

BEAVER CREEK WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER

SUMMER 2011 PROGRAMS

Looking for a way to get out and explore the outdoors this summer? Join us for a workshop or outdoor program; we've scheduled something for all ages and interests! Unless otherwise noted all programs will be held at the Wildlife Education Center.

Programs are offered free of charge, but donations are always appreciated!

Sunday, May 1, from 12:30-2pm: 'Spring Wildflower Walk' ~ Lenna Lockhart will lead participants on an easy jaunt along the Horseman's Trail in search of the beautiful wildflowers of spring. Please wear appropriate footwear. Meet at the BCWEC by 12:30 to carpool to the parking loop beyond the basketball court. *In case of inclement weather this program will be canceled; please use your best judgment.*

Saturday, May 21, from 9am-11pm:

- **9am: 'Planting to Attract Birds & Wildlife'** ~ Matt Brown is the Wildlife & Forestry Specialist for the Columbiana Co. Soil & Water Conservation District. In this workshop Matt will outline the advantages of selecting landscape plants to attract wildlife and will also discuss the negative impacts of invasive species.
- **10am: 'Blossoms for Brunch'** ~ Barbara Crook has enjoyed gardening for over 50 years and is a charter member of the Holborn Herb Growers Guild of Youngstown. In this workshop participants will learn about the art of using flowers in food preparation.
- **11am: 'Using Native Plants in Landscapes'** ~ Ellen Speicher is the Assistant Horticulture Director for Mill Creek Metroparks and previous Horticulture Director at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh. This workshop will highlight the benefits of using native plants in home landscapes and will explain the importance of controlling invasive plants.

Saturday, June 4, from 1-2pm: 'Reptiles' ~ High School Biology teacher and BCWEC volunteer, Kathy Cattrell, will talk about common snakes and turtles that can be found in Beaver Creek State Park. This family workshop will give you hands-on experience with live specimens as you learn to identify and appreciate these wonderful creatures.

Saturday, June 11, from 1-2pm: 'Investigate Rocks' ~ KSU Geology Professor, Cheryl Mattevi, will lead this family workshop exploring local geology. Bring a favorite rock to talk about, and be prepared for a rockin' good time!

Saturday, June 18: Please join our friends from the Little Beaver Creek Land Foundation for a 'River Sweep' clean-up on a section of Little Beaver Creek. Call their office at 330-420-9507 for more information.

Sunday, June 26, from 1-2pm: 'Insects' ~ Local naturalist, Gary Meiter, will lead this family workshop on insect identification and will help participants understand their important role in the ecosystem. Weather permitting, participants will collect insects in the field & woods near the BCWEC which will be identified with the instructor's help.

Saturday, July 9, from 1-2pm: 'Archeology Day; Artifact ID & Flintknapping' ~ Service Forester, Dan Bartlett, has had a life-long interest in Native American artifacts and flintknapping - the art of shaping stone into useful tools. Please join Dan as he shares this interest & demonstrates how arrowheads & other stone tools are made. You may bring an artifact you'd like to have identified; Dan will be at the WEC until 3:30.

Saturday, July 16, from 1-2pm: 'Scavenger Hunt' ~ BCWEC volunteer, Carolyn Roble, will lead this family activity in search of some of the wonders of nature.

Sunday, July 17, from 1:15-2pm: 'Ladybugs' ~ Join BCWEC volunteers, Nancy Micheals & Pam Fouse for this pre-school program on ladybugs. There will be a story and activities.

Saturday, July 23, from 1:15-2pm: 'When Animals Get Scared' ~ This program for pre-schoolers will discuss some of the ways our animal friends defend themselves. Join BCWEC volunteers, Darlene Naukam & Doris Ogle, for this fun activity-filled program.

Saturday, July 30, from 1-2pm: 'Travelogue' ~ BCWEC volunteer, Karen Henry, will present this family program based on her recent trips to Alaska and the Hudson Bay area near the Arctic Circle to study polar bears. Come learn about northern wildlife!

Saturday, August 6, from 1-2pm: 'Birds & Bats' ~ Both birds & bats fly, but there are many differences. Join Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist and BCWEC volunteer, Pam Mallon, for this family program that will explore their similarities and differences.

Friday, August 12, 'Second Annual Beaver Creek State Park Day Camp' ~ Info coming!

Saturday, August 13, from 11am-4pm: 'Explore the Outdoors'. Come to Beaver Creek State Park for this fun family day which will include crafts, games, face painting, wildlife demonstrations and food!

Saturday, August 20, from 2-6 pm: 'Learn about Butterflies' ~ Local butterfly expert, Dorothy Reynolds, will be at the WEC all afternoon with an assortment of live caterpillars & butterflies in various stages, sharing her experiences raising butterflies.