

December 2019 Events at Silver Lake Nature Center

Volunteer Work Day. Saturday, December 7th, 9am - 2pm. 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**. Register by calling 215-785-1177, by visiting SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, or by stopping into the Visitors' Building.

Step II Productions "A Christmas Carol."

Saturday, December 14th at 2pm & 7pm

Sunday, December 15th at 2pm

This event is held in the Auditorium of the SLNC Visitors' Building. Contact Step II Productions for details/info/tickets at: 215-946-4530 or <https://www.stepiidancecenter.com>.

Volunteer Holiday Potluck. Thursday, December 12th, 5:30pm - 7pm.

The volunteer holiday potluck is a chance for us all to come together, bring dishes to share, meet new friends, visit with old friends, and enjoy the Season's Greetings before a new year begins. All volunteers are welcome, along with a guest.

Please RSVP by visiting SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, by calling 215-785-1177, or by stopping into the Visitors' Building. Please let us know what type of dish you'll be bringing and if you'll have a guest.

120th Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Saturday, December 14th, 6:45am to 5:30pm.

Join Robert Mercer and an amazing team of Birders, for this fun, **free** event. All levels of experience (including "no experience") are welcome to participate in this important citizen science national bird census. Come out for the whole day or part(s) of the day. Meet at Neshaminy State Park or at SLNC. Times/meeting locations will be confirmed upon registration. Binoculars are available to borrow. Please let us know if you will need them.

Register by visiting SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, by calling 215-785-1177, or by stopping into the Visitors' Building.

Winter Solstice Celebration with the Serene Sound of the Harp. Monday, December 16th, 6pm.

Professor Gloria Galante will lead this amazing Concert, which will feature the West Chester University Harp Ensemble. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center organization.

Admission: \$5/person. Please pay at the door.

Winter Solstice Night Hike. Friday, December 20th, 6:30pm - 8pm. Come join us as we celebrate this special time of the year! Participants will get to enjoy a special night on the Silver Lake Trails after dark, followed by a campfire and marshmallows!

Fee: \$10/person or \$8/person for Friends of Silver Lake Members. Register by calling 215-785-1177, by visiting SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, or by stopping into the Visitors' Building.

Bird Seed Sale Pick-up (for orders placed by 12/14/19). Saturday, December 21st, 10am - 2pm.

Bird watching is more fun when you can attract them to your own yard, so fill your feeders with one of our special mixes. Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center Members receive a 10% discount on all Bird Seed Orders.

Please place your order by calling 215-785-1177, by visiting SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, or by stopping into the Visitors' Building.

Winter Story Hike. Saturday, December 21st,

1pm - 2:30pm. This hike will put a spin on "story time" requiring us to walk the trails to get to the next page. Our story will focus on the transition from fall to winter. Dress for the weather! Fee: \$3/person or \$2/person for Friends of Silver Lake Members. Register by calling 215-785-1177, by visiting SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, or by stopping into the Visitors' Building.

Kids' Nature Days. Friday, December 27th &/or Monday, December 30th, 9am to 4pm. Why only have camp in the summer when you can do it in all seasons?! Our Kids' Nature Days are scheduled for days when most schools are off. Each Kids' Nature Day provides exciting seasonal adventures for your child. Staff and Campers spend the days exploring the forest, swamps, and marsh in all weather.

Pricing: \$40/child per day for 2019 Summer Camp Families; \$50.00/child per day for Friends of Silver Lake Members; \$65.00/child per day for Non-members. Balance must be paid in full at time of registration.

For registration/info, please call 215-785-1177, visit SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, or stop into the Visitors' Building. ***BUY 3, GET 1 FREE! You must pay in full at the time of registration in order to qualify for a free Kids' Nature Day.***

Wilderness Survival Series. Saturday, December 28th, 1pm - 2:30pm.

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 people false confidence. Learn how to combine these tools in the deep woods of SLNC. Fee: \$3/person or \$2/person for Friends of Silver Lake Members. Register by calling 215-785-1177, by visiting SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, or by stopping into the Visitors' Building.

January 2020 Events at Silver Lake Nature Center

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SPECIAL EVENT!! Eco-music Group Concert - Music of Puerto Rico.



Sunday, January 5th, 3pm - 5pm.

Come and immerse yourself in beautiful music! Listen, sing, dance - enjoy! This event has an amazing line-up of musicians, including: Professor Gloria Galante on Harp; Suzzette Ortiz on Piano; Raul Berrios on Percussion; Asaf Berrios on Steel Drum; AND Dancing by Waleska Lopez! Another very special part of this Concert will include learning about the many different instruments that Raul Berrios made by reusing/recycling items (that may have otherwise been trash)! Concert will be held inside the SLNC Visitors' Building.

TICKETS: \$12/person in advance; \$15/person at the door. Advance ticket sales end 1/4/20 at 5pm. Prices are the same for all ages. No refunds/exchanges.

Home School Enrichment Series for Winter. Wednesdays, January 8th through February 26th, 2pm - 4pm.

SLNC's Homeschool Enrichment Series is an option for families who take a different approach to educating their children (ages 6-17). Our 8-week program provides an opportunity for children to get hands-on experience within the STEM disciplines without formal constraints. Each of the lessons are developed with the PA Standard Aligned System (SAS) in mind and ensure that children will excel in all settings. It is important your child dresses for the weather and is always prepared to get dirty!

For info/registration, call 215-785-1177, visit SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, or stop into the Visitors' Building.

Members: \$100.00 for the 8 week session/ \$15.00 per class on a class-by-class basis.

Non-members: \$120.00 for the 8 week session/ \$18.00 per class on a class-by-class basis.

Winter on the NEW Silver Lake Trail!

Saturday, January 11th, 1pm - 2:30pm.

Join us for a guided hike on the new Silver Lake Trail. The new trail, which opened in November of 2019, is a 3.5 mile trail that crosses many different habitats. We will keep a brisk pace while enjoying this rugged trail. Dress for the weather!

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Wild Animal Signs of the Woods

Saturday, January 25th, 1pm - 2:30pm.

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 while hiking deep into the forest. All ages welcome.

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Rainbows of Healing Medicine Drum Making Workshop is returning to SLNC on

Sunday, January, 26th! For info/registration, please visit www.RainbowsOfHealing.com.



February 2020 Events at Silver Lake Nature Center

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Meet the SLNC Exhibit Animals!

Saturday, February 8th, 1pm - 2:30pm.

Did you know that SLNC is home to some remarkable reptiles and fish? Come visit our resident Education Animals with our Animal caretaker! Take a tour of our exhibits and learn more about our Box Turtles, Aquatic Turtles, Native Fish, Crayfish, and Snakes. Enjoy this opportunity to see the animals up close and ask questions about our scaly friends who live inside the Visitors' Building! Fee: \$3/person or \$2/person for Friends of Silver Lake Members. *Register by calling 215-785-1177, by visiting SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, or by stopping into the Visitors' Building.*

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Special Presentation: The History of Silver Lake by Local Historian, Clarence King.

Saturday, February 15th, 7pm.

Due to popular demand, Mr. King is returning to share his fascinating presentation on the history of Silver Lake, which will also include Bristol Borough & Bristol Township, spanning the past 300 years! This is an event you won't want to miss! Fee: \$6/person or \$5/person for Friends of Silver Lake Members.

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Proceeds from this event benefit the Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center non-profit organization.

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Maple Syrup Time!

Saturday, February 22nd, 1pm - 2:30pm

Learn the basic steps of how trees are tapped for their sap so that it can be turned into delicious syrup. Help in the process of making this wonderful delight, and taste some samples too! Fee: \$3/person or \$2/person for Friends of Silver Lake Members. *Register by calling 215-785-1177, by visiting SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, or by stopping into the Visitors' Building.*

Bristol Photographers Club's (the photo club formerly known as Focal Planes Foto Club) **46th Annual Photo Contest Awards Ceremony**
Saturday, February 29th, 11am - 2pm.

Get your photos ready for this fun event coming up in February!

Contest Drop-Off Dates:

Saturday, February 8th, 12pm - 4pm

Sunday, February 9th, 12pm - 2pm

Monday, February 10th, 7pm - 9pm

For info/registration, contact Heather Baker, President, at hebaker1@gmail.com or visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bristolphotographersclub/>



More SLNC Happenings!

Save the Date!!
Friends of SLNC's Membership Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition. Saturday, March 21st~ 10am to 12pm. ALL SLNC Members AND Volunteers are invited to this FREE event, which includes a delicious brunch. Meet the Friends of SLNC's new & current Board Members, and help to honor our amazing Volunteers who work hard all year 'round to keep this Natural Treasure so beautiful! Please RSVP with Arden Williams at 215-785-1177 or awilliams@buckscounty.org.

Saturday Morning Bird Walks will return in March!

Join us on Saturdays, from March through May, at 7:30am, for this FREE guided walk. Bring your binoculars, and meet us outside of the Visitors' Building, near the parking area.

Spring Kids' Nature Days:

4/9/20 & 4/10/20. These fun days run from 9:00am-4:00pm and are drop-off only. Before and after-care are available for an additional fee.

Please check inside pages for pricing/ details.

Save the Date!!

White House Chef Tour ~

Saturday, April 18th ~ FINAL ENCORE!!
Join us for this popular, fun-fundraiser!! Be sure to get your tickets early!!
Visit SilverLakeNatureCenter.org or call 215-785-1177 for tickets & updates as they become available!!

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Clubs that meet at SLNC:

Artists of Bristol ~ Meets year 'round at 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Contact: Rodney Miller at robweb@comcast.net.

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

Bristol Photographers Club ~ Meets at 7pm on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month, September through June. Contact: Heather Baker hebaker1@gmail.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.

Nature Playschool ~ Meets throughout the fall, winter, and spring. For info, contact Simona Lederman at natureplayschoolcoop@gmail.com.

Southern Bucks Garden Club ~ Meets at SLNC throughout the year. Contact Ellen Miller for details/info at ellenmiller24@comcast.net.

West Chester University Harp Ensemble ~ Rehearses at 6pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Contact: Professor Gloria Galante at ggharrp@comcast.net.

Yoga ~ Classes held at 7:30pm on Thursdays all year 'round. All ages & abilities welcome. \$8/members, \$10/non-members. Contact Joe or Deb at 267-808-1071 or ioadeb2000@verizon.net.

Silver Lake Nature Center

Visitors' Building Hours Closed Monday
Tuesday – Saturday Explore our Exhibit
10am – 5pm Area featuring native
Sunday animals and visit our
Noon – 5pm Gift Shop.

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