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ASWP's Chimney Swift towers provide roosting and nesting spaces for Chimney Swifts, who are experiencing a population decrease due to the capping of residential chimneys.



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# *This Audubon View*

Anyone who talks with me knows that it's not unusual if we end up discussing one of my favorite birds, the Chimney Swift. I find everything about them captivating—from their flight patterns, to their migration and peculiar roosting and nesting needs. I've also discovered that I am not alone. In meetings with donors, elected officials, club members, and educators, people express fascination for these birds—and concern over their population decline.



That's why I'm excited for our new partnership with Allegheny County Parks, Allegheny County Parks Foundation, and The Pittsburgh Foundation that supports the installation of 100 Chimney Swift habitats in nine Allegheny County Parks. ASWP will build and install the habitats that we've adapted from a design first used in Texas (see cover photo). Best of all, these towers can double as information kiosks for displaying trail maps and other important park information. We've already installed, and assisted Eagle Scouts in installing, 30 towers throughout the region. The new partnership will create the country's largest concentration of swift habitats.

Building habitats, though, is only half of the project. We will also be developing a mobile application that will enable individuals to report Chimney Swift activity to us via their smart phones—both on park habitats and in traditional chimneys throughout the region. I invite you to share our passion for Chimney Swifts and help us collect information on them when we launch the application in April.

Have a great New Year,

*-Jim*

## *DIRECTIONS TO Our Reserves*

*Trails are open year-round, 7 days a week, dawn to dusk.*

### **BEECHWOOD FARMS NATURE RESERVE:**

Take Route 28 north from Pittsburgh to Route 8 North/Butler exit. Turn right at first traffic light on to Kittanning Road, which becomes Dorseyville Road. Travel 4.3 miles and Beechwood will be on your left.

**SUCCOP NATURE PARK:** Take Route 8 North from Pittsburgh or South from Butler and turn on to West Airport Road. Once on West Airport Road, Succop Nature Park's driveway will be the first road on your left.

**TODD NATURE RESERVE:** Take Route 28 North from Pittsburgh to the Butler/Freeport Exit 17. Turn right at Route 356 North, and then right at Monroe Road. Travel about 2 miles, and make a right at Kepple Road. Travel 1.5 miles and Todd Nature Reserve will be on your right. Park in the lot and please sign in at the informational kiosk at the cabin. Trail maps are located at the kiosk.



# A NOISE IN *your Chimney?*

## IT MAY BE CHIMNEY SWIFTS!

Roger Tory Peterson once described Chimney Swifts (*Chaetura pelagica*) as “a cigar with wings.” Chimney Swifts are small, very acrobatic birds that, for many, do resemble a cigar with wings. They are uniformly dark birds, with a barrel-like body and pointed, swept back wings. An adult Chimney Swift measures only five inches long and weighs less than one ounce—about the same as two dimes. Often heard before they are seen, the Chimney Swift’s high pitched twittering calls are a signal that they are overhead.

It is believed that Chimney Swifts were evenly scattered across their range prior to European settlement, occupying large hollow trees as both nesting and roosting structures. As more and more homes were built, and large hollow trees became less frequent, they quickly adapted to using brick chimneys. In fact, it is believed that Chimney Swift populations increased dramatically because of the availability of chimneys.

However, as technology improved, flues were replaced with small PVC pipes, and chimneys were capped to increase thermal efficiency. While installing high efficiency furnaces is a critical step in reducing our carbon footprints, the sudden reduction in chimney availability is not beneficial to Chimney Swifts.

Over the past two decades, swift populations have decreased by over 2% per year. Population decreases are documented in 32 of the 38 states in which the species breeds. While still a relatively common bird, the swifts’ declines signal a need to stabilize the population.

Because loss of suitable nesting and roosting sites is a primary factor of the population declines, installation of Chimney Swift Towers—artificial chimney structures—are one solution. Chimney Swift Towers are 15 foot tall faux chimneys that provide the same nesting and roosting opportunities as “real” chimneys.

Audubon has been working to install these structures throughout western Pennsylvania, and we are poised to place many more in 2016.

Chimney Swifts are among the most aerial of birds, almost constantly flying except when at the nest, or when roosting. They feed by catching caddisflies, mayflies, crane flies, and other soft-bodied insects (including mosquitoes) on the wing. In a much lesser observed behavior, a swift may fly to the edge of trees, gently brushing the leaves with its wings, hoping to flush resting insects. They are known to bathe by swooping down to open water, dipping their bellies into the water and shaking the water off as they fly away. And they drink in the same fashion, dipping their bills into the water as they fly over.

Swifts are commonly confused with Swallows, which are also very acrobatic. When Carl Linnaeus first described the swifts in 1758, he grouped it with swallows. Chimney Swifts were known as American Swallow or Chimney Swallow into the 1800s. Only in 1825 did James Francis Stephens move this species and a few other swifts into the *Chaetura* genus.

Interestingly, Chimney Swifts do not perch like most other birds. They are generally incapable of perching on a branch, or any horizontal surface. Rather, they use their long claws and bristle-tipped tail feathers to cling to vertical surfaces. Their genus, *Chaetura*, roughly translates to “spiny tail.” This is the primary reason that the species uses old hollow trees, caves, and more recently, chimneys as nesting and roosting habitats.

Chimney Swifts are currently wintering in parts of Peru, Chile, and Brazil. But they will return to our neighborhoods during the last week of April to begin their breeding season. Listen for their distinctive twittering calls overhead, or watch for shapes that appear to be “cigars with wings” diving into chimneys or our Chimney Swift Towers this spring!



# Winter/Spring PROGRAM SCHEDULE

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE AT  
ASWP.ORG OR BY CALLING (412) 963-6100.

## Special Events

### GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT TRAINING

February 6, 2–4 pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve & Succop Nature Park

The Great Backyard Bird Count takes place Presidents day weekend and can be done anywhere there are wild birds. Get ready to count with this training reviewing common species and reporting procedures. Visit GBBC.org for details about the count. Great for scout leaders, parents, and others who want to learn about the count and get tips for getting their groups involved. Act 48 hours available. This event is free!

### GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT WALK

February 13, 10am–12pm  
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve & Succop Nature Park

Join the ASWP naturalists for our annual Great Backyard Bird Count walk on Audubon's trails.

### MAPLE MADNESS

March 19, 10am–1pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve  
March 12, 10am–1pm / Succop Nature Park

Experience the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of Maple Sugaring as you take a trip through the history and science of maple syrup. Enjoy a pancake brunch, too! Registration is required, with brunch seatings every 30 minutes. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember. (Event starts at 10am. Last seating for pancake brunch is at 1pm. Last guided bike leaves after the 1pm brunch group has finished their meal.)

### MASTER BIRDER PROGRAM

Audubon's Master Birder Program is for the intermediate birder who would like to take his or her birding knowledge to another level. Outings are designed to reinforce class subject matter and to get firsthand experience with the breadth of birds that occur in Western Pennsylvania. Graduates will have a detailed understanding of local habitat, bird identification, and behavior along with the desire to share their learning through an ongoing volunteer commitment to the ASWP. Please note: there is an interview, review, and demonstration of skills required prior to being accepted. Cost is \$300. At Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve. Classes on March 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11. Outings on March 26; April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14 (6:30–8:30pm for class, time varies for outings.)

### SUCCOP NATURE PARK EVENTS & WEDDINGS OPEN HOUSE

March 26, 11am–3pm / Succop Nature Park

Succop Nature Park is a beautiful place to hold a special event, wedding, corporate event, or party. Stop by to tour the property, meet our caterer, talk with vendors, and learn why you should hold your next event here!

### GREAT PITTSBURGH EAGLE EGG HUNT

April 2, 11am–2pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve  
April 3, 11am–12pm / Succop Nature Park

Celebrate the region's Bald Eagles at our annual egg hunt! We'll also have crafts, activities for all ages, and PixController will be at Beechwood for a live NestCam broadcast. Get more details at [www.aswp.org](http://www.aswp.org). Free.

### MOTHERS' DAY BRUNCH

May 7, 11am–1pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve  
May 8, 11am–1pm / Succop Nature Park

Give mom the day off! Enjoy a catered lunch then create and decorate a beautiful hummingbird feeder that you can take home to remember the day. Cost: \$25 per member, \$30 per nonmember.

### OPENING DAY AT AUDUBON CENTER FOR NATIVE PLANTS

May 14, 10am–2pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Meet our experienced staff and volunteers and get advice on a wide range of horticulture topics including choosing the right native plants for your unique garden space, designing for wildlife, and plants for rain gardens. Shop our nursery, located at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, for a large selection of hard-to-find native plants.

## Birding & Nature Hikes

### BIRDS & MORE NATURALIST LED MORNING WALKS

Every Wednesday at 9am at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve. Every Thursday at 9am at Succop Nature Park. Every Friday at 9am beginning April 1st at Todd Nature Reserve. Free.

## WILDFLOWERS & SIGNS OF SPRING

April 24, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

April 23, 10am–12pm / Succop Nature Park

The spring ephemerals will be in peak condition for a pleasant stroll. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

## MIGRATORY BIRD HIKE

April 30 & May 14, 8am / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

April 23 & May 7, 8am / Succop Nature Park

We welcome bird watchers of all ages and skill levels on our walks to catch glimpses of spring migrant birds of many species. Bring your binoculars, or you may borrow ours. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

## LEARN TO NAVIGATE: MAP & COMPASS

May 7, 10am–12pm / Todd Nature Reserve

Learn the skill of using a map and a compass to navigate from one place to another with accuracy. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

## BIRDING 101

May 14, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Birdwatching is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the United States. Come learn the basics of birding and why watching our feathered friends is such a captivating hobby. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

## BIRDS & BLOOMS

May 15, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Discover the late summer birds, insects and wildflowers that bring meadows to life. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

## Audubon at Night

### FROG WATCH\*

April 15, 7–9pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

April 9, 7–9pm / Succop Nature Park

Frogs and toads also play an important role, serving as both prey and predator, in wetland ecosystems and are considered indicators of environmental health. Visit [frogwatch.org](http://frogwatch.org) for details about the Frog Watch Citizen Science program. Act 48 hours available. This event is free!

## 'ROUND THE CAMPFIRE

June 24, 6:30–8:30pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

June 4, 6:30–8:30pm / Succop Nature Park

Enjoy a summer night under the stars, while learning about nature around a campfire. Cost: \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

## Preschool Programs

### FLEDGLINGS: AGES 3–5

February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9 / Beechwood  
February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14 / Succop Nature Park  
Program runs 10–11am on all dates

Give your 3–5 year old a head start on a lifetime of loving the outdoors. Fledglings programs incorporate stories, a walk, and activities to introduce new and fun nature themes to young participants. Parent or caregiver must be present. Cost: \$4 member; \$6 nonmember.

**February:** Chick-a-dee-dee-dee

**May:** The Dandelion Seed

**March:** Down the Maple Trail

**June:** Swimmy the Fish

**April:** Spring Peepers

### BABES IN THE WOODS

May 5 & June 2, 10–11am / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

May 3 & June 7, 10–11am / Succop Nature Park

For children up to age 3 and a parent/caregiver. Even the smallest children delight in a day outside! Bring your little one in a baby carrier and enjoy a leisurely, guided stroll on our reserves. Parent or caregiver must be present. Cost is per parent, the child attends for free. \$4 member parent; \$6 nonmember parent.

## Hands-On Programs

### ICE FISHING

February 6, 10am–12pm / Succop Nature Park

Try your hand at ice fishing with one of our educators on the Succop Nature Park pond. Cost: \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

### CITIZEN SCIENCE: FROG WATCH TRAINING\*

February 6, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Learn to identify and count frogs by sound. Frogs are an important indicator of ecosystem health. Visit [frogwatch.org](http://frogwatch.org) for details about the FrogWatch Citizen Science program. Act 48 hours available. Free.

### NATURALLY CREATIVE: SEED PENDANTS

February 13, 11am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

February 13, 2–3pm / Succop Nature Park

Use seeds to create a custom miniature pendant. Appropriate for all ages. Cost: \$10 per member, \$15 per nonmember.

### SIGNS OF SPRING

February 21, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

The cardinal begins singing its spring song in mid-January to remind us that winter will end at some point. Can spring be right around the corner? Come on out to Beechwood and discover the budding signs of spring on the reserve. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

## CITIZEN SCIENCE: NESTWATCH\*

March 5, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

March 5, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park

NestWatch is a nationwide monitoring program designed to track status and trends in the reproductive biology of birds, including when nesting occurs, number of eggs laid, how many eggs hatch, and how many hatchlings survive. Free.

## BIRDS & CLIMATE CHANGE

March 15, 7pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Global climate is changing in ways not seen for millennia, and we know humans bear at least part of the responsibility. How will birds in North America be impacted? This talk will cover the findings of Audubon's 2014 Climate Report and the challenges facing bird species across the continent. Free.

## PLANNING A BACKYARD BIRD HABITAT\*\*

March 26, 2–4pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

March 27, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park

This session will highlight landscape concepts and methods that will help participants develop a garden oasis for birds. Bring photos and measurements of your space and we will begin to outline a design framework using paint, pencil and collage techniques. Part one of a two part series. One hour of class, a 30 minute tour of the property, and 30 minutes for design work. This event is free for ASWP and Fox Chapel Garden Club members; \$6 per nonmember.

## CITIZEN SCIENCE: PROJECT BUDBURST\*

April 9, 10am–2pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

April 9, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park

Learn how to gather data for scientific use about the annual life cycle of common plants. Visit BudBurst.org for more information. Act 48 hours available. Free.

## GROWING UP WILD FOR EDUCATORS

April 16, 10am–3pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Growing Up WILD is an early childhood education curriculum guide that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Visit ProjectWILD.org for details. Participants receive the guide and six Act 48 hours. Cost is \$20 per person. Limit 25 participants.

## PERMACULTURE\*\*

April 23, 2–4pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

April 24, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park

Permaculture refers to permanent agriculture, an area of ecological design that creates sustainable landscapes inspired by natural ecosystems. This class will focus on a variety of PA native edible plants that will continue to provide a healthy harvest year after year.

Participants will have the opportunity to taste native plant inspired dishes and create signature herbal tea. This event is free for ASWP and Fox Chapel Garden Club members; \$6 per nonmember.

## CITIZEN SCIENCE: HUMMINGBIRDS AT HOME\*

May 28, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

May 7, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park

To live such high energy lifestyles, hummingbirds must sync their migration and nesting times with the flowering of nectar-bearing plants. Learn how climate change threatens to throw off this delicate balance, with unknown repercussions for hummingbirds. Free.

## MAKE & TAKE: CREATE A MASON BEE HOUSE

May 21, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park

Mason bees are an important part of our natural world, and you can create a home for them to live in! Learn about these important bees, create a mason bee house, then take it home to attract beneficial mason bees to your backyard! \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

## MAKE & TAKE: CREATE A WALKING STICK

June 4, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

June 4, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park

Cost: \$20 per member group; \$25 per nonmember group. Each group makes one walking stick. Create the ultimate hiking tool—then take it home to use on future walks. Registration is required at least 2 days in advance of this program.

## CITIZEN SCIENCE: FIREFLY WATCH\*

June 17, 8–9:30pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

June 18, 7–8:30pm / Succop Nature Park

Learn about fireflies and how to count them. We will start inside with a presentation on fireflies, then go outside collect and count them as night falls. This is a Citizen Science project suitable for all ages. Act 48 eligible (1 clock hour). Free.

## ORGANIC GARDENING SOLUTIONS

June 18, 2–4pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

June 19, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park

This workshop will focus on native plants that work with nature to increase beneficial insects and birds, and how they help reduce or eliminate the need for synthetic chemicals in the landscape. This event is free for ASWP and Fox Chapel Garden Club members; \$6 per nonmember.

\*Citizen Science programs are offered for free through a generous grant from Dominion Foundation.

\*\*Native plant programs are discounted through a grant from Fox Chapel Garden Club.



## Scouts

### MAP & COMPASS BADGE

February 26, 2–4pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

This program is for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts and is booked by group or den. Contact Scott Detwiler at (412) 963-6100 to make your reservation. \$7.50 per scout.

### MAPLE FOR SCOUTS

March 12, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

March 26, 10am–12pm / Succop Nature Park

Experience the science and history of Maple Sugaring. Groups or individuals welcome; advance registration is required. Contact Scott Detwiler at (412) 963-6100 to make your reservation. \$7.50 per scout.

### SCOUT BADGE DAY

April 23, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

April 9, 10am–12pm / Succop Nature Park

Earn a nature-related badge of your choice. Arrangements are by den or troop and must be made in advance by contacting our education department. Contact Scott Detwiler at (412) 963-6100 to make your reservation. \$7.50 per scout.

# AUDUBON NATURE STORE NEWS

*Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!*

### SAVINGS FOR YOUR VALENTINE

Saturday, February 6, 9am–5pm

Enjoy Audubon Premium Shade Grown Coffee and sweet treats while you shop our Nature Store for that special nature lover in your life. Save up to 25% on jewelry, picture frames, candle holders, vases, and more.

### AUDUBON NATURE STORE AT BRIDAL & EVENT OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 26, 11am–3pm

Look for Audubon Nature Store at Succop Nature Park's Bridal & Event Open House, where we will feature party favors, décor, and gifts to enhance your celebration no matter what the occasion. Our knowledgeable staff will be on hand to answer questions and offer creative ideas.

### YARD & GARDEN SALE

Saturday, May 14, 9am–5pm

Spring has sprung and so have the savings during Audubon Nature Store's Yard & Garden Sale! Shop our selection of tools, pruners, gloves, plant markers, hand soaps & lotions, wall planters, watering cans, and wind chimes.

### ONLINE FEATURES: FREE DELIVERY TO SUCCOP NATURE PARK

Visit our online store at [aswp.org](http://aswp.org) to order bird seed and feeders to keep the birds happy all winter long. Simply place your order and we'll have your merchandise available at Succop Nature Park on the following Monday.

Audubon Nature Store is located at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, 614 Dorseyville Road in Fox Chapel.





# WINTER/SPRING 2016 *Calendar of Events*

## *Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve*

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 6 Citizen Science: Frog Watch Training
- 6 Great Backyard Bird Count Training
- 10 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 11 Fledglings: Chick-a-dee-dee-dee
- 13 Great Backyard Bird Count Walk
- 13 Naturally Creative: Seed Pendants
- 17 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 21 Signs of Spring
- 24 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 26 Scouts: Map & Compass Badge

### MARCH

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- 5 Citizen Science: NestWatch
- 9 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 10 Fledglings: Down the Maple Trail
- 12 Scouts: Maple Program
- 15 Birds & Climate Change
- 16 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 19 Maple Madness
- 23 Master Birder Class
- 23 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 26 Master Birder Outing
- 26 Planning a Backyard Bird Habitat
- 30 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 30 Master Birder Class

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- 2 Master Birder Outing
- 6 Master Birder Class
- 6 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
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- 9 Master Birder Outing
- 13 Master Birder Class
- 13 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
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- 15 Frog Watch
- 16 Growing up WILD for Educators
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- 20 Master Birder Class
- 20 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 23 Permaculture
- 23 Scouts: Badge Day
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- 24 Wildflowers & Signs of Spring
- 27 Master Birder Class
- 27 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 30 Migratory Bird Hike
- 30 Master Birder Outing

### MAY

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- 4 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 5 Babes in the Woods
- 7 Mothers' Day Brunch
- 7 Master Birder Outing
- 11 Master Birder Class
- 11 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 12 Fledglings: The D&elion Seed
- 14 Audubon Center for Native Plants Opens
- 14 Migratory Bird Hike
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- 25 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
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### JUNE

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- 4 Make & Take: Create a Walking Stick
- 8 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 9 Fledglings: Swimmy the Fish
- 15 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 17 Citizen Science: Firefly Watch
- 18 Organic Gardening Solutions
- 22 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 24 'Round the Campfire
- 29 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

## *Succop Nature Park*

### FEBRUARY

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## *Todd Nature Reserve*

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- 13, 20, 27 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

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- 3, 10, 17, 24 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

# Memorials AND Honors

## Memorials

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10am-1pm  
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