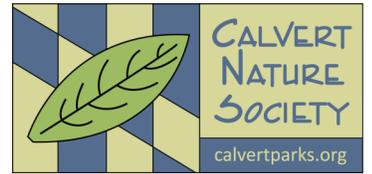




SPRING 2019 PROGRAMS & SUMMER CAMPS



Calvert County Natural Resources Division Calvert Nature Society

We have so many wonderful programs, we can't fit them all here.

See a full listing of all the upcoming programs at www.calvertparks.org. Online registration is preferred.

NATURE PARK INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.CALVERTPARKS.ORG

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Families can experience the fascinating natural world found in our area. These programs incorporate activities to entertain learners of all ages. Most programs spend time outdoors: dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

Reservations required. Adult participation required unless noted. Children must be the age indicated for each program.

Fee per program: Free for Society members. Nonmembers pay \$8 per family.

Keeping Warm

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Wednesday, February 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

It's the middle of winter, how do our animal neighbors survive the cold? We will tell stories, play games, and venture outside to build some shelters that could help keep us warm.

Life of a Dead Tree

All ages

Saturday, February 16

Session A: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Session B: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

A dead tree is full of life! Discover the many different animals that call dead trees home. A puppet show and hike will help us learn.

Salamander Soiree

Ages 8 and older with an adult

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park

We'll hike through the woods to search for vernal pools and streams fed by spring rains looking for spring wildflowers and amphibians along the way.

Wade Into Weather

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Thursday, March 7, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Kings Landing Park

What will we be wading into at this point in the year? It could be rain or it could be snow. We'll look at some different ways to measure the winter weather and then go for a walk outside to try things out.

Spring Has Sprung!

Ages 2-5

Monday, April 15, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

The calendar says it is spring but what is nature saying? Come explore signs of the changing seasons with hands on activities, a craft, and a short nature hike!

Earth Day Crafts

All ages

Saturday, April 20, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Celebrate Earth Day by making cool crafts from recycled objects! Paper roll wildlife, terrariums, our 2019 feature craft, and more! Come prepared for a short hike. All materials will be provided.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES (cont'd from page 1)

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Spring Nature Play Day

Ages 3-5

Monday, April 29, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Playing outside is healthy for humans of all ages. Take some time to enjoy the outdoors and meet like-minded families. In this semi-structured event children and their grown-ups can explore our nature play space, play games, and/or create some nature art.

Campfire Twilight on the Beach

All ages

Friday, May 3, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Have a relaxing evening with your family at Flag Ponds Park after hours. Bring a blanket or chairs and a picnic supper, if you'd like. We'll provide the s'mores.

Down by the Bay

Age 3-5

Friday, May 10,

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Come find out more about what kinds of animals live in the Chesapeake Bay. We will use a seine net in the shallow-water cove to catch some fish and crabs so we can look at them up close and explore the beach ponds.



Horseshoe Crab Survey

All ages

Saturday, May 25, 8:00-10:30 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Want to see some horseshoe crabs spawning on the beach by starlight? Join us for this unique chance to see Flag Ponds at night! With luck we will see horseshoe crabs spawning at the water's edge or maybe bioluminescent comb jellies in the water!

Nurturing Nests

Ages 3-5

Wednesday, May 29, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Learn about different types of animal's nests through games, and hands-on activities. Then join us for a hike to visit the animal families where they live.

Summer Nature Play Day

Ages 3-5

Wednesday, June 5, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Kings Landing Park

Playing outside is healthy for humans of all ages. Take some time to enjoy the outdoors and meet like-minded families in this semi-structured event. Children and their grown-ups can explore the river's edge by playing games, catching live river animals, and/or creating some nature art.

Special Event

Mud Monsters

Ages 6-9

Thursday, April 18, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and

Friday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Feel like you've been stuck inside all winter? This camp will be full of adventures. We will wade into the swamp, and use nets to look for amphibians, build forts, and of course, play in the mud.

Members: \$40; Nonmembers: \$60



PROGRAMS FOR 10-16 YEAR OLDS,

Including

TEEN HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

These programs encourage developing minds to appreciate and protect the nature around them. Programs are designed to create a group of young men and women with a strong, long-term commitment to preserving and protecting the landscapes, waterways, and natural resources of Calvert County.

Adult participant is not required at these programs.

Fees, unless noted: Free for Society members.

Nonmembers pay \$8 per person

Teen Homeschool Day

Ages 12-16

The Cone Bearers: Tuesday, February 5, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Science of Trees: Tuesday, March 5, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

This winter's homeschool series will be a study of the plants around us – from the smallest ones that we hardly notice to the largest trees. Each month will focus on something different.

Gone Fishing

Ages 10-13 years old

Sunday, March 31, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Hutchins Pond

Join us at Hutchins Pond in Owings MD and we'll go fishing for bluegill and bass. We'll provide the fishing gear and bait but be sure to bring a hat, water bottle and camera.

Eagle Hike

12 years old-adult (children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)

Saturday, April 6, 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

This time of year the baby eagles should be starting to peak out of their nest. We will take a hike to look in on the nest and see what is stirring.

Kayak Mini-Series

Ages 12-16 years, adult participation not required

Tuesday, April 23, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.,

Tuesday, May 7, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.,

Tuesday, June 4, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Kings Landing Park

Teen Homeschoolers can take part in a 3-part series on kayaking and the ecology of the Patuxent River and its tributaries. Each month we will go out in the kayaks and explore the river, watching for changes that signal the coming of summer. Teens can sign up for individual dates, or the whole series

HOMESCHOOL FIRST FRIDAYS

Homeschool Fridays is a series of environmental education programs developed especially for homeschoolers ages 4 to 12. These classes are a great way to get hands-on science and nature lessons, receive help on projects and research and network with other homeschooling families. Each two-hour program will consist of indoor and outdoor hands-on learning.

Depending on the topic, students may observe live animals, collect aquatic creatures, take measurements of water quality, or play games. Students will be grouped by age to allow for age-appropriate topic exploration. Parents with younger children will stay with the group; parents of older children have the option to stay and participate as mentors and teachers. Siblings younger than 3 are welcome, but must be under the care of a parent/guardian at all times and should not distract other participants.

Homeschool Fridays

4-12 with adult

Friday, April 5: spring wildflowers, the "spring ephemerals" including wildflowers and ferns.

Friday, May 3: wetlands plants and their special traits and adaptations

Friday, June 7: wild edible and medicinal plants as well as the poisonous ones

AM Session: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

PM Session 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park



CALVERT STEWARDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Animal Care Opportunities

Supervised by a naturalist, you will learn about the owls, hawks and other animals that live in the Nature Center. Supervised by a naturalist, you will learn proper care and handling techniques so that eventually, you will have enough experience to handle them on your own.

Screech Owl Care & Training

Ages 15 and older
Thursday, February 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Friday, March 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Friday, May 17, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Animal Care Training

Ages 10 and older, under 15 with adult
Thursday, February 7, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Friday, March 8, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 2, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 13, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 14, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 13, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Barn Owl Care & Training

Ages 15 and older
Monday, February 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Friday, May 3, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 5, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Red-tailed Hawk Care & Training

Adults
Wednesday, February 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Great Backyard Bird Count

All Ages
Friday, February 15, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Flag Ponds Nature Park
Whether you are a novice or an expert birder, volunteers of all ages are welcome to help us identify and count birds.

Garden Club Work Day

Ages 13 and older, under 18 must have adult with them
Saturday, March 2, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 27, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Friday, May 17, 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 25, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 1, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 11, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Battle Creek Cypress Swamp
Volunteers are needed to help our staff with the maintenance and upkeep of the trails and gardens around Battle Creek Nature Center. From invasive plant removal, to routine garden care, to maintaining the nature play space and trails-there is always something to be done. Volunteers must be able to perform moderately strenuous tasks.

Nest Box Work Day

Ages 15 and older, under 18 with adult
Wednesday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Battle Creek Cypress Swamp
Before the 2019 nesting season, we need to replace and repair a few nest boxes at Cypress Swamp.

Nest Box Monitoring

After a short presentation about our nest box project, volunteers will trek around the park to learn the nest box locations and prepare them for the season. Be ready for a 1.5-mile hike over moderate terrain.

Cypress Swamp Nest Box Monitoring

Ages 10 and older, under 18 with adult
Wednesday, March 13, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 30, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16, 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 1, 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 5, 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 13, 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 26, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Battle Creek Cypress Swamp
Accompany the naturalist into the swamp as she checks nest boxes. Interested volunteers can sign up to monitor them on their own after this training

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Flag Ponds Nest Box Monitoring

All ages, under 18 with adult

Friday, March 15, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday, June 3, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

As you help the naturalist check nest boxes, you can also take pictures of all the plants and animals you see along the way and submit them to the iNaturalist City Nature Challenge. Interested volunteers can sign up to monitor nest boxes on their own after this training. Come prepared for a 1.5 mile hike over moderate terrain.

Ward Farm Nest Box Monitoring

All Ages, under 18 with adult

Friday, March 29, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Monday, May 6, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park

Accompany the naturalist as she checks the lowland nest boxes. Come lend a hand and learn how you can help with this project. Be prepared for a 1.5 mile hike over moderate terrain.

Spring Swamp Wade-In

For Adults

Friday, April 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Join other Calvert Stewards for this nighttime adventure into the swamp at Flag Ponds. We will wade into the swamp and, with luck, we will see spring peepers calling and spy on other swamp animals in the water. Current Calvert Stewards only.

Measuring Milkweed Density

15 years old-adult

Tuesday, May 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Help the naturalist count milkweed plants in the meadow for the 2019 Monarch Larva Monitoring Project.

Monarch Larva Monitoring Project

All ages, under 18 with adult

Tuesday, May 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Help the naturalist measure milkweed and count monarch caterpillars in the meadow.

Calvert Stewards Volunteer Appreciation: Poplar Island Tour

13 Years or older, under 18 with adult

Monday, June 10, 6:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Meet at Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

This trip is open to Calvert Stewards who have volunteered during the past year. Thanks for everything you do!

Enjoy socializing with staff and volunteers on the 2-hour van ride to Tilghman Island, where we will take an exhilarating boat ride to Poplar Island. Enthusiastic staff from Maryland Environmental Service will take you on a bus tour of the newly-restored island where you will learn about its history and how it has become important habitat for terrapins, fish, and nesting birds. Wildlife will be abundant on the island, including colonies of nesting birds. You may want to bring your binoculars!

**See
the most current
program listings
at
www.calvertparks.org**

ADULT PROGRAMS

Take time to learn about and appreciate the natural resources found throughout the County. These programs combine hiking through the parks, while learning more about the plants, animals, and other natural wonders. These programs are geared toward adults and older teens. Fees, unless noted: Free for Society members. Nonmembers pay \$8 per person.

Stalking the Wild Timberdoodle

Adults, teens welcome with an adult

Friday, February 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park

We'll take a short stroll along the fields near the parking area listening for the breeding display of the American Woodcock (also known as a Timberdoodle).

Nature's Trivia

Ages 21 and older

Saturday, February 23, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Mully's Brewery

Grab your friends and come test out your skills at Nature Trivia! We'll have beverages from some local breweries as well and fun prizes. Check our website for more updates on this event! Fee: \$60 per team.

Fort Phrag

Adults, teens welcome with an adult

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Learn how to create a thatched roof shelter using the exotic invasive grass, *Phragmites australis*.

Birding by Ear Hike

Adults and children ages 10 and up (children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)

Saturday, May 4, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Some birds are experts at staying out of sight making them hard to identify or notice. On this beginners bird hike we will focus on identifying birds by their songs and calls.

KAYAK TRIPS

Participants must be at least 9 years old to accompany an adult in a double kayak, and at least 12 years old to ride in a single kayak. Those under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Program Fee per person (except where noted): \$15 for Calvert Nature Society members. Nonmembers pay \$30 per person. \$10 discount if you bring your own kayak. Fees are per person, unless noted: Free for Society members \$15. Nonmembers pay \$30, \$10 discount if you bring your own kayak.

Spring Kayak Tour

Saturday, May 18, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Kings Landing Park

Enjoy a peaceful paddle as we wind slowly along marshy channels looking for spring flowers and animals waking up and on the move.

River Ecology

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Kings Lands Park

Explore the fascinating natural world of Kings Landing Park by kayak.

Father's Day Kayak Adventure

Sunday, June 16, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Kings Landing Park

Enjoy a fun, family paddle to visit the Great Blue Heron families at their tree nests! Bring a bagged lunch for a pier picnic on Black Swamp Creek, and have clothes/shoes you can go for a forest hike in.

Take the City Nature Challenge



April 25-29, 2019

Calvert County is part of the Washington DC City Nature Challenge, a friendly competition among 100+ cities worldwide to see who can observe the most species and involve the most citizen scientists. Before the big weekend learn how to record observations on iNaturalist, join a bioblitz during the weekend, or even participate on your own. For adults, teens and families.

During the weekend of April 26-29, 2019, individuals and groups will be on the hunt for animals, plants, mushrooms, and other life forms. These observations will be documented on iNaturalist and counted towards our region's tally.

For more information <https://www.calvertparks.org/CNC2019/>

iNaturalist Trainings

12 years old-adult (children under 18 must be accompanied)

Friday, March 22, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Saturday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

\ Flag Ponds Nature Park

Get ready for the iNaturalist City Nature Challenge! We'll show you how to participate and will provide tips and tricks on finding where the wild things are. We will go on a hike to practice using the app for identifying plants and wildlife.

iNaturalist Identification Stations

All ages welcome

Saturday, March 30, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. TBD

Hone your senses for the iNaturalist City Nature Challenge! We'll spend the day looking over the 2018 City Nature Challenge observations. Participants will learn about the CNC2019 and how to use iNaturalist as we learn how to identify observations found by other participants.

iNaturalist Identification Stations

All ages welcome

Tuesday, April 23, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Chesapeake Beach Town Hall

Do you want to increase your plant and animal identification skills? Stop by to get tips and tricks on what clues can help you learn. We'll include a guided walk for in-field identification.

Walk the Parks

Friday, April 26,

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

1:00-3:00 p.m. Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm

4:00-6:00 p.m. Gatewood Preserve

Spend an hour or the day searching the Battle Creek Watershed for plants and animals for the City Nature Challenge.

Ward Farm Park Bioblitz

Adults and homeschool families

Friday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park

Join us to document the biodiversity of Ward Farm Park using iNaturalist! Participants will receive a review of common plants and animals and a resource kit to take in the field, get assigned to a team search area, and we'll provide a follow-up Q&A to help with general identification skills as well.

City Nature Challenge Bio Blitz

All ages

Sunday, April 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Spend the afternoon outside exploring with your family in this fun bioblitz event called the "City Nature Challenge." It's easy-look for and find wildlife and plants, take a picture, and share it to iNaturalist (this can happen back at home also). Bring your smart phones or camera to look for and document the wildlife in the park.

Flag Ponds Nest Box Monitoring & Nature Challenge

All ages, under 18 with adult

Monday, April 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

As you help the naturalist check nest boxes, you can also take pictures of all the plants and animals you see along and submit them to the iNaturalist City Nature Challenge. Interested volunteers can sign up to monitor nest boxes on their own after this training. Come prepared for a 1.5 mile hike over moderate terrain.

SUMMER CAMPS

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Children should be going into the grade indicated on each camp for the 2019-2020 school year.
Fee is per Camper. Locations of the different camp days can be found online.

Early Explorers

4-5 years old by the week of camp

Monday, July 29-Friday, August 2

AM Session: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

PM Session 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Location varies.

We will set out on mini adventures throughout the park to explore our natural world. From the pond to the fields who knows what we may find. Parents are not required to stay during the camp. No younger or older siblings allowed.

Members: \$60; Nonmembers: \$75

Camps for Children Entering Grades 1-2

Creature Feature

Entering grades 1-2

Monday, June 24-Thursday, June 27,

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Location varies

Send your children outside to explore nature with us. They will have a blast playing games, catching animals, and having close encounters with some of our exhibit animals. Each day will feature a different animal theme: reptiles & amphibians, bugs, birds, and fish.

Members: \$120; Nonmembers: \$150

Where the Wild Things Are

Entering grades 1-2

Monday July 8-Thursday July 11,

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Location varies

During this camp, we will take the time to look closely for life under logs, stones, even in the mud! Using tools like nets, buckets, and shovels, we'll search for bugs, worms, fish and whatever else we can find. In addition to our outdoor explorations, games and journals will help us learn about Calvert County's "wild things."

Members: \$120; Nonmembers: \$150

Camps for Children Entering Grades 2-3

Outdoor Art Adventures

Entering grades 2-3

Monday, August 5-Friday, August 9, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Let nature be your inspiration as we spend the week creating works of art in many different forms! We will draw, paint, photograph, and sculpt our way through the park, and we will end the week with an art gallery exhibition walk-through for the parents to view all of our masterpieces.

Members: \$150; Nonmembers: \$180

Camps for Children Entering Grades 3-5

Marvelous Mud

Entering grades 3-5

Monday-Wednesday, June 24-26,

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. overnight through Friday, June 28, 9:00 a.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

At the end of a summer day, if a child isn't dirty, there is something missing! Dirt is teeming with life, and is often the sign of a good time. In this camp we will dig into underground ecosystems-exploring different habitats to discover who and what is underfoot. We will investigate different kinds of soil we have in the park and, of course, play in the mud! We will end the week with an overnight adventure.

Members: \$175; Nonmembers: \$200

SUMMER CAMPS (continued)

Children should be going into the grade indicated on each camp for the 2019-2020 school year.

Fee is per Camper. Locations of the different camp days can be found online.

Camps for Children Entering Grades 4-6

Nature Photography

Entering grades 4-6

Monday, July 22-Friday, July 26,

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Photo presentation for families: July 26, 3:00 p.m.

Location varies

Your children will capture the natural wonders of Calvert County Parks on camera. In addition to fun camp activities, they will learn camera basics and picture-taking tips. After camp on Friday, families are invited to a presentation highlighting campers' work. Campers must provide their own digital camera.

Members: \$150; Nonmembers: \$180

Outdoor Skills

Entering grades 4-6

Monday, August 5-Friday, August 9,

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location Varies

Whether your child is already at home outside or needs a little encouragement, this outdoor skills camp introduces campers to some of the basic skills necessary to keep them safe and self-reliant in the "wild." We'll spend the week exploring the natural resources of Calvert County while learning important outdoor skills like: navigation, animal tracking, shelter building, and fire safety.

Members: \$150; Nonmembers: \$180

Camps for Children Entering Grades 6-8

Birding Adventures

Entering grades 6-8

Monday, July 8-Wednesday, July 10,

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 11 6:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday, July 12, 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Take your interest in birds to the next level with this camp. From hikes to boat trips we will be

learning about the many species of birds that call our area home. We will teach you how to identify birds by their song and appearance.

You will also get the chance to observe a bird banding research project. Bring your binoculars and your camera for a fun week long adventure ending with an owl prowls on Friday night!

Members: \$150; Nonmembers: \$180

Mountains to the Bay

Entering grades 6-8

Monday-Wednesday, July 15-17,

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 18, 7:30 a.m. overnight trip to Western MD

Friday, July 19, pick up at 6:00 p.m.

Location varies

This week we will explore all things aquatic while learning the basics of getting around on the water using a variety of watercraft like canoes, kayaks, and river rafts. We'll explore different aquatic habitats as we retrace the path that water takes from the mountains to the Bay-in reverse. The last 2 days will be an overnight adventure to western Maryland-including tubing on Antietam Creek and rafting the Shenandoah River.

Members: \$275; Nonmembers: \$305

Exploring Environmental Careers

Entering grades 6-8

Monday, July 29-Friday, August 2,

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location varies

Does getting paid to be outside sound like the career path for you? Come explore the many different types of careers that nature can offer, including animal care, environmental education, and field research. Camp includes a day trip to Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in Solomon's, MD.

Members: \$150; Nonmembers: \$180

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