

BCAS Program Calendar: March - June 2010

Environment for Your Future

The following educational programs are held at the Audubon Visitor Center, 2877 Creamery Road, New Hope, unless otherwise noted. To register for the programs, call 215-297-5880, email bcas@bcas.org or visit our website, bcas.org.

Our extensive network of trails is open for your enjoyment daily from 9 AM - 5 PM. Free admission.

Please look over this varied list of programs; there's something for everyone of all ages.

Come and experience Honey Hollow.

March



March 13, Saturday, 2:00 – 5:00 PM Bluebird Birdhouse Blitz

Eastern Bluebird populations have been on the increase since the 1970's largely due to the increase use of nest boxes. Come join Audubon as we guide you through assembling your own bluebird nest box (from our kit) to add to your backyard habitat. Then sit back and enjoy the bluebird's activities throughout the nesting season!

Members: \$5; Non-members \$8, materials \$18 per birdhouse. Register by 3/10.

March 18, Thursday, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Teacher Naturalist Training

Become a Teacher/Naturalists and share in the fun and satisfaction of teaching environmental education programs at Honey Hollow! Training begins March 18 and continues each Thursday until April 29. Upon completion, you will join our Teacher/Naturalist staff, a paid position. You will be required to teach 30 hours within 10 months.

Register by 3/11. FREE.

March 19, Friday, 7:30 – 9:30 PM Environmental Film Series

Film – DIRT! The Movie

Join us for the first of our environmental film series. This film takes you inside the wonders of the soil. It tells the story of Earth's most valuable and underappreciated source of fertility—from its miraculous beginning to its crippling degradation. Narrated by Jaime Lee Curtis, it brings to life the environmental, economic, social and political impact that the soil has. Lively discussion to follow. This also marks the kickoff of our Backyard Eco-Gardening series.

Register by 3/17. Suggested donation: Members \$5, Non-members \$10.

NEW

March 26, Friday, 6:30 – 9:30PM Cabin Fever Feast

A First Taste of Spring at Honey Hollow

Celebrate the end of winter and the beginning of spring with the fifth annual Cabin Fever Feast. This fun-filled evening will feature delectable samplings from some of our best local restaurants, wineries, breweries and dessert shops. Beautiful floral displays will give you a "taste of spring." Live music throughout the evening will entertain you, plus a chance to bid on an amazing array of silent and live auction items. Tickets are \$75 per person. Pre-paid valet parking \$10 per car. To purchase tickets call 215-297-5880 or visit www.bcas.org.



March 27, Saturday, 1:30 - 3:30 PM Backyard Eco-Gardening Series

Yes it's too early to plant your garden, but it's never too early to PLAN. You'll learn to how to create the garden of your midwinter dreams and how to get started with the basics of garden design, placement and making smart plant choices. **Register by 3/25. Members \$10, non-members \$15.**

April



April 6 & 7, Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM and Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Pre-School Explorers - for children ages 3 to 5
Our Feathered Friends

We'll learn about the birds and what they're doing in spring. **Members \$8, non-members \$12. Members can sign up for 6 programs at the time of registration for \$40 (save \$8!).** More details on back page.

April 7, Wednesday, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

After School Program - for children ages 6 – 8.
Howling Wind

March may be over, but it's still windy! What makes the wind? **Members \$8, non-members \$12. Members can sign up for 6 programs at the time of registration for \$40 (save \$8!).** More details on back page.

April 16, Friday 7:30 – 9:30 PM Environmental Film Series

Join us for the second environmental film. Lively discussion to follow. Suggested donation: **Members \$5, Non-members \$10.**

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April 17, Saturday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

“Evening Frog Walk”

Join our staff naturalist for a walk on the wild side!

A brief slide show will be followed by a walk to the marsh to search for the local amphibian life as they begin their orchestra of courtship sounds. Please wear boots and bring a flashlight. Group size is limited due to the concern of over-impacting the habitat, so please register early! All ages. **Register by 4/15. Members \$10, non-members \$12.**

April 20 & 21, Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM and Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

**Pre-School Explorers - for children ages 3 to 5
Frogs and Toads**

Hippity Hop! Who's making all that noise in the marsh? Let's find out! **Members \$8, non-members \$12.**

April 21, Wednesday, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

**After School Program - for children ages 6 – 8.
Alphabet Hike**

Let's hike the trails to find every letter in the alphabet. **Members \$8, non-members \$12.**

April 23, Friday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

“Evening Frog Walk”

Join our staff naturalist for a walk on the wild side!

A brief slide show will be followed by a walk to the marsh to search for the local amphibian life as they begin their orchestra of courtship sounds. Please wear boots and bring a flashlight. *Group size is limited due to the concern of over-impacting the habitat, so please register early!* **Register by 4/21. Members \$10, non-members \$12.**

April 24, 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Backyard Eco-Gardening Series

Break ground in the BCAS garden. You'll learn how to prepare your garden soil, make beds, and start sowing early seeds. **Members \$10, non-members \$15.**

May

May 4 & 5, Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM and Wednesday 1:00 – 2:30 PM

**Pre-School Explorers - for children ages 3 to 5
Ladybugs**

Red and black little beetles...what do they do? **Members \$8, non-members \$12.**

May 5, Wednesday, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

**After School Program - for children ages 6 – 8 yrs.
Frogs and Toads**

Rabbit, rabbit – let's explore the marsh and see who's hopping around! **Members \$8, non-members \$12.**

May 8, Saturday, 10:00-11:30 AM

“Fairy Gardens”

Back by popular demand - or maybe by fairy demand! Decorate and fill a planter for the fairies! Bring a planter or lined basket filled with potting soil; we'll provide plants, materials, and ideas to create fairy houses, gardens, and more. Make a great Mother's Day gift, or bring Mom and make them together! **Register by 5/1. Members \$10, non-members \$12.** Materials fee \$7 per planter/basket.

**May 14, Friday, 7:30 – 9:30 PM
Environmental Film Series**

Join us for the third environmental film. Lively discussion. **Suggested donation: Members \$5, Non-members \$10.**

**May 15, Saturday, 8:30 – noon
Pond Management Workshop**

Learn how to manage and maintain your pond for years of enjoyment. Presented by the Bucks County Conservation District. **\$25. Register by 5/6** by calling 215-345-7577.

**May 15, Saturday, 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Backyard Eco-Gardening Series**

Kids Day in the garden with parents. Bring your tweens and teens into the garden for a basic introduction to the fun of family gardening. **Members \$10, non-members \$15**

May 18 & 19, Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM and Wednesday 1:00 – 2:30 PM

**Pre-School Explorers - for children ages 3 to 5
Woodpeckers**

Rat-a-tat-tat, rat-a-tat-tat! Woodpeckers at work! **Members \$8, non-members \$12.**

May 19, Wednesday, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

**After School Program - for children ages 6 – 8.
Worms!**

Slimy and wiggly, what are they good for? Let's find out! **Members \$8, non-members \$12.**

**May 25, Tuesday, 7:30 PM
BCAS Annual Meeting**

Presentation by Diane Allison on birds of the Delaware River corridor. Meet our new environmental educator. Brief business meetin. Refreshments. **Free.**

June

June 1 & 2, Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM and Wednesday 1:00 – 2:30 PM

**Pre-School Explorers - for children ages 3 to 5
Pond Explore**

Who lives beneath the surface of the pond? We'll use our nets to find out! **Members \$8, non-members \$12.**

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June 2, Wednesday, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
After School Program - for children ages 6 – 8.
Five Senses Hike

We'll practice using all our senses as we hike the Honey Hollow Trails. **Members \$8, non-members \$12.**

June 5, Saturday, 10:00 AM – Noon **NEW**
A Forest Renewed

Stroll through a forest that has been saved from a slow death. A 10-acre forest demonstration area on the Honey Hollow Watershed clearly demonstrates how a combination of selective timbering combined with an eight-foot deer enclosure fence is giving new life to a wooded area. No new seedlings were surviving to replace the aging trees that slowly succumb to death. Enjoy native flowers and shrubs that once again blanket this forest floor. See the contrast with the untreated woods that are adjacent to the demonstration area. All ages welcome. **Free.**

June 15 & 16, Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM and Wednesday 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Pre-School Explorers - for children ages 3 to 5
Nature's Palette

We'll explore all the colors of nature. **Members \$8, non-members \$12.**

June 16, Wednesday, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
After School Program - for children ages 6 – 8.
Stream Explore

Prepare to get a little bit wet as we explore Honey Hollow Creek! **Members \$8, non-members \$12.**

June 17, Thursday, 9:30 PM
Starwatch: Bucks-Mont Astronomical Association

BMAA's Amateur astronomers offer observing tips, a tour of the constellations, and an opportunity to gaze through powerful telescopes at planets, stars, nebulae, and distant galaxies. Tonight's focus includes a slim crescent Moon, the constellation Corvus (the Crow) and the "Sombbrero" Galaxy along with the planets Venus, Mars and Saturn. Bring a blanket or chair. Call BMAA information line at 215-579-9973 before leaving to check for cancellation due to weather conditions. Open to all ages. **Register by 6/15. Free.**

June 26, Saturday, 6:00 - 8:30 PM
Castles in the Fields — A Gala Event

Castles in the Fields is BCAS's annual premier event held at a magnificent local location, to be announced on our website. This year's celebration party marks the eleventh anniversary of the Annual Barns of Distinction Tour taking place on Saturday, July 10th. This party under the stars will feature gourmet fare prepared by one of the area's leading caterers, open bar and live music. For ticket prices and reservations **visit www.bcas.org** or call 215-297-5880. Event ticket includes ticket to the barn tour and lecture.

June 26, Saturday, 7:30 PM to
June 27, Sunday, 9:30 AM
Great American Backyard Campout

Join us for a night under the stars! Bring your tent, sleeping bag and your favorite campfire tales and activities as we connect with nature at the start of summer. We'll have a campfire and take a night hike. Continental breakfast included. **Register by 6/23. Members \$10 Non-members \$12.** Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Summer Ecology Camp at Honey Hollow
Birds...bugs...animals...herptiles...

Children love to discover the great outdoors at our 110-acre campus near New Hope. Your kids will have fun exploring our streams, ponds and forest trails and creating unique craft projects. Varied programs for K through 5th grades. Week-long camp sessions run from June 28 to August 27.

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>For Kids Entering</u>
June 28-July 2	9-1	Honey Hollow's Neighborhood	K - 2
July 12 – 16	9-3	Going Buggy!	1 - 3
July 19 – 23	9-3	Nests, Holes and Burrows	2 - 4
July 26 – 30	9-3	Art and Nature	3 - 5
Aug 2 – 6	9-1	Plant-astic!	K - 2
Aug 9 – 13	9-3	Hooray for Herptiles	1 - 3
Aug 16 – 20	9-3	Animals and Habitats	2 - 4
Aug 23 – 27	9-3	Wild Watersheds	3 - 5

WEEKS OF JUNE 28 AND AUGUST 2 ONLY: **Members \$130, non-members \$200**

ALL OTHER WEEKS: **Members \$200, non-members \$275**
All non-members will receive a FREE family membership (\$60 value!)

SAVE THESE DATES

July 9, Friday, 7:30 PM
Barn Tour Lecture

Join barn experts for a lecture on the adaptive reuse and preservation of barns. Learn about the architectural details and building methods used in the construction and renovation of Bucks County barns.

July 10, Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Barns of Distinction Tour

We are celebrating the eleventh anniversary of our very popular self guided barn tour. Each barn is carefully selected by our nominating committee as exceptional for its type of construction. We select barns that have different architectural characteristics or have been skillfully adapted as living quarters or other uses. Every location will have a well-informed docent that can relate the history of that barn and its architectural details.