



# AUTUMN 2020 PROGRAMS



## Calvert Nature Society and Calvert County Natural Resources Division

See a full listing of all the upcoming programs at [www.calvertparks.org](http://www.calvertparks.org). Online registration is recommended.

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## Programs for Families

Families experience the *fascinating natural world found in our area. These programs incorporate activities for learners of all ages.*

*Most programs spend time outdoors: dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.*

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## NATURE AT HOME

You don't have to travel to exotic parks to study nature - you have plenty of plants and animals close to home. Whether it is right in your yard or a short walk away, adventure awaits.

[CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE PROGRAMS](https://www.calvertparks.org/Online-Programs)

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### Toddler Hike

Ages 1.5-5

Wednesday, September 30

Wednesday, October 28

Wednesday, November 25

Wednesday, December 30

AM Session: 10:00-11:00 a.m.

PM Session: 1:00- 2:00 p.m.

Location varies by date

Hiking with toddlers is always an adventure! Join us as we flip over rocks, pick up sticks, and hike through the woods at a toddler's pace.

### Cricket Crawl

Ages 5 and older

Friday, August 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park

Join a naturalist for a night hike and a sound census of the late summer crickets and katydids. Learn to identify different species of crickets by their calls and go for a short hike to see what species we can hear. After listening to the evening chorus, we'll gather around a campfire and enjoy s'mores.

### Animal Stories Campfire

All Ages

Saturday, September 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Kings Landing Park

Autumn is right around the corner! It's time to gather around the campfire, roast some marshmallows, and enjoy stories and songs celebrating our local animals as they begin their busy preparations for the cooler days ahead. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on.

### The Great Fall Find!

Ages 3-5

Wednesday, September 16, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Battle Creek Nature Center

What will the fall give us today? Will we find colorful leaves or nuts? Come celebrate fall - we will enjoy playing with whatever we find!

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### Monarch Tagging

All Ages

Saturday, September 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Learn how your family can help monarch butterflies. After a short presentation, we will venture outdoors to look for some monarchs to net and tag.

### Seine the Bay

All Ages

Sunday, September 20, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Wade in the bay with a seine net to discover critters living close to the shore. Participants will get a close look at bay animals such as grass shrimp, gobies, and skillet fish.

### Harvest Moon Tea Party

Ages 3-5

Thursday, October 1, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Come together for a celebration of fall! Bring your Teddy Bear or other furry friend to share fanciful treats, tea/juice, and a short stroll outdoors. Feel free to come dressed in your favorite celebration-fancy outfits.

### Fall Foliage Foray

Ages 6-8

Saturday, October 17, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Enjoy an early fall hike through Flag Ponds. Discover sounds, scents, and sights of autumn in the woods.

### Help Take Care of the Animals

Ages 6-9

Saturday, November 7, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Your children will have fun helping the naturalist take care of the nature center's live animals while being able to see them up-close. Wear clothes that can get dirty.

### Colorful Day

Ages 3-5

Thursday, November 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park

Let's go out for a walk and see what colors nature has to offer us. How many colors can we find? What is the most colorful thing we can find. We will have a story, craft, and a short walk.

### Drop-in Leaf Crafts

All Ages

Saturday, November 21, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Explore common leaf types and learn why leaves fall. We will collect freshly fallen leaves and use them to create a variety of craft projects. Drop in any time between 10-12 and stay for as long as you'd like. All materials will be provided

### Animals In Winter

Ages 3-5

Wednesday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Explore the park looking for evidence of winter animal life. Dress for a seasonal walk outdoors, and be prepared to use your senses as we explore!

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### The Christmas Possum

Ages 1.5-5

Monday, December 7, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Kings Landing Park

The Christmas Possum has hidden candy canes in the park. After some possum-themed indoor activities, the naturalist will lead your children on a hike to find them.

### Compass Skills: Candy Cane Hunt

Ages 6-9

Saturday, December 12, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park

Children will learn some basic compass skills and will use what they have learned to find candy canes hidden in the park.

### Winter Solstice Celebration

Ages 3-5

Thursday, December 17, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Play

The days are short and the animals and plants have been getting ready for winter. Are you ready? We will tell stories, play games, and build forts - best of all - cook some snacks over a campfire. Wear your warm clothes to this one - it will be outside!

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## Homeschool First Fridays

Homeschool First 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.

Our Fall Homeschool Friday season will focus on the group of animals known as "invertebrates." September's class will focus on insects including grasshoppers and crickets.

Friday, September 4

Friday, October 2

Friday, November 6

Friday, December 4

Ages 4-12, with adult

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

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

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Reservations required. Free for society members.

Nonmembers pay \$8 per family.

### Life on the Edge

*Ages 12-16*

7:00a.m. Friday October 16, to

4:00p.m. Saturday October 17

Meet at Battle Creek Nature Center

Assateague Island is poised between the land and the sea - recreated each day by ocean, wind, and waves. Teens will kayak the coastal bay, camp in the sand dunes, cook dinner over a fire, and explore the beach at night. Adults not required.

Fee per child:

Society members pay \$40 per person.

### Teen Homeschool Days

**Invertebrates**

*Ages 12-16*

Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Our fall Teen Homeschool series will focus on invertebrates. Each class will involve both indoor learning and hands-on outdoor exploration. September's class will focus on insects, especially grasshoppers, crickets, and their relatives.

Adult Participation not required.

Free for members; \$8 per teen for nonmembers.

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## Events for Adults & Older Children

### Kings Landing Ghost Tour

Ages 13 and older, under 18 with an adult

Friday, September 25, 8:00 -10:00 p.m.

Saturday, September, 26, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Friday, November 6, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 7, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Ben Krause

A night hiking ghost tour and hear ghost stories about our park and Calvert County and come prepared for a spooky time.

Free for members; \$8 per person for nonmembers

### Owls of Maryland

*Ages 10 and older*

Saturday, November 7, 7:00 -11:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Ever wondered what owls live in Maryland? Come to our owl banding station and learn about what owls could be living in your backyard as well as the migratory Saw-Whet Owls we are studying. We will have a live owl to see and maybe a chance to see a wild Saw-whet Owl.

Free for members; \$8 per person for nonmembers

### It's the Ice Age!

*Ages 10 and older*

Saturday, December 19, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Kings Landing Park

Come learn about the animals of the Ice Age with special emphasis on those that lived in Maryland. We will also compare the real thing to fictional versions.

Free for members; \$8 per person for nonmembers

## Calvert Stewards

*Explore our Calvert Steward web site*

*<https://calvertstewards.galaxydigital.com> to learn about the different Programs and Opportunities.*

### Monarch Larva Monitoring Project

All Ages

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Varies dates throughout the season. Check the [Calvert Stewards](#) web site for details

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### Nest Box Monitoring

Ages 10 and older

Varies dates throughout the season. Check the [Calvert Stewards](#) web site for details

### Animal Care Training

Ages 10 and older

Varies dates throughout the season. Check the [Calvert Stewards](#) web site for details

### Raptor Care Training

Ages 18 and older

Varies dates throughout the season. Check the [Calvert Stewards](#) web site for details

### River Ecology Kayak Trip

Adults

Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Kings Landing Park

This is a perfect trip *for current volunteers* to learn about kayaking and get out on the water in the company of other volunteers and staff. This is a special "thank you" trip just for Calvert Stewards volunteers. Varies dates throughout the season. Check the [Calvert Stewards](#) web site for details.