

GET OUTSIDE THIS SUMMER
with
AUDUBON!



Summer 2017 Program Schedule

SUMMER 2017 *Calendar of Events*

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

MAY

3 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
6 Family Birding Program
6 Migratory Bird Hike
10 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
11 Fledglings
13 ACNP Opening Day
13 Adult Eco-Series: Wildflower Survey
13 Citizen Science: Project Nestwatch
17 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
20 Campfire Dinner with Wild Edibles
24, 31 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

JUNE

2 'Round the Campfire
3 Birding 101
7 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
8 Fledglings
8 Babes in the Woods
13 Firefly Watch & FrogWatch
14 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
17 Family Outdoor Adventure
17 Nature Store Customer Appreciation Day
21 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
21 Fairy Gardens in Twilight
27 Firefly Watch and FrogWatch
28 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

JULY

1-8 Nature Store Made in America Event
5 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
6 Babes in the Woods
11 Black Bears in Pennsylvania
12 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
13 Fledglings
13 Birds of Prey
18 Monarch Larva Monitoring & Lost Ladybug Project
19 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
25 Monarch Larva Monitoring & Lost Ladybug Project
26 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

AUGUST

2 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
3 Fledglings
3 Babes in the Woods
9, 16 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
19 Night Hike
22 Monarch Larva Monitoring & Lost Ladybug Project
23 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
26 Migratory Bird Hike
26 Family Outdoor Adventure
29 Monarch Larva Monitoring & Lost Ladybug Project
30 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

SEPTEMBER

6 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
7 Babes in the Woods
9 Migratory Bird Hike
9 Family Outdoor Adventure
12 Monarch Larva Monitoring & Lost Ladybug Project
13 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
14 Fledglings
20 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
23 Merit Badge Workshop
27 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
30 Seed Collection

Succop Nature Park

MAY

4 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
6 Migratory Bird Hike
6 Citizen Science: Project Nestwatch
6 Campfire Dinner with Wild Edibles
9 Fledglings
11 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
14 Mothers' Day Brunch
18, 25 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

JUNE

1 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
4 Birding 101
6 Babes in the Woods
8 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
8 Firefly Watch and FrogWatch
10 'Round the Campfire
13 Fledglings
14 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
14 Fairy Gardens in Twilight
17 Family Outdoor Adventure
22, 29 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
29 Firefly Watch and FrogWatch

JULY

6 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
6 Babes in the Woods
6 Monarch Larva Monitoring & Lost Ladybug Project
11 Fledglings
13 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
13 Birds of Prey
20 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
20 Picnic in the Park
20 Monarch Larva Monitoring & Lost Ladybug Project
27 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

AUGUST

1 Babes in the Woods
3 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
5 Family Outdoor Adventure

8 Fledglings

10 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
10 Monarch Larva Monitoring & Lost Ladybug Project
17 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
17 Picnic in the Park
24 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
24 Monarch Larva Monitoring & Lost Ladybug Project
26 Migratory Bird Hike
31 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

SEPTEMBER

2 Family Outdoor Adventure
5 Babes in the Woods
7 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
7 Monarch Larva Monitoring & Lost Ladybug Project
9 Migratory Bird Hike
12 Fledglings
12, 21, 28 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
30 Seed Collection
30 Scout Merit Badge Workshop

Todd Nature Reserve

MAY

5 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
6 Project Nestwatch
(at Nature Store, Yellowjacket Square)
6 Adult Eco-Series: Wildflower Survey
12, 19 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
20 Children's Craft & Nature Story Program
(at Nature Store, Yellowjacket Square)
26 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

JUNE

2 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
4 Birds of Prey (at Nature Store, Yellowjacket Square)
9, 16, 23, 30 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

JULY

7, 14, 21, 28 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

AUGUST

4, 11, 18, 25 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

SEPTEMBER

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike

Harrison Hills Park

MAY

13 Harrison Hills Bird Walk

North Park

JUNE

10 Birding at Latodami Center

Summer

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

Special Events

MOTHERS' DAY BRUNCH

May 14, 11am-1pm / Succop Nature Park

Give mom the day off! Enjoy a catered brunch and then create a craft together that you can take home to remember the day. It's a special day for the whole family! Cost: \$20 per member, \$25 per nonmember.

PICNICS IN THE PARK

July 20 & August 17, 6:30-8:30pm / Succop Nature Park

Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy free live music at Succop Nature Park. See a list of bands that will be performing at www.aswp.org.

OPENING DAY AT AUDUBON CENTER FOR NATIVE PLANTS

May 13, 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, all season long for a large selection of hard-to-find native plants.

Birding & Nature Hikes

BIRDS & MORE NATURALIST-LED MORNING WALKS

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve: Every Wednesday at 9am; Free

Succop Nature Park: Every Thursday at 9am; Free

Todd Nature Reserve: Every Friday at 9am from April 7th to October 27th; Free

FAMILY BIRDING PROGRAM

May 6, 10am-12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Ever want to get out with the kids and enjoy a family birding adventure? Or spend some time with the grandkids while learning about our local avian friends? This program is kid friendly and introduces entire family to the excitement and enjoyment that is birding. \$6 members, \$10 non-members.

MIGRATORY BIRD HIKE

*May 6, August 26, September 9, 8-10am
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve & Succop Nature Park*

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

HARRISON HILLS BIRD WALK

May 13, 8-10am / Harrison Hills Park

Harrison Hills Park offers one of the regions more popular places to bird. We will meet in the parking lot at the Environmental Learning Center and bird some of the surrounding trails. Free.

BIRDING 101

*June 3, 10am-12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
June 4, 10am-12pm / Succop Nature Park*

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.

FAMILY OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

June 17, 2-4 pm; Aug. 26 & Sept. 9, 10am-12pm / Beechwood Farms
June 17 & Aug. 5, 2-4pm; Sept. 2, 12-2pm / Succop Nature Park

This series will allow families to observe nature over time. In June, plants are leafing and birds are rearing their young, in August many plants will be in full flower, by September birds will have begun their migratory journey and some plants will begin their senescence. This is a great chance to explore nature without an agenda, adventure awaits! \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

BIRDING AT LATODAMI CENTER IN NORTH PARK

June 10, 8-10am / Latodami Center

Latodami Center in North Park is fantastic place to bird! By early June many of our migrant species are fully into their breeding season. Come enjoy a bird walk with one of Audubon's experienced birders and identify many of the resident and migrant species found in the region. Free.

HAWK MOUNTAIN BIRDING TRIP

September 16-17 / Hawk Mountain

This weekend trip to Hawk Mountain will allow birders to catch the annual raptor migration. We will travel in a passenger van, stay at a campsite, and enjoy bird talk along the way. Pack a sleeping bag and dress to be outside, we will eat at local restaurants as well as cook over a campfire. Tent and cabin camping will be available. We will stay at Christmas Pines Camping Resort. This tour will leave Succop Nature Park at 6am on September 16. \$165 per person. Contact Ryan Stauffer at rstauffer@aswp.org for more information.

Audubon at Night

CAMPFIRE DINNER WITH WILD EDIBLES

May 20, 5-7pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
May 6, 5-7pm / Succop Nature Park

This activity includes a hike to gather some wild food sources and then implement them into a campfire cooked meal. Sign-ups will be contacted with information on what to bring. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

'ROUND THE CAMPFIRE

June 2, 7-9pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
June 10, 7-9pm / Succop Nature Park

Firecraft is serious business; success or failure can mean life or death in an emergency. We will go over locally available tinder and learn about unconventional ways to light a fire. Fuel selection and preparation are crucial to success. Fire by friction, charcloth, tinder bundles, and heat reflection will be covered. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

FAIRY GARDENS IN TWILIGHT

June 21, 7-8:30pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
June 14, 7-8:30pm / Succop Nature Park

Legend has it that wee folk come out to play in the woods as the sun goes down. We'll learn about these magical creatures, and how to attract them using native plants, and other objects. Each paid admission gets to make and take home one fairy garden and the cost includes all supplies. \$20 per member, \$25 per nonmember.

NIGHT HIKE

August 19, 8:30-10:30pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Come and enjoy a hike on Beechwood's trails in the twilight of summer. Participants will get to walk in the darkness while using your senses to experience nature in a uniquely different way. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

Preschool Programs

FLEDGLINGS

May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 3, Sept. 14 / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12 / Succop Nature Park
All programs run 10-11am

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. \$4 member; \$6 nonmember.

May: The Bunny Hop

August: Dragonfly Jewels

June: You Little Stinker

September: Monarch Babies

July: Lost Ladybug

BABES IN THE WOODS

June 8, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, 10-11am / Beechwood Farms
June 6, July 6, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, 10-11am / Succop Nature Park

Bring your toddler to our DiscoverGround for a special nature play session. A naturalist will be on hand with age-appropriate nature activities and touchables to encourage exploration at your child's pace. Free. Ages 0-2 with caregiver present; siblings welcome to help. Beechwood: Meet in DiscoverGround. Succop: Meet at the Chimney Swift Tower in the parking lot.

CHILDREN'S CRAFT & NATURE STORY PROGRAM

May 20, 12-1pm / Todd Nature Reserve Store, Yellowjacket Square

Children will enjoy a fun nature story, then make a pine cone bird feeder. This event is free.

Hands-On Programs

ADULT ECO-SERIES WILDFLOWER SURVEY

May 13, 2–4pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
May 6, 2–4pm / Todd Nature Reserve

The spring wildflowers should be in peak condition by early May. Come out and help us catalogue wildflowers we find on our walk. The program May 6th at Butler Freepoint Trail (Buffalo Township) will meet at the gate at the start of the trail near Monroe Road. Free.

CITIZEN SCIENCE: PROJECT NESTWATCH*

May 13, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
May 6, 1–3pm / Todd Nature Reserve Store, Yellowjacket Square

Come learn about the nesting cycle of local birds and how you can become a volunteer with the NestWatch citizen science program. Free.

CITIZEN SCIENCE DATA NIGHTS: FIREFLY WATCH & FROGWATCH*

June 13 & 27, 8:30pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
June 8 & 29, 8:30pm / Succop Nature Park

Join ASWP naturalists for their weekly counting session. No experience necessary and appropriate for all ages. Join ASWP naturalists for our weekly citizen science monitoring and data collection. Session is outdoors. All ages are welcome, data collection is appropriate for school-aged children and adults. Free.

CITIZEN SCIENCE DATA DAYS: MONARCH LARVA MONITORING & LOST LADYBUG PROJECT*

July 18 & 25, Aug. 22 & 29, Sept. 12, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms
July 6 & 20, Aug. 10 & 24, Sept. 7, 10am–12pm / Succop Nature Park

Come out and help us do our weekly citizen science monitoring and data collection on monarch butterfly life stages in the field. And we will also collect data on any ladybugs we find as part of the Lost Ladybug Project. Session is outdoors. Appropriate for adults and interested youth. Free.

BIRDS OF PREY

June 4, 7–9pm / Todd Nature Reserve Store, Yellowjacket Square
July 13, 7–9pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
July 13, 7–9pm / Succop Nature Park

ASWP's Birds of Prey programs provide an up-close experience with live raptors. Our educators use our birds of prey to help explore the natural history of raptors, the similarities and differences among local species including our Bald Eagles. We will also cover the importance of habitat and conservation, and human impacts on the environment. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

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

BLACK BEARS IN PENNSYLVANIA

July 11, 7pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

The Commonwealth's black bear population has been growing steadily in the last 50 years. Pennsylvania Game Commission agent Dan Puhala will discuss the ecology, life history, and conservation of this remarkable mammal. Free.

SEED COLLECTION

September 30, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
September 30, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park

Learn how to sustainably harvest native seed for propagation while you help Audubon Center for Native Plants replenish its stocks. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

Scouts

MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP

September 23, 9am–3pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
September 30, 9am–3pm / Succop Nature Park

Complete most of the requirements for the Insect Study Merit Badge. (Requirements 9 & 13 must be completed outside of class, but can be approved if proof is brought.) Bring a lunch and a blue card. For details about requirements contact Scott, sdetwiler@aswp.org. Register online. \$25 per scout. One adult chaperone per troop is requested (there is no charge to the chaperone).





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Save the Dates!

BUSINESS MEETING TO ELECT NEW TRUSTEES

*Open to all current ASWP members only
May 30, 2017 at 6pm
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve*

Join us in person or by phone to
elect new Trustees to the Board of ASWP.
Call in toll free: 888-721-8686;
use conference ID: 889-9717

ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS

*September 12, 2017 at 6pm
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve*

Join us for an evening celebrating all things
Audubon and the completion of construction at
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve. Look for complete
details in the next Bulletin and online at aswp.org.

