



Fall 2020

# THE FROGHORN

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**SAVE THE DATE!! White House Chef Tour -  
FINAL ENCORE - Slated for Saturday, June 5, 2021!!**



Back by popular demand!! Chef Guy Mitchell and Chief Petty Officer Michael “Woody” Raber plan to return for their third and final performance for SLNC on the **NEW DATE of Saturday, June 5, 2021**, from 12pm to 4pm!! This very Special Event will be held at the beautiful Falls Manor Catering, located at 4010 New Falls Road, Bristol, PA 19007.

New for 2021!! Do you like to be up front to see all the action? Then purchase the entire table of ten seats for \$450 and we will reserve the table in your company, family, or group name in the first two rows. Limited to six tables. Don't wait; reserve now! They are going fast!

Tell your family! Tell your friends! Tickets (while they last) are on sale NOW for \$50/person, but will go up to \$55/person on May 19, 2021.

**White House Chef Tour Tickets also make great holiday, birthday, anniversary, & any-occasion gifts!** *To purchase tickets, please call 215-785-1177, visit [www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org](http://www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org), or stop by the SLNC Visitors' Building. (No refunds/exchanges unless event is canceled by SLNC.)*

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## VISITORS' BUILDING HOURS

(during "Green Phase." Please call or check website for updates.)

Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm

Sunday - 12pm - 4pm

Monday - Closed

*The SLNC Trails/Grounds are open daily from Sunrise to Sunset.*

## STAFF

**Jerry Kozlansky**, Director-Naturalist

**PattiAnn Cutter**, Assistant Director-Naturalist/  
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**Arden Williams**, Volunteer Coordinator/  
Administrative Assistant

**Kassandra Archer**, Camp Programs Director/  
Environmental Educator

**Sue Kiernan**, Office Manager-Bookkeeper/  
Earthship Steward

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## SLNC's Mission:

*The Silver Lake Nature Center inspires connections with Nature for people of all ages, interests, and abilities through education, recreation, preservation, research, and advocacy.*

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## Join us for a ONE YEAR Anniversary Hike on the Silver Lake Trail!

***Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1pm to 3pm***

This 3.5 mile excursion will take us through many different habitats AND terrain. We will keep a brisk pace while enjoying this rugged Trail. Dress for the weather, and please be sure to wear shoes that are appropriate for varying terrain (from rugged to smooth, and anything in between).

The event is FREE, but donations are accepted & appreciated to help with the maintenance of this well-loved new Trail.

To sign up &/or for info, please visit

www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org or call 215-785-1177.

## Welcome, Sue Kiernan!

**SLNC is Very Pleased to Welcome Sue Kiernan as the Friends of SLNC's Office Manager/Bookkeeper AND "Earthship Steward!" Thank you for joining us, Sue, and congratulations!**

*A message from Sue:*

"I'm thrilled to be joining the Staff of Silver Lake Nature Center as the Office Manager/Bookkeeper for the Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center!

Silver Lake Nature Center has been a huge part of my life, as a Volunteer since I was a child, participating in many programs, volunteering for the night hikes, and serving as a Board Member on the Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center for the past two years.

I look forward to working with the amazing Staff, Friends of SLNC Members, numerous Volunteers, and Visitors."

## A Special Message from the Friends of SLNC's NEW Board President, Susan Brown:

During the “covid-shutdown times” when most places were closed, my favorite trail at Silver Lake Nature Center was often filled with walkers who seemed to have been missing their treadmill at the gym. Although I’m sure they would have loved to return to their gym then, I hope that they had discovered the beauty and tranquility they had been missing and will continue to return to this beautiful place.

I also relished in walking other trails including the *new* “Silver Lake/Blue Trail” (which is a 3.5 mile trail that goes completely around Silver Lake, featuring all types of terrain throughout, from smooth to rugged), uncovering hidden treasures I had never before seen ~ including a snake sunning on a flat rock, the beaver’s dam by the Observation Platform, and Red-bellied Turtles sitting on a floating log.

I also walked the “Lollipop Trail.” That was quiet except for the sound of muffled laughter. As I approached, I saw a young couple and their child gazing into the woods, thoroughly captivated by something. As I stopped (while keeping a “social distance” of six feet), they pointed to a single squirrel balanced on its haunches amongst the trees. The squirrel was hopping and then sort of shaking her tail and waving her front paws. It was as if she was performing some kind of dance.

They told me they had been enjoying the show for over ten minutes. The tiny dancer had left once but had returned for her encore performance.

And just like that on a cool, sunny, spring day, I discovered squirrel dancing - an entirely new and surprising way to appreciate nature, the small unexpected moments in life, and a new way to relax & breathe.

I have spent the past few years trying to slow down. I have sought out inspiring and calming thoughts, quotes, and words to comfort my heart and soothe my soul.

And to think...all I was missing was a squirrel dancing! The simple and sheer joy it brought to the visiting family, and in turn to me, to watch the squirrel shake her fluffy tail was oddly life-changing. It gave me hope that there is so much magic in nature to discover in our covid-induced slower pace of life...one that I hope we will hold onto in so many ways...one where we all can find joy and new ways to relax in nature.

So, as many of our communities begin to re-awaken and venture out, please be respectful and safe, and please choose to be kind!

And, please remember to enjoy the squirrels dancing on the SLNC trails and in your own backyard!



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*Silver Lake Nature Center is always grateful beyond words for our Members, Supporters, Volunteers, and the Community, AND especially during such a time as the last several months have been! Thank you, ALL! See you on the Trails!*

~AND~

**Thank You SO MUCH to ALL of Our Business and Education Supporters!**

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# Thank You to SLNC's Wonderful Volunteers!!

## A Message from SLNC's Awesome Volunteer Coordinator, Arden Williams:

"In December 2019, at the Volunteer Holiday Potluck, I told the group of attendees that I wanted to see more of them this year. Then, as we started planning the Annual Member Meeting and Volunteer Recognition event scheduled for March 22nd, the world as we knew it started to shift course. We were advised to postpone the event, then after a few weeks, to cancel the event for this year. So in order to keep our "social distance," but still formally acknowledge our volunteers, we are doing so here in the Froghorn Newsletter.

**We have several groups of Volunteers that we wish to acknowledge:**

### **Thank you, Friends of SLNC Board of Directors and Committee Members!**

The FOSLNC Board has done a fantastic job navigating the organization through 2019 and the current national crisis. They have been actively attending events, programs, and meetings to stay current and in the know about Visitor compliments and/or concerns regarding the organization. The Committee Members have been very instrumental in helping to maintain the grounds, raising money for the organization, and keeping the finances straight.

### **Thank you, Naturalist Assistants and Environmental Educators!**

These Volunteers assist SLNC's staff with programs, events and community outreach. They play a valuable role as interpreters of what's going on in nature for groups of school children and program participants.

### **Thank you Animal Caregivers!**

These Volunteers share the responsibility of caring for our Exhibit Area Animals (inside the SLNC Visitors' Building). The love, care, and devotion that's put forth is amazing! Visitors appreciate the time caregivers take to introduce them to and talk with them about the animals.

### **Thank you, Greeters!**

These Volunteers are very special people. They take pride in being the first face or voice that Visitors of the SLNC Visitors' Building come into contact with. Their willingness to ask and answer questions, take messages, and checkout customers of the Gift Shop is an invaluable service to SLNC. Hats off to Cinders, John, Gordon, Sarah, Gwen, and Charlotte!

### **Thank you, Trail Keepers, Gardeners, and Volunteer Work Day Attendees!**

These Volunteers are essential for a wonderful Visitor experience. Everyone wants to visit a park where the trails are clear of trash and safety hazards. Nature explorers enjoy gardens that are maintained with love and sincere interest in how the park's rotating residents will use what is planted. Saturday Volunteers have helped to complete the "Silver Lake/Blue Trail," and get it ready for public use. They have also helped to maintain the shorelines around the Cassalia Pond, Magnolia Lake, and Silver Lake.

So to all of the Volunteers and their supportive loved ones, thank you for all that you do for Silver Lake Nature Center. Although this unprecedented year has yielded less face-to-face interactions between us all, Volunteers have been out in force to still do everything that they can to keep the grounds and trails Visitor friendly. **Way to go, Volunteers!**"

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**If you have some time and want to help out, please contact Ms. Arden at [awilliams@buckscounty.org](mailto:awilliams@buckscounty.org) or 267-880-5020.**



### A Message from SLNC's Amazing Summer Camp Director, Cassandra Archer:

"Despite all of the uncertainty going into the 2020 Summer Camp Season, I can honestly say that this past summer was the best one yet! We knew how important it would be to provide kids with some *normalcy*. And, what better place to do it than outside in nature?"

Thank you to all of our Summer Camp Families for choosing SLNC for camp, trusting us to keep your families safe, and helping us to SELL OUT all 10 weeks of camp.

We are looking forward to making Summer Camp even better in 2021. With that being said, please plan to register early for the 2021 Summer Camp Season. Registration will be available on our website as soon as January of 2021. Pay attention to our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter) for information regarding our Open Houses and stop in anytime to say hi!"

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A graphic with a light yellow background and a black border. At the top and bottom are illustrations of three acorns and a maple leaf. The text in the center reads: "DAY-OFF FROM SCHOOL CAMP DAYS ~ AFTERSCHOOL NATURE CLASSES ~ HOMESCHOOL CLASSES ~ AND MORE!!" followed by "FALL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AT SLNC!!" in large orange letters. At the bottom, it says "Please visit [www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org](http://www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org) or contact Cassandra Archer at [kaarcher@buckscounty.org](mailto:kaarcher@buckscounty.org) for info/registration."/>

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#### **FREE Saturday Morning Bird Walks.**

Offered from September through November at 7:30am.

#### **FREE Guided Walks on the SLNC Trails.**

Sundays, November 8th & 15th, 2 - 3pm.

Join us for this leisurely and informative walk covering seasonal topics.

*For these programs, meet outside of the SLNC Visitors' Building at the kiosk near the Parking Area.*

Visit [www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org](http://www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org) for info on these and other upcoming programs.

*For info on and/or to schedule a School Field Trip, Preschool Program, Birthday Party, Scout Program, Other Group Program, or Facility Rental, please contact PattiAnn Cutter at [pacutter@buckscounty.org](mailto:pacutter@buckscounty.org), 267-880-5022, or visit [www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org](http://www.SilverLakeNatureCenter.org).*

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