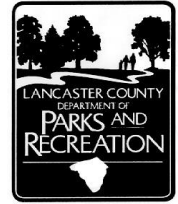


Lancaster County Parks Department

Fall 2021 Program List



Have you created an account with our new online registration system? You can now register for programs online and manage the entire family's schedules in one spot – go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/LancasterCountyParks> to sign up now!

Nature Photography Hike **Saturday, September 4**

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Ages 13 and up
Exhibit Farmhouse

Join Naturalist Taylor Mervine and other photography enthusiasts on a morning nature hike. We will be walking the mowed path along the Muhlenberg Wildflower Meadows. This program is open to all photography skill levels and is an opportunity to meet other local photographers and share ideas and skills. Cameras are not provided, but bring any you have, including a cell phone. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 3. \$3.00 per person.

Homeschool Wednesday: Our World Ocean **Wednesday, September 8**

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Ages 8 - 12
Environmental Center

Homeschool science classes continue with an ocean theme for the fall session! Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will introduce students to the concept of our World Ocean. We will delve into ocean geography and discover the true extent of the watery world that covers 71% of our home. Wear old clothes and plan for indoor and outdoor activity. Programs are geared for ages 8 through 12. Children under age 8 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, September 7. \$4.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Jump into STEM – Counting in the Creek **Thursday, September 9**

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Ages 3 - 5
Environmental Center

Preschool scientists will have the opportunity to work on their counting and basic data collection skills. Join Naturalist Taylor Mervine to collect critters from the Mill Creek and record data about our findings. As students catch critters with their nets, we will place them in collection tubs so we can identify what is living in the stream and count our findings. Nets and basins will be provided along with guidance in identification of creek critters and data collection. Everyone entering the Mill Creek must wear close-toed shoes like old sneakers. No crocs, flip flops, or sandals are allowed. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, September 8. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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Thursday in the Park: Plants and Pollinators**Ages 6 - 9****Thursday, September 9****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Muhlenberg Meadow lot, 548 Golf Road**

As the summer wanes and fall arrives, children may explore a diversity of topics with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. The Muhlenberg Wildflower Meadow reaches a peak of beauty, butterflies, and other insects in the late summer. We will meet at the Muhlenberg Meadow parking lot at 548 Golf Road in Lancaster, 17602. Dress for exploring the meadows with insect nets and magnifiers. These classes are geared for ages 6 through 9; children under age 6 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, September 8. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Brownie WOW Journey: Love and Save Water**Ages 6 and up****Saturday, September 11****9:00 – 11:30 AM****Environmental Center**

Through the Wonders of Water (WOW) Journey, Brownies achieve a greater appreciation for something vital we still take for granted: *water!* With Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel, Brownies may complete their WOW Journey in two meetings (Sept. 11 and Oct. 2, must register for both dates separately). Girls will ponder the ways they Love Water by sharing special waters, creating a water map, holding a tea party, and playing a water cycle game. As girls contemplate saving water, they will hold a water-carrying relay to appreciate this task and play a game to think about life in other areas where water is scarce. Girls will reflect upon these activities and develop ideas for saving water at home. Each girl should dress for indoor and outdoor activities (including painting) and bring a jar of water from a special place. Each girl must also have a signed liability waiver to participate in the tea party. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, September 9. \$8.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Paddle in the Park**Ages 4 and up****Saturday, September 11****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Central Park, 877 Rockford Rd.****11:15 AM – 12:15 PM****12:30 – 1:30 PM**

Join Naturalists Lisa J. Sanchez and Aaron Hasircoglu while you try your hand at paddling a canoe. Sign up for one or more of the hourly time slots to learn basic paddling strokes. You will be shown techniques and given safety instructions on the land. Once in the canoe you can practice your skills in a flat-water area of the Conestoga River. Please meet at 877 Rockford Rd. (intersection of Rockford Road and General Hand Lane) in Central Park. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 10. \$5.00 per person per hour.

Sensational Senses**Ages 5 and up****Sunday, September 12****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Garden of Five Senses**

How do we utilize all five of our senses while out in nature? Join Naturalist Stevie Kitching for an afternoon engaging our senses and taking time to experience nature in new ways. We will be playing games and going on a short individual (or with a parent) sensory hike to try and view the world with a different perspective. Meet at the patio located above the Garden of Five Senses at 38 Pontz Drive, Lancaster 17602. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 10. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

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Munchkin Science: Frogs and Toads**Ages 3 - 5****Tuesday, September 14****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Climber's Run Nature Preserve**

Frogs and toads are a wonder as they start out their life in the water as one form and change into a completely different form to move onto land. With Naturalist Ann Strauss, munchkins will learn about the life cycle of amphibians. They will touch and hold real tadpoles and, if luck is with us, they will be able to observe adult frogs up close. Kids will have the opportunity to frog hunt with nets around the pond. This program will be held at Climber's Run Nature Preserve located at 226 Frogtown Road in Pequea, 17565. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, September 13. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Tweens and Teens: Shenk's Ferry Hike and Creek Walk**Ages 11 and up****Thursday, September 16****6:00 – 7:00 PM****Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve**

Join Naturalist Ann Strauss in exploring one of our beautiful Lancaster Conservancy properties, Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve. We will hike the trail through the Conservancy then enter the creek, Grub Run. We will hike in the creek for the return trip. This program is geared for ages 11-17 years. Parents may drop off children but must first see Naturalist Ann Strauss to sign a release waiver. Meet in the parking lot of Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve located at 857 Green Hill Road South in Conestoga, 17516. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, September 15. \$4.00 per person.

Leaf Art**All Ages****Saturday, September 18****3:00 – 4:30 PM****Environmental Center**

This is an opportunity to make your own creation celebrating trees. Participants will take a walk with Naturalist Ann Strauss to collect leaves that catch their eye. They will then create a painting using their leaves as prints. Your creation is up to you! Make it bold and beautiful or soft and lovely. Come dressed to paint; smocks will be available. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 17. \$3.00 per person.

Exploring Light and Rainbows**Ages 4 - 12****Monday, September 20****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Environmental Center**

Rainbows are considered one of nature's most precious gifts. How do rainbows get their colors and why do we see them after it rains? Join Naturalist Paige Spradling as we explore these questions. Children will complete a craft and take home a pair of diffraction glasses to help them observe the world in a different way. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 17. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Harvest Moon Haiku Workshop**Ages 7 and up****Monday, September 20****6:00 – 7:00 PM****Environmental Center**

Join Naturalist Ivana M. Shandor to celebrate the full harvest moon of 2021. We will discuss lunar cycles, discover associations ancient cultures made between the full moon and the natural world, and learn about full moon myths and truths. All of this will be used as inspiration for our haiku workshop. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 17. \$2.00 per person.

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Harvest Moon Hike
Monday, September 20

7:30 – 8:30 PM

All Ages
Muhlenberg Meadow lot, 548 Golf Rd.

Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez for a walk in the meadow along the corn field under the last full moon of the summer. We will take time to listen to the amazing nighttime sounds. The moon will help us find our way and see the meadow under a different light. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 17. \$2.00 per person.

Homeschool Wednesday: Surface Ocean
Wednesday, September 22

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Ages 8 - 12
Environmental Center

Homeschool science classes continue with an ocean theme! What is it like to live in surface ocean waters? With Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel, students will discover the watery realm from coastlines to the open ocean and explore the animals that call it home. Wear old clothes and plan for indoor and outdoor activity. Students will research and present a specific animal to their peers as part of this class. Programs are geared for ages 8 through 12. Children under age 8 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, September 21. \$4.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Jump into STEM – Stick Construction
Thursday, September 23

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Ages 3 - 5
Environmental Center

Preschool scientists will have the opportunity to work on their engineering skills while using all-natural materials. Join Naturalist Taylor Mervine for a brief hike to gather sticks and other materials. After the hike we will head back to the Environmental Center where our preschool scientists will work on using their engineering skills to build their own buildings out of sticks and other natural materials provided. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, September 22. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Thursday in the Park: Crickets and Grasshoppers
Thursday, September 23

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Ages 6 - 9
Environmental Center

As the summer wanes and fall arrives, children may explore a diversity of topics with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. This is the season to find and observe grasshoppers and their relatives. Long grasses in meadows near the Environmental Center provide good habitat for these insects which we will net and carefully observe. Dress for exploring the meadows with insect nets and magnifiers. These classes are geared for ages 6 through 9. Children under age 6 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, September 22. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

GPS Tic-tac-toe
Saturday, September 25

9:30 – 11:00 AM

All Ages
Speedwell Forge County Park

Speedwell Forge County Park is a wonderful park for fall exploration and what better way to explore than to play GPS Tic-tac-toe! Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will provide a brief introduction to the use of our handheld GPS units before participants take to the trails. Dress for the weather and for trails that can be muddy. Please register with the number of GPS units you wish to borrow; your driver's license or keys will be held until units are returned. Meet at the trailhead at 480 Speedwell Forge Rd., Lititz 17543. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 24. \$4.00 per person.

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Munchkin Science: Butterflies**Ages 3 - 5****Tuesday, September 28****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Environmental Center**

As a most popular insect, butterflies enchant everyone from young to old. Come enjoy a program with Naturalist Ann Strauss learning the butterfly life cycle and the species of butterflies in our area. Kids will have a hands-on lesson as they run through the Environmental Center field with butterfly net in hand and bug catchers for a close-up look at the butterflies they catch. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, September 27. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Fallin' into a New Season with Trivia!**Ages 18 and up****Tuesday, September 28****6:30 – 8:00 PM****Environmental Center**

Find a sitter and bring your snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, to join Naturalist Rachel Albright at an adult only trivia night. Play two rounds of trivia where we will frolic through some fun fall facts. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, September 27. \$3.00 per person.

Brownie WOW Journey: Love and Save Water**Ages 6 and up****Saturday, October 2****9:00 AM – 11:00 AM****Environmental Center**

With Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel, Brownie Girl Scouts may complete their Wonders of Water Journey in this second session. Sharing water involves communication so girls begin by discussing their household water-saving activities. Girls will wrap-up their Journeys by reflecting on newfound ideas not only about water but also about communication and stewardship. Girls will decorate reusable bags to express their care for our water resources and create collages to summarize their individual successes and ongoing goals for safeguarding water. Girls will celebrate their Journey completion with an exploration in the Mill Creek. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities and bring closed-toe shoes like old sneakers (no flip-flops or crocs) for the creek. Girls should each bring a plain white fabric bag. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities including a fabric-painting project. Register online or call (717)295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, September 30. \$8.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Apple Cider Making**All Ages****Sunday, October 3****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Environmental Center****Monday, October 4****11:00 AM -12:00 PM**

With the crispness of autumn in the air, join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez for some fresh apple cider. We will explore the history of the apple tree and Johnny Appleseed. Participants will help make fresh cider with an old-fashioned cider press and enjoy the tasty reward. Participants will need to sign a liability waiver. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 1. \$3.00 per person.

Homeschool Wednesday: Ocean Geology**Ages 8 - 12****Wednesday, October 6****10:00 - 11:30 AM****Environmental Center**

Homeschool science classes continue with an ocean theme! Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will provide basics of ocean geology before students get their hands into sands and cored muds. We will sieve and explore samples from diverse beach and bottom locations and discover microscopic fossils that give clues to waters above. Wear old clothes and plan for indoor and outdoor activity. Programs are geared for ages 8 through 12. Children under age 8 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, October 5. \$4.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

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Jump into STEM – Make Your Own Nature Journals**Ages 3 - 5****Thursday, October 7****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Environmental Center**

Preschool scientists will have the opportunity to create their own nature journal. Join Naturalist Taylor Mervine in exploring the different areas around the Environmental Center to collect different items to create our own nature journals. After the explorations, preschool scientists will have the opportunity to put together their nature journals. Construction paper, glue, markers, and crayons will be provided. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, October 6. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Thursday in the Park: Rascally Rodents**Ages 6 - 9****Thursday, October 7****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Environmental Center**

As the summer wanes and fall arrives, children may explore a diversity of topics with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. Rodents are a large and fascinating mammal group. Discover the features that make a mammal a rodent and explore the diversity of rodents around us. Dress for indoor and outdoor activity. These classes are geared for ages 6 through 9. Children under age 6 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, October 6. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Tweens and Teens: Bottle Rocket Launch**Ages 11 and up****Thursday, October 7****5:30 – 6:30 PM****Environmental Center**

Create your own 2-liter bottle rocket to launch with an air pressure pump in the Environmental Center field. Watch rockets fly and feel the spray! Each participant will need to bring an empty 2-liter bottle for the program. Naturalist Ann Strauss will provide materials for turning your bottle into a rocket. This program is geared for 11-17 years. Parents may drop off children but must first see Naturalist Ann Strauss to sign a release waiver. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, October 6. \$4.00 per person.

Sucker for Squid Dissection**Ages 8 and up****Saturday, October 9****10:00 – 11:30 AM****Environmental Center**

Squid don't have a shell...so why are they in the mollusk family with clams and snails? What adaptations make them perfectly suited to their ocean environments? We will get to the bottom of these questions and more by dissecting our very own squid! Everyone is invited to join Naturalist Stevie Kitching for a fun morning of squid dissection. Come prepared to learn all about these creatures first-hand. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay noon on Friday, September 24. \$13.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult (squid not included).

Indigenous Peoples Day**All Ages****Monday, October 11****10:00 – 11:30 AM****Environmental Center**

On a day where most schools teach kids about a man who was credited for "discovering" America, we will learn all about the peoples who occupied this land long before he landed here. We will learn about the indigenous tribes who lived here in Lancaster and the surrounding areas and discover medicinal plants they used, artifacts found nearby, and games that their youth would have enjoyed! Join Naturalist Stevie Kitching for a fun morning of learning, crafts and games as we pay our respects to the people who were on this land way before us. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 8. \$3.00 per person.

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Munchkin Science: Critters under a Log**Ages 3 - 5****Tuesday, October 12****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Environmental Center**

Let's go on a critter hunt! Logs on the forest floor attract all kinds of interesting creatures: beetles, millipedes, centipedes, pill bugs and salamanders to name a few. It is a rich environment for hands-on learning. Naturalist Ann Strauss will provide bug containers for collecting the critters we find so all kids can inspect them up close. We will also place them in a tub where Munchkins can use hand lenses to see the details of the animals we have caught. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 8. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

A Grandparent Connection**Ages 4 - 12****Saturday, October 16****10:30 – 11:30 AM****Garden of Five Senses patio**

This time offers an opportunity for older adults to pass on a love of nature to the younger generation (related or not) or just to be inquisitive together. Using a County gem, Lancaster County Park's Garden of Five Senses, Naturalist Alan Wissinger will lead a walk through the garden, facilitating observation and discussion between the generations. Participants may even want to pack a lunch to eat afterwards at a nearby table to further add to this bonding time. This program is geared to ages 4 through 12 with a grandparent, but all are welcome. Additionally, adults who would like to "scout out" the garden for a later visit are welcome. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 15. \$2.00 per person.

Gyotako Fish Painting**All Ages****Sunday, October 17****11:00 AM – 12:00 PM****Environmental Center**

Bring your own T-shirt or canvas bag to practice the art of Gyotaku with Naturalist Rachel Albright. Gyotaku is a traditional form of Japanese art that began over 100 years ago as a way for fishermen to keep a record of the fish they caught. Each participant can print up to a maximum of two garments that they bring. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 15. \$4.00 per person.

Homeschool Wednesday: Ocean Depths**Ages 8 - 12****Wednesday, October 20****10:00 - 11:30 AM****Environmental Center**

Homeschool science classes continue with an ocean theme! With Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel, students will delve into the conditions in the ocean depths and the animals that are adapted to this challenging environment. Students will research and present a specific animal to their peers as part of this class. Wear old clothes and plan for indoor and outdoor activity. Programs are geared for ages 8 through 12. Children under age 8 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, October 19. \$4.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Full Moon and History Hike**All Ages****Wednesday, October 20****6:30 - 8:00 PM****Pavilion 11**

Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez for a hike to the Native American archeological site in Central Park on the night of the full hunter's moon. We will walk the paths that Native Americans walked when they lived here and learn some history on the way. The light of the moon will guide our way and we will learn about the sights and sounds of nighttime. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday October 19. \$3.00 per person

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Jump into STEM – Nocturnal Animals**Thursday, October 21****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Ages 3 - 5****Environmental Center**

Join Naturalist Taylor Mervine in learning about the different animals that go bump in the night. Through this program preschool scientists will have the opportunity to learn about the different nocturnal animals that live in our own back yards. Come examine animal skulls and pelts, play a fun game, listen to the sounds of our nocturnal animals. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, October 20. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Thursday in the Park: Owls and their Pellets**Thursday, October 21****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Ages 6 - 9****Environmental Center**

As the summer wanes and fall arrives, children may explore a diversity of topics with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. Last time, we looked at rodents. This week, students will explore a bird that preys upon rodents. Students will dissect owl pellets; it is recommended that children register for both the class and a pellet purchase. Extra fluff from prior pellets dissections is available for student examination in lieu of a pellet purchase. Dress for indoor and outdoor activity. These classes are geared for ages 6 through 9. Children under age 6 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, October 20. \$3.00 per child, \$3.50 per owl pellet, and \$1.00 per adult.

Unbe"leaf"able Fall Foliage Crafts**Saturday, October 23****10:00 – 11:30 AM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

Join Naturalist Stevie Kitching at the height of leaf peeping season for some fall foliage crafts. We will be going on a short hike to collect materials and bringing them back to make various fall leaf themed crafts like mosaics, wreaths, masks and more. Bring your inner artist and get creative on what will hopefully be a beautiful fall day. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 22. \$3.00 per person.

Mysterious Creatures of the Night**Sunday, October 24****1:00 – 2:00 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

What goes bump in the night?? Uncover mysterious creatures of the night with Naturalist Rachel Albright. After a brief presentation we will make our very own gallon jug creatures. These creatures can be used for numerous things but make great trick or treat collectors! This program is geared for families, but all are welcome. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 22. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Munchkin Science: Trees and their Leaves**Tuesday, October 26****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Ages 3 - 5****Environmental Center**

With the help of Naturalist Ann Strauss, munchkins will learn to identify 5 tree species living in the woods around the Environmental Center. Leaves from the trees will be collected by participants who may also collect other leaves of interest. After collecting, we will return to the Environmental Center and use the leaves to make a leaf painting. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, October 25. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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Buzzard Buffet **Ages 5 and up**
Saturday, October 30 **10:00 – 11:00 AM** **Environmental Center**
Come learn all about various vultures and raptors both local and across the US with Naturalist Stevie Kitching. The first part of the program will be learning about birds of prey and getting a hands-on look at specimens from our collection. The last part of the program we will be building our own “vulture meal” from a buffet of real treats that we can devour at the end! Liability waiver must be signed at the program to eat the buffet items. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 29. \$3.00 per person.

Skull and Skeleton Surprises **All Ages**
Sunday, October 31 **6:30 – 7:30 PM** **Environmental Center**
Monday, November 1 **10:00 – 11:00 AM**
A skull’s characteristics such as tooth and eye placement, size and jaw structure can indicate whether the animal was an herbivore, carnivore, or omnivore as well as the animal’s approximate size, age and even species. Participants will become scientists by examining skulls and skeletal remains of wild animals. Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez will also provide tips for cleaning and identifying skulls you may have found; bring them if you want. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 29. \$2.00 per person.

Homeschool Wednesday: Coral Reefs **Ages 8 - 12**
Wednesday, November 3 **10:00 - 11:30 AM** **Environmental Center**
Homeschool science classes continue with an ocean theme! Coral reefs are often in the news. Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will explore the reasons for the concern about coral reefs today as well as the diversity of life inhabiting this ecosystem. Students will research and present a specific animal to their peers as part of this class. Wear old clothes and plan for indoor and outdoor activity. Programs are geared for ages 8 through 12. Children under age 8 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, November 2. \$4.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Jump into STEM – Nature Scavenger Hunt **Ages 3 - 5**
Thursday, November 4 **10:00 – 11:00 AM** **Environmental Center**
Preschool scientists will have the opportunity to work on identifying shapes, colors, and other object identifiers in the natural setting around them. Join Naturalist Taylor Mervine for a guided nature scavenger hunt around the Environmental Center. Children will have to find things like items in the shape of circles and rectangles, leaves of certain colors, large and small rocks, different length sticks, and much more. This program will help children be able to apply what they know to the world around them. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, November 3. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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Thursday in the Park: Birds of Winter**Ages 6 - 9****Thursday, November 4****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Environmental Center**

As the summer wanes and fall arrives, children may explore a diversity of topics with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. With the departure of our summer visiting birds and the leaves off deciduous trees, we can turn our attention to winter resident birds. After learning some common winter birds and playing a round of bird bingo, we will head outdoors to search for avian friends. Dress for indoor and outdoor activity. These classes are geared for ages 6 through 9. Children under age 6 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, November 3. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Great Migration**Ages 8 and up****Saturday, November 6****10:00 – 11:30 AM****Environmental Center**

Fall is a time where many species across the globe begin to migrate. Why do they do this? What all is involved in migration? Is it just birds who migrate? Join Naturalist Stevie Kitching to answer these questions by participating in activities that showcase what migratory animals go through on their journeys, followed by a discussion on how humans may be affecting these journeys. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 5. \$3.00 per person.

Munchkin Science: Red Trail Hike**Ages 3 - 5****Tuesday, November 9****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Central Park, Pavilion #22**

This program is an opportunity for Munchkins to experience a new trail in a different part of Lancaster County Central Park. Naturalist Ann Strauss will lead Munchkins along the Red Trail that begins at Pavilion 22, follows through the woods, down along Mill Creek and loops back to Pavilion 22. Most of the trail is for beginner hikers with a few intermediate sections. It is appropriate for Munchkins and adults. Meet at Pavilion 22 located at 1101 Kiwanis Drive, Lancaster 17602. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, November 8. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Tweens and Teens: Night Hike**Ages 11 and up****Thursday, November 11****6:30 – 7:30 PM****Environmental Center**

Join Naturalist Ann Strauss for a night hike through the woods near the Environmental Center. Most of us do not spend time in the woods at night, so it is a unique experience and opportunity. We will watch for nocturnal animals, call to owls, and learn about night vision. Small flashlights are optional. This program is geared for 11-17 years. Parents may drop off children but must first see Naturalist Ann Strauss to sign a release waiver. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, November 9. \$3.00 per person.

Dino Tails**All Ages****Saturday, November 13****2:00 – 3:00 PM****Environmental Center**

Dinosaur tails are a great representation of the variety of adaptations dinosaurs had for survival. We will read a book about the true size of dinosaurs, examine some of the interesting dinosaur adaptations, and create our own dinosaurs with our own inventive adaptations to share with others. As a final activity we will play pin the tail on the dinosaur! This program is geared for families, but all are welcome. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 12. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all programs.

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To register by phone, call 717-295-2055.

Homeschool Wednesday: Marine Biology Field Trip**Ages 8 - 12****Wednesday, November 17****10:00 - 11:30 AM****That Fish Place, That Pet Place**

Homeschool science classes continue with an ocean theme! For a dip into ocean animals, students will visit That Fish Place That Pet Place, located at 237 Centerville Road, Lancaster 17603 with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. We will explore the saltwater tanks and discover the adaptations that allow various animals to successfully inhabit diverse niches. Dress for a warm aquarium setting and for getting splashed at the touch tank. Programs are geared for ages 8 through 12. Children under age 8 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, November 16. \$4.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Jump into STEM – Hibernation and Migration**Ages 3 - 5****Thursday, November 18****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Environmental Center**

Join Naturalist Taylor Mervine in learning about hibernation and migration through a short presentation and interactive activities. Through this program preschool scientists will learn about the differences between hibernation and migration, as well as learn about the different animals in Pennsylvania that hibernate and migrate. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, November 17. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Thursday in the Park: Native American Games**Ages 6 - 9****Thursday, November 18****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Environmental Center**

As the summer wanes and fall arrives, children may explore a diversity of topics with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. As we approach Thanksgiving, students will experience a few of the many games that Native American children played. Together, we will also explore the life skills taught and practiced with games. Dress for indoor and outdoor activity. These classes are geared for ages 6 through 9. Children under age 6 are welcome if accompanying older siblings; please call to register them. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, November 17. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Full Moon Scavenger Hunt**All Ages****Thursday, November 18****6:30 – 7:30 PM****Environmental Center**

Participants will have free range of the woods and fields surrounding the Environmental Center as they attempt to find all items on the scavenger hunt list provided by Naturalist Ann Strauss. The twist? It will be a scavenger hunt in the dark with the light of the full moon for direction. All are welcome. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, November 17. \$3.00 per person.

Full Frost and Beaver Moon Hike**All Ages****Friday, November 19****6:30 – 7:30 PM****Environmental Center**

As the frost begins this season join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez for a hike under the full moon. We will walk the trails looking and listening for the sights and sounds of nature. We will specifically walk around the pond and along the creek and learn about the wildlife that could be there. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, November 18. \$2.00 per person.

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To register by phone, call 717-295-2055.

Owls and Owl Pellets
Saturday, November 20
Monday, November 29

10:00 – 11:00 AM
10:00 – 11:00 AM

All Ages
Environmental Center

Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez for an exploration into the life of an owl. You will learn about the life cycle and unique features of an owl that put it at the top of the food chain. We will then look inside owl pellets to see what the owls have been eating for dinner. Pellets are available to purchase if you wish to dissect your own. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 19 or Wednesday, November 24. \$2.00 per person and \$3.50 per pellet.

Chickies Rock History Tour
Saturday, November 20

1:00 – 3:00 PM

All Ages
Chickies Rock County Park

Rivertownes Pa USA and Lancaster County Parks are jointly offering a tour of the industrial and geologic history within the Chickies Historic District. A visit to the Musselman - Vesta Furnace Center will provide the background for a walk along the Northwest River Trail to appreciate ruins relating to the strikingly recent history of iron furnaces in the area. Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will also reveal an underlying geologic story of life on a beach along a long-gone ocean during the walk. Dress for the weather and plan to cover about 1.5 miles. Meet at the parking lot located at 29 Furnace Road, Marietta, 17547. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 19. \$4.00 per person.

Munchkin Science: Native American Games

Tuesday, November 23

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Ages 3 - 5
Environmental Center

Native American children grew up with games that taught them skills for being a successful adult in their culture. By playing fun games founded in the Native American culture, Munchkins will not only enjoy playing with others, but they will also learn some of the important skills American Indians had to master as part of their everyday life. Naturalist Ann Strauss will provide equipment and lead the games. This program is geared for children 3 to 5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, November 22. \$4.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 for adults.

Owl Prowl

Wednesday, November 24

6:30 – 8:00 PM

All Ages
Environmental Center

Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez at the Environmental Center for a night of looking and listening for owls. We will begin inside looking at the life cycle of Lancaster County owls. You will become familiar with their nesting habits, special features and their sounds. We will then go outside to attract owls that live in Central Park. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, November 23. \$3.00 per person.

Creative Pinecone Crafting
Sunday, November 28

1:00 – 2:00 PM

All Ages
Environmental Center

Get creative with pinecones this season! Naturalist Ellen Blazer will supply pinecones and supplies, and together we will craft pinecones into cute seasonal decorations. You can make an owl following step-by-step instructions, or anything else of your choosing – using paint, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, and more. Finished products can be used as a tree ornaments or stand alone as shelf decorations. These will make great holiday gifts, and they encourage creativity in all ages! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, November 24. \$3.00 per person.

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Refund/Cancellation Policy

In the event that Park staff decides to cancel the program, a full credit/refund will be provided. Should the customer withdraw from the program fifteen (15) or more calendar days prior to the scheduled program, a full credit/refund less a 10% processing fee, will be provided. Should the customer withdraw from the program eight (8) - fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the scheduled program, a 50% credit/refund will be issued. No fee(s) will be credited/refunded if the customer withdraws from the program seven (7) or less days before the scheduled program. **All refunds less than \$10 will be credited to the customer's account - no check or credit card refunds will be issued for refunds less than \$10.**

Smile! You may be captured by our camera!

We occasionally take photos of participants in our programs for promotional purposes.

By participating, you are granting the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation and its agents the right to use and publish images of you or your minor child. If you prefer not to be photographed, please notify the instructor.

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