

Looking Ahead...

Kayak Programs return *Bigger and Better* from June through September!

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. 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*.

Mary Courtney Concert

September 15, 7:30pm

Mary Courtney returns to SLNC for another amazing concert! For tickets: \$12/person in advance or \$15/person at the door.

Save the Date!!!

Saturday, September 22nd!

Beer Garden coming to SLNC! Look out for details coming soon!

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

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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 hebaker1@gmail.com

Nature Book Club

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

Contact: Lee Roach at SLNCSilverLakeNatureBookClub@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 & abilities welcome. \$8/members, \$10/non-members Contact Joe or Deb at 267 808-1071 or joedeb2000@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

Summer Program Schedule



Summer is blooming!

June July August 2018

www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org

1306 Bath Road

Bristol, PA 19007

215-785-1177

Volunteer Work Day (*Rain or shine!*)

Saturday, June 2

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! Please call 215-785-1177 if you would like to participate.

Introduction to Kayaking

Saturday, June 2 and 30

3 pm - 5 pm

Have you ever wanted to learn how to maneuver a kayak? Well, here is your chance! This two hour class, led by Kayaking Instructor, Melanie Pawlowski, introduces you to the parts of a kayak, how to hold and move a kayak paddle, how to enter and exit a kayak, ways to keep your balance while kayaking, and, of course, how to get around the water in a kayak. This class takes place right on the waters of Silver Lake. \$25 per member; \$30 per non-member.

Full Moon Kayaking

Saturday, June 2 and 30

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

This kayak excursion is for those who have kayaked at least once before. We will start at the edge of Silver Lake and, once in the water, travel up Silver Lake into Magnolia Lake, where we will dock on the island in the middle. On the island, we will start a campfire and roast marshmallows. Afterwards, we will embark on our journey back, letting the moonlight guide our way. Each kayaker will be able to take in the lovely sights of Silver Lake bathed in moonlight. **Must be 18+ to participate.** \$30 per member; \$35 per non-member.

Intern Cottage Event

Saturday, June 9, 7 pm

Join us for a special presentation by local historian, Clarence King, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our "Intern Cottage!" This house was built by Clarence King's father when the Silver Lake Nature Center was still farmland! Mr. King will guide us through the years with pictures and stories of his childhood home and Silver Lake. And, what is an Anniversary Celebration without cake? So we'll also be providing cake for our guests! Please sign up for this event by calling 215-785-1177 or by visiting www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org. \$5 member; \$6 non-member.

The 5 Senses of Trees:

An Interactive Experience

Saturday, June 9

1 pm - 2:30 pm

Sure, you've seen trees, but have you taken the time to engage all 5 senses? We will learn to identify trees by how they look, smell, feel, taste, and even sound. Be prepared to hike and develop a new love for trees! \$2 member; \$3 non-member.

Evenings at the Earthship Series

Herbal Teas

Thursday, June 14

6:30 pm - 8 pm

Did you know that many of the plants in your backyard have medicinal purposes? Learn to identify plants on a short hike, then head back to the Earthship to create and enjoy your own herbal tea blends.

\$12 member; \$15 non-member.

Workshop is limited to 15 people

Please RSVP to SilverLakeNatureCenter.com or call 215-785-1177 by June 7

Habitats Walk

Saturday, June 16

1 pm - 2:30 pm

Join SLNC Intern, Sarah, on a hike through the many different habitats here at Silver Lake Nature Center! This hour-and-a-half walk will take you through meadow, forest, swamp, and marsh habitats with the chance of seeing some of the many different animals that live in them!

\$2 member; \$3 non-member.

Summer Solstice Firefly Hike

Thursday, June 21

7 pm - 8:30 pm

End the longest day of the year with a summer solstice celebration! We will welcome summer by finding fireflies along the trails, followed by a campfire at the Earthship. \$8 member; \$10 non-member.

Pond Study and Earthship Lab

Saturday, June 23

1 pm - 2:30 pm

Join SLNC interns Sarah and Maz for a closer look at some of the tiny creatures that live right here at Silver Lake! You'll have the chance to be a scientist during this one-and-a-half hour program that involves collecting macroinvertebrates from the edges of the lake and further examining them under microscopes at the Earthship Lab! \$2 member; \$3 non-member.

Kayak Fishing (Advanced) *New this season!*

Saturday, June 30

9 am - 12 pm

This course is offered for advanced kayakers who like to fish. During these three hours, we will go over the basics of kayaking, how to properly handle a fishing rod in a kayak, and, of course, we will spend time fishing in Silver Lake. Each kayaker will be able to cast their line in multiple spots and must be able to bait their own hooks. Kayakers are welcome to bring their own rods and bait. Any fish not in season will have to be released. A fishing license is required. \$30 per member; \$35 per non-member.

*No registration required unless otherwise noted

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Volunteer Work Day (*Rain or shine!*)

Saturday, July 7

9 am - 2 pm

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Evenings at the Earthship Series *Crystal Terrariums Workshop with Valerie Haag of Rainbows of Healing*

Thursday, July 12

6:30 pm - 8 pm

Interested in crystals AND plants?

Join us at the Earthship for a special Crystal Terrarium class and channel your creative energy to combine these two natural elements into a beautifully designed holistic mini living world! Crystals have a long tradition of being used for healing to harmonize the mind, body, emotions and spirit, helping to increase feelings of well-being, neutralizing negativity and helping us to become integrated, whole beings. You will choose a specific crystal to bring in intention for your Terrarium.

Class includes:

- Round glass hanging vessel
- A choice of a special crystal
- 2 Air Plants
- Decorative bits: sands, crystals, barks, moss
- Care instructions for plants

\$35 member; \$40 non-member.

*Workshop limited to 15 people, pre-registration required
Please RSVP to SilverLakeNatureCenter.com or call 215-785-1177 by July 5*

Tracking Wild Animals!

Saturday, July 14

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 will then get the chance to make a plaster cast of an animal track to take home with them.

All ages welcome!

\$2 member; \$3 non-member.

Summer Hike through Delhaas Woods

Saturday, July 21

1 pm - 2:30 pm

Have you been to the Delhaas Woods lately or at all? It is a beautiful part of Silver Lake Nature Center! And, you are invited to join us as we explore the newly blazed, user-friendly trails!

\$2 member; \$3 non-member.

Introduction to Kayaking

Saturday, July 28

9 am - 11 pm

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Must be 18+ to participate.

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Earthship Tours

Two Saturdays per month

10 am - 2pm

The Earthship is open to the public two Saturdays a month! Please check our website or call 215-785-1177 for current dates!

Free!



Preschool Nature Camp Register Now!

July 9 - 13 & August 20 - 24

9 am - 12 pm

Four to five 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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August 2018 Programs

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

Volunteer Work Day (*Rain or shine!*)

Saturday, August 4

9 am – 2 pm

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Evenings at the Earthship Series

Natural Dyes 101

Thursday, August 9

6:30 pm - 8 pm

Embrace the colors of summer by making natural dyes out of plant materials found in our forests. In this hands-on class, we will use suitable dye materials found around the area and traditional techniques to create our own naturally dyed items. An item to dye will be provided and will become yours to keep!

\$18 member; \$20 non-member.

Workshop is limited to 15 people

Please RSVP to SilverLakeNatureCenter.com or call 215-785-1177 by August 2

Visit the LIVE Animals with SLNC Interns, Sarah and Maz

Saturday, August 11, 18, and 25

1 pm - 2:30 pm

Did you know the nature center is home to some remarkable reptiles and fish? Come visit our resident education animals with our Environmental Interns! Take a tour of our exhibits and learn more about our box turtles, aquatic turtles, native fish, and snakes. Enjoy this opportunity to see the animals up close and ask questions about our scaly friends! **Free!**



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Saturday, August 25

9 am - 11 pm

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Summer Camp 2018 *Now running!*

June 25 - August 24 (9 one-week sessions)

9 am - 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 nine weeks of camp will be entertained!

Register at SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, in person or by phone 215.785.1177

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