

# Fall 2009 Events: All Programs in Shaded Boxes Require Reservations Please Call 410-887-1815



## September

### TRAIL GUIDE TRAINING

People who enjoy sharing nature with children, & hiking are needed as volunteer Trail Guides for students visiting on school trips. (\$25/person - refundable if one becomes an active trail guide). See back page for more info.  
**9/1 thru 9/4 10-1:00PM**

### STAR HUNTERS MOON NIGHT HIKE

Learn about the moon & some of the bright constellations (weather permitting). If its cloudy, we will take a longer hike around the park & learn about nocturnal wildlife.  
**9/4 7:30PM**

### THE MAGIC MONARCH MIGRATION

Help us track the fall migration of this spectacular tropical butterfly as we catch and tag a few.  
**9/5 & 9/6\* 2-4:00PM**

### SKILLS, SNACKS, & YACK YACK YACK

Learn to make herbal/ floral waters. \$3/person 16yr+  
**9/10 7-9:00PM**

### TRAIL MAINTENANCE & VOLUNTEER DAY

Help us clean up our trails by repairing water bars, railings and bridges. We will also mulch some trails and clean up any garbage we find.  
**9/12 2-4:00PM**

### ANIMAL TRACKING

Join our naturalist to track down the mammals of Oregon Ridge. Learn where to look for tracks & how to ID them.  
**9/13 2-4:00PM**

### AFTER SCHOOL NATURE EXPLORERS

Come join our naturalist for a seasonal nature activity for 1st to 4th graders. There will be something different every time. \$2/child is due in advance.  
**9/17 4:30-5:30PM**

### MOUNTAIN DULCIMER JAM SESSION

Join friends of Oregon Ridge & fellow dulcimer players on the third thursday of every month. Experienced and new musicians welcome!  
**9/17 7-9:00PM**

### BASIC STROKES FOR BASIC FOLKS

Learn the basic paddling strokes needed to help you on our canoeing adventures. Participants must be at least 12 yrs old; adults must accompany children. \$10/person.  
**9/19 & 9/20\* 2-4:00PM**

### ORNC COUNCIL SPEAKER SERIES

What is eating the understory? The Little Deer Dilemma By Clark Howells. See our web site for more info.  
**9/21 7:30PM**

### ORIENTEERING & SURVIVOR SKILLS

Join our naturalist to learn some survivor skills including orienteering, fire starting, and shelter building.  
**9/26 & 9/27\* 1-4:00PM**



## October

### ANNUAL HONEY HARVEST FESTIVAL

This festival marks the start of the Fall season every year at Oregon Ridge. Our 28th year features hive demonstrations, honey extraction, Civil War reenactments, and more! Please see the front page for more information.  
**10/3 & 10/4 FREE FAMILY FUN! 11-4:00PM**

### SKILLS, SNACKS, & YACK YACK YACK

Learn to make herbal/ floral soaps. \$3/person 16yr+  
**10/8 7-9:00PM**

### DEATH BY FANG AND CLAW

Many animals must die so others may live. Watch us feed our animals and learn about predator- prey relationships.  
**10/10 & 10/11\* 2-4:00PM**

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**10/15 4:30-5:30PM**

### MOUNTAIN DULCIMER JAM SESSION

Practice & learn to play the mountain dulcimer.  
**10/15 7-9:00PM**

### AUTUMN COLORS

Tree leaves change color for many reasons. Learn why on a naturalist led hike & make a craft to take home.  
**10/17 & 10/18\* 2-4:00PM**

### WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Wilderness First Aid is a 2-day, 18 hour class designed for trip leaders, camp counselors, and outdoor enthusiasts. Please visit [www.wfa.net](http://www.wfa.net) for information and registration.  
**10/17 & 10/18 8:00AM-6:30PM**

### ORNC COUNCIL SPEAKER SERIES

Forest Ecologist Carole F. Bergmann will speak on "Combating Non-Native Invasive Plants" Please visit our web site more information.  
**10/19 7:30PM**

### HARRY POTTER HALLOWEEN

You're accepted to Wizarding School! Come make Harry Potter themed crafts and learn about the wizarding world. \$2.00/ Child is due in advance.  
**10/24 & 10/25\* 2-4:00PM**

### GHOSTS OF MINERS PAST

Oregon Ridge was once an active mining town. On this spooky hike you will get to meet some of the miners who never left Oregon Ridge 150 years ago. \$2.00/ Person  
**10/30 7:30-9:00PM**

### SPOOKY FOREST FACT FROLIC

Search for clues and win prizes as you explore the park on your own. To begin your quest, pick up your clue booklet at the center. Return to the center to collect your prize.  
**10/31 & 11/1\* ALL DAY!**

## November

### AMERICAN CHESTNUTS ~ THE MYTH

Some consider them extinct but they aren't! Take a hike to see this iconic forest tree and taste some nuts.  
**11/7 & 11/8\* 2-4:00PM**

### SKILLS, SNACKS, & YACK YACK YACK

Learn to make flavored vinegars. \$3/person 16yr+  
**11/12 7-9:00PM**

### CANOE DAYS COVE

See migratory waterfowl while travelling through the tidal marshes that support them. \$10.00 is due in advance.  
**11/14 10-1:00PM**

### NATURE JOURNALING

This one day mini-course will focus on developing your own nature journal to record your experiences. See courses for more details. \$6.00/person is due in advance  
**11/14 10-3:00PM**

### CORN HUSK DOLLS & CANDLE MAKING

Learn to make corn husk dolls and hand dipped candles. \$5.00/person is due in advance. Ages 5 and up.  
**11/15 2-4:00PM**

### ORNC COUNCIL SPEAKER SERIES

Don Outen, coordinator of the County's Forest Sustainability Program will speak on "The State of the Forest at Oregon Ridge Park." Visit our web site for more info.  
**11/16 7:30PM**

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### MOUNTAIN DULCIMER JAM SESSION

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**11/19 7-9:00PM**

### THE FULL BEAVER MOON NIGHT HIKE

Why did the Native Americans choose this name?  
**11/20 7:00PM**

### TALKING TURKEY WITH OUR NATURALIST

Benjamin Franklin thought the wild turkey should be the national bird of the United States of America! Learn why we still eat turkey and not eagle for Thanksgiving dinner.  
**11/21 & 11/22\* 2-4:00PM**

### FORT GARRISON FEAST

How did the rangers guard this 1690 fort & what did they eat? \$10/person is due in advance. Space is limited. See special events on front page for more details.  
**11/22 12:30-4:00PM**

### STALKING THE WHITE TAIL DEER

Join us for a hike to discover why deer were nearly extinct 80 years ago and why they threaten forest ecology now.  
**11/28 & 11/29\* 2-4:00PM**

## December

### THE LONG NIGHTS MOON

The days are getting short and animals are preparing for winter. Join us on a brisk hike to Tulip Tree Spring.  
**12/2 7:00PM**

### HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING

Welcome the holidays with a fresh ever-green wreath. \$8/wreath is due in advance. Bring clippers and gloves. (Holiday movies will play in the auditorium for children.)  
**12/5 & 12/6\* 2-4:00PM**

### SKILLS, SNACKS, & YACK YACK YACK

Learn to make hand dipped candles. Bring your old candles to recycle if you wish! \$3/person 16yr+  
**12/10 7-9:00PM**

### HOLIDAY MOVIES & CRAFT OF THE PAST

Bring the kiddies to watch Santa Clause is Coming to Town and How the Grinch Stole Christmas.  
**12/12 & 12/13\* 11AM-3PM**

### COUNCIL HOLIDAY DECORATION PARTY

Bring your freinds, family, and a plate of goodies to share. You can help decorate the Nature Center while singing carols and spreading good cheer.  
**12/14 7:30PM**

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**12/17 4:30-5:30PM**

### MOUNTAIN DULCIMER JAM SESSION

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**12/17 7-9:00PM**

### NATURAL ORNAMENTS

Decorate for the holidays the natural way. Use nature's gifts to make holiday accessories. \$2/person  
**12/19 & 12/20\* 2-4:00PM**

### SIGNS OF LIFE HIKE

Join us for a hike to see signs of life in the winter woods.  
**12/26 & 12/27\* 2-4:00PM**

## January 2010

### BOW MAKING COURSE

This is an annual course taught by Kirk Dreier (Now Director of Marshy Point Nature Center). The course runs on five consecutive Thursdays. Please see courses on the back page for details  
**1/7/09 6:00PM**

### ORNC COUNCIL SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker To Be Announced.  
**1/18/09 7:30PM**

**\*ALL PROGRAMS ARE SINGLE SESSIONS UNLESS NOTED IN THE DESCRIPTION**



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## FALL 2009



## CALENDAR

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USE YOUR SEAT BELTS!**



### HONEY HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Saturday, October 3, and Sunday, October 4, from 11 AM to 4 PM, the 28th Annual Honey Harvest Festival features beehive demonstrations, reenactments of the "Honey Hunter," honey extraction, candle dipping, and mead making (honey wine). The 2009 American Honey Queen Diane Jurchen of Iowa will host the event. Special events include Civil War reenactments, tours of the Peter Goff Archaeology Museum, early American crafts such as wool spinning and blacksmithing, as well as special activities for children including a petting zoo, puppet shows, an educational book fair in the archaeology laboratory and face painting. A local band will entertain with folk and traditional music. There will be homemade apple cider, hotdogs served with honey mustard, honey, crafts, and Gift Shop items for sale.

### UPCOMING FEATURED EVENTS

#### FORT GARRISON FEAST

On Sunday, November 22, from 12:30 to 4 PM, join Ranger Kirk Dreier at historic Fort Garrison to learn how the Rangers sustained themselves in this remote 1690 frontier outpost. In 1693 nine rangers were all that stood against Indian attacks. Join us to hear their story. Then, learn how they cooked and what they ate at that outpost. \$10 per person is due in advance space is very limited. Please call 410-887-1815 for reservations.

#### THE MAGIC MONARCH MIGRATION

On September 5th and September 6th from 2-4PM join one of our naturalist to help track the migration patterns of the Monarch butterfly as we catch and tag a few. The image above is of LLA-656 one of several Monarchs we tagged in the 2008 season.

### RESERVATION PROCEDURE

**Programs within shaded boxes require reservations**

**PLEASE CALL 410-887-1815**

**GROUP INFORMATION:** All programs are for individuals and their immediate families and are not intended for groups. Members of organizations desiring a guided weekend hike (from 10 AM to noon) should call the Nature Center, Tuesday through Friday.

**PAYMENT PROCEDURE:** All monies must be paid within a week of making your reservation. To receive a refund, kindly notify us a week in advance so we can accommodate persons on the waiting lists. Checks are payable to the OREGON RIDGE NATURE CENTER COUNCIL (ORNCC), 13555 Beaver Dam Rd., Cockeysville, MD 21030.

Should you require special accommodations (an interpreter, etc.), please let ORNC know (410-887-1815) or call the therapeutic office at 410-887-5370 (voice), 410-887-5319 (TT/Deaf).

### FALL COURSES: Call (410) 887-1815 for Reservations

**TRAIL GUIDE TRAINING** - Instructors Andi Musser, Courtney Peed and Shannon Davis. Persons who enjoy nature, children, and hiking are needed as volunteer Trail Guides for children visiting during the school year. Training takes place twice a year: (Fall 2009) September 1, 2, 3, and 4; and (Spring 2010) February 2, 3, 4, and 5. Training is from 10 AM to 1 PM each day; \$25/person can be paid in advance or on the first day (totally refundable if one becomes an active trail guide). Trail Guide Training is an ongoing process throughout the year. If you cannot attend some of the above dates, please call for more information about alternative training methods.

**BOW MAKING COURSE** - Guest Instructor Kirk Dreier. Wherever people lived on this earth, they had to overcome the same problems -- how to find water, shelter, fire and, of course, food. The mighty wooden spring of the bow was used until firearms made it obsolete. This five-week course will teach the fundamentals of bow construction. Dates: Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, from 6 to 9 PM. (Snow Date: February 5) Tools needed: Stanley surform #21-296 or # #21-295, a pencil, and a Stanley wood scraper. Optional tools: a draw knife, a spoke shave, and rasps. \$30/person covers all other materials and is due in advance. This course is for persons 18 or over; class size limited to 10.

**NATURE JOURNALING BASICS COURSE** - This one day mini-course will feature examples and techniques that many naturalists use to record their experiences of the natural world. A Nature Journal is a place to grow your thoughts, feelings, ideas, activities, observations, and relationship with the natural world. The course will cover the basics of pencil drawing and tips to do quick sketches of plants and animals. Methods of obtaining data for your journal will also be covered (date, time, weather, temperature, season, location, drawings, field notes, etc). The course fee will cover the cost of a basic journal and writing implements. Please bring your lunch, any art supplies you may want to use and be prepared to go on hike through the park to get your journal started. November 14th 10-3:00pm \$6.00/ person is due in advance. Must be 10yr +

### Skills, Snacks, & Yack Yack Yack!

New to Oregon Ridge. Join us for a fabulous fun gathering on the second Thursday of each month. We will learn a handicraft of yesteryear. Bring yourself a friend, a snack and cheer to share! Age 16 & up \$3.00/person. 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, and 12/10 from 7-9pm. See inside calendar for program topics.