckscounty.org or 267 880 5024

Preschool Nature Camp Registration is open now
July 9 - 13 & August 20 - 24
9 am to 12 pm.
4 – 5 Year Olds are invited to join us for TWO weeks this summer for a half day of fun-filled outdoor play and exploration. Our Early Childhood Education Specialist, PattiAnn Cutter, designed this program to increase children’s awareness of and connection to our Natural world. Preschool Campers will engage in Nature exploration excursions, outdoor games, creative arts, free-play in our “Natural Play Area,” science experiments, being Nature detectives, making new friends, and much more!
$120 per week.
For more info on Preschool Nature Camp, contact PattiAnn Cutter at 267-880-5022 or pacutter@buckscounty.org.

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