

Summer 2010 Events: All Programs in Shaded Boxes

Require Reservations Please Call 410-887-1815



Summer Camps

Oregon Ridge Nature Center is proud to provide 7 weeks of educational summer camps for 2010.

REGISTRATION FOR MEMBERS BEGINS FRIDAY APRIL 30th

NON-MEMBERS CAN REGISTER FRIDAY MAY 7th

PLEASE CALL 410-887-1815

MOM, ME AND NATURE

June 21st- 25th This week long, half day camp is designed for younger children ages 4-5 years old. It runs from 9:00 to 12:00 PM and a parent or permitted adult must attend along with the child. The camp will feature nature crafts, hikes, games and animal talks. Class size is limited to 20 children. \$30.00 per child is due in advance.

JUNIOR NATURALIST CAMPS

Children will explore the forest, fields, and streams of Oregon Ridge Park while hiking, playing environmental games, learning crafts, and participating in other nature activities.

Class size is limited to 20 children per week. Age groups of 6-8 and 9-10 yr. Naturalists/Instructors: Nate Lipinski & Jessie Salmon. (Members of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council receive a 10% discount on the Junior Naturalist Camps.)

June 28th- July 2nd 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Age 6 - 8 \$50
July 26th- 30th 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Age 6 - 8 \$50
August 16th- 20th 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Age 6 - 8 \$50

July 19th- 23rd 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Age 9-10 \$50
August 9th- 13th 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Age 9-10 \$50

OUTDOOR LIVING SKILLS

July 12th-16th from 9:30 to 2 PM. Children age 11-12 will learn basic skills to survive out in the elements, including fire making, building an emergency shelter, and identifying edible plants. Focus will be on the skills necessary for forest navigation, creating potable drinking water, and proper sanitation skills. Class size is limited to 10 children.

Naturalist/Instructors: Nate Lipinski & Jessie Salmon. (Members of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council receive a 10% discount on the Outdoor Living Skills Camp.) \$50.00 per child is due in advance.

June



DINNER AND A MOVIE

Join us for pizza and popcorn while enjoying the movie The Princess and The Frog. We will also make a froggie craft. All ages. \$3/person to cover snacks.
6/5 5-7:00PM

BEAN-TASTIC

Plant beans in our Native American Garden, plant some for yourself, & make fun bean themed crafts. All ages.
6/6 2-4:00PM

CHICKEN LITTLE

Our peeps would like to share a story, craft, and spend some fun time with you. Come meet them. All ages. Free
6/12 & 6/13 2-4:00PM

JUNIOR EXPLORERS CLUB

Come join our naturalist for a seasonal nature activity program for 1st to 4th graders.
6/17 4:30-5:30PM

CANOE DAYS COVE

This is always a favorite. You'll learn all about the tidal marsh that bald eagles call home. No experience necessary. We will meet on location and directions will be provided. \$10/person is due in advance. Children must be 10 years or older and accompanied by an adult.
6/19 9-12:00PM

FREE FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC

Members and friends, join us at the Oregon Ridge Lake for our annual picnic. You'll have the chance to swim, canoe, and barbeque (we supply the grills you bring the food). We'll end the night with a campfire where you can sing as you roast marshmallows and make s'mores.
6/21 6:00PM

CANOE WITH YOUR DAD

Spend an afternoon with your Dad this father's day canoeing down the Upper Gunpowder. We will meet on location in northern Baltimore County. Remember to bring your lunch and shoes that can get wet. Children must be 10 years or older. \$10/person is due in advance.
6/20 11-3:00PM

GRAY TREE FROG NIGHT HIKE

Hopefully the conditions will be just right for this secretive amphibian to show itself. Join us for a special hike in search of the gray tree frog and enjoy chocolate shaped frogs on smores! \$3.00/person
6/25 8:00-9:30PM

TUBING DOWN THE LITTLE GUNPOWDER

This will be our first summer tubing trip. It's sure to fill up quick! Remember to bring your lunch and clothing that can get wet. Directions will be provided to the starting point. \$3.00/ person tube rental is \$5.00 additional.
6/26 & 6/27 10-3:00PM

July

CANE POLE FISHING

Come out early for this special event where you can catch huge, untouched bluegills and largemouth bass with our park naturalist. PLEASE NOTE fishing is only allowed in the park with a park naturalist. Afterwards learn how to properly fillet a fish and take home some tasty recipes. \$3.00/ person is due in advance.
7/3 & 7/4 8-10:00AM

SPARKS PARK STREAM SEARCH & FUN

Cool off from the July heat with a search in the cool waters of Sparks Park. We'll find fish, insects, a few frogs and play water games too!
7/10 & 7/11 2-4:00PM

JUNIOR EXPLORERS CLUB

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.
7/15 4:30-5:30PM

TUBING DOWN THE LITTLE GUNPOWDER

Cool down from those hot July days drifting down the Little Gunpowder. Remember to bring your lunch and wear clothing that can get wet! We will meet on location on the Gunpowder, directions will be provided. \$3.00 per person is due in advance tube rental is \$5.00 additional.
7/17 & 7/18 10-3:00PM

NATURE'S NIGHT LIGHT HIKE & CAMPFIRE

Fireflies aren't flies at all, they are actually beetles. Come learn the secrets of the brightest insect in the park on a hike. Then make a craft and some s'mores around the campfire. \$3.00/person is due in advance.
7/23 8-9:30PM

CANOE THE UPPER GUNPOWDER

Join us on a trip down the Gunpowder. No first timers. You must have canoed at least once before. We will meet on location and directions will be provided. Remember to bring your lunch and shoes that can get wet. Children must be 10 years or older. \$10/person is due in advance.
7/24 11-3:00PM

HUNGRY HUNGRY CRITTERS

Help us feed the hungry nature center animals and meet some face to face. All ages! Free!
7/25 2-4:00PM

BUTTERFLY BASH

Learn all about the beautiful butterflies at Oregon Ridge. We will search for caterpillars, identify adults and make a butterfly themed craft for the kids. All ages! Free!
7/31 & 8/1 2-4:00PM

August



MOTHER NATURE'S POKEMON

Explore the special powers of the critters of the ridge and design your own pokemon cards to take home. Ages 5+
8/7 2-4:00PM

LAWN GAMES OF THE PAST

Come play badminton, croquet, horseshoes, bocce, and other games. Pack a picnic lunch & enjoy the afternoon.
8/8 12-3:00PM

HOME SCHOOL NATURE DAY

Finish off the summer with our new home school nature day to be held the 2nd Friday of every month.
8/13 10-12:00PM

TUBING DOWN THE LITTLE GUNPOWDER

This will be our last tubing weekend. Space is limited so sign up quick. It is sure to be a great end to the summer. Remember to bring your lunch! We will meet on location and directions will be provided. \$3.00 per person is due in advance; tube rental is \$5.00 additional.
8/14 & 8/15 10-3:00PM

JUNIOR EXPLORERS CLUB

Join our naturalist for a seasonal nature activity. \$2/child
8/19 4:30-5:30PM

TEAS FROM TREES

Come make iced tea the natural way. We will use roots, twigs and leaves for the best teas you have ever tasted.
8/21 & 8/22 2-4:00PM

GREENCORN NIGHT HIKE & CAMPFIRE

Our last campfire program of the summer! Native Americans depended on corn, beans, & squash. We will make popcorn & s'mores over the fire. \$3.00/ person.
8/27 8-9:30PM

FAIRIES & ELVES

Learn all about these mysterious inhabitants of the forest. Enjoy crafting houses for them & make a craft to take home. Age 4+ \$2/person.
8/28 2-4:00PM

THE AMAZING MONARCH

A great way to the end the summer! Visit the center to learn about life cycle of the beautiful monarch butterfly. We'll go on a hike, search for caterpillars & tag some too!
8/29 2-4:00PM

Mark Your Calendars..

Our 29th Annual
Honey Harvest Festival

October 2nd and 3rd 2010



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UPCOMING COURSES AT ORNC

WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING

This two-day, 18 hour class is designed for trip leaders, camp counselors, and outdoor enthusiasts. No previous experience is required. This emergency response training includes assessment, musculoskeletal and soft tissue injuries, splinting, and a variety of other topics. Lecture, discussion, practical exercise and outdoor scenarios help students gain confidence, and encourage development of critical decision making skills. Please visit <http://www.wfa.net> for registration and more information. Dates: May 29-30th and October 23-24th 2010.

TRAIL GUIDE TRAINING

Anyone who enjoys nature, teaching children, and hiking are needed as volunteer Trail Guides for visiting school children. Training takes place twice a year; once in the early spring and once in early fall. Our fall session takes place September 7th through the 10th, 2010 from 10 AM to 1 PM each day. The spring session will be February 1st through the 4th, 2011. Different topics are covered each day. The \$25 donation is refunded after leading your first hike. Please call 410-887-1815 if you would like to participate in this important program.

Join The Oregon Ridge Nature Center and Park Council

A non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the enjoyment of nature.

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- \$15 Individual \$20 Family \$12 Senior Citizen \$12 Student \$50 Sustaining
 \$100 Corporate \$100 Patron \$150 Lifetime \$25 Non-Profit Organization

Make checks payable to: **Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council**, 13555 Beaver Dam Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030

TUBING ADVENTURES & CANOE TRIPS!

Summer heat getting you down? We've got you covered with our tubing and canoe trips. Cool off on a slow float down the Little Gunpowder Falls, on one of the following dates: June 26th or 27th, July 17th or 18th and August 14th or 15th, from 10 AM to 3 PM. \$3 per person is due in advance (tube rental is an additional \$5 a tube). If you have a tube bring it along with a waterproof lunch. Participants must be at least 8 years old and an adult must accompany children under 16. Looking for a little more adventure? Join us on one of our canoe trips down the Upper Gunpowder on June 20th or July 24th from 11 AM to 3 PM. Both of these activities include some hiking, and portaging may be necessary depending on water level and obstacles. On a scale of 1 to 5, the physical ability needed for these trips ranges between 2 and 3. Some experience is required for our canoe trips down the Gunpowder. Wear shoes that can get wet. Each trip is limited to 20 participants. Reservations are a must!

JOIN OUR WOOLLY BEAR PRESCHOOL

Join us on the first Wednesday of every month for a nature story, craft & snack. This program is for young children 3yr+ \$2/ child
June 2nd, July 7th, and August 4th from 10 AM to 12 PM

NEW! HOME SCHOOL NATURE DAY

Finish off the summer with our new monthly Home School Nature Day to be held every 2nd Friday of the month starting August 13th from 10AM-12PM Space is limited to 30 students. There will be a different surprise topic each month.

SUMMER NIGHT HIKES & CAMPFIRES

Reservations required for all night hikes.

June 25th, 8-9:30 PM GRAY TREE FROG NIGHT HIKE

Join us on a hike in search of the elusive gray tree frog! We'll make chocolate frog s'mores around the campfire. \$3/person is due in advance.

July 23rd, 8-9:30 PM - NATURE'S NIGHT LIGHT HIKE AND CAMPFIRE

Learn the secrets of the brightest insect in the park. Then make s'mores around the campfire. \$3/person is due in advance.

August 27th, 8-9:30 PM - GREENCORN NIGHT HIKE & CAMPFIRE

Our last campfire will go off with a pop. Popcorn that is! Join us on a hike and then relax around the campfire while making popcorn & s'mores. \$3/person

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 10-12PM 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 our staff know (410-887-1815) or call the therapeutic office at 410-887-5370 (voice), 410-887-5319 (TT/Deaf).

The photograph above is of a Eyed Elater or a Eyed Click Beetle (*Alaus sp.*).