

Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center 2022 Programs and Events

Looking for a way to get out and explore the outdoors this year? Join us for a workshop or outdoor program or come visit the Wildlife Education Center. There is something for all ages and interests. Visit our web site at www.beavercreekwildlife.org for more information or follow us on our Facebook page.

Programs are offered free of charge. Donations are always appreciated!!
**** Registration Required (C) Child/Family-Friendly Activity**

April

**** Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 – 11:00 – Spotted Lanternfly Workshop. Space is limited. Registration is required by emailing your contact information to beavercreekw@aol.com.** Join Bryan Weyant, Little Beaver Creek Watershed Coordinator with Columbiana Soil and Water Conservation District, in the classroom at the Wildlife Education Center for an informative program on this invasive species that may become a problem in Ohio soon. His presentation will cover identification and life cycle of the Spotted Lanternfly, identification of the host plant, the Tree of Heaven, the impact on our natural resources, control efforts and management practices, monitoring techniques, and informational resources.

****Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 – 11:00 – Spring Wildflower Hike. Registration is required by emailing your contact information to beavercreekw@aol.com.** Join BCWEC volunteers Cheryl Mattevi and Eileen Dray-Bardon as we welcome early spring wildflowers and wildlife. There is always something new and exciting in bloom in the Beaver Creek forests and hills. The trail ranges from gentle to moderately steep and may be muddy. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring a walking stick if you like. The hike will be cancelled if there is a downpour. Please meet at the basketball court in Beaver Creek State Park.

****Saturday, April 30 from 6:00 – 9:00 – Wine and Wildlife. Invitation/registration is required.** Join us at our annual fund-raising benefit event. You will tour the building and displays, grounds and gardens, and the new outdoor pavilion as you enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and Ohio wines. For more information and to request your invitation please call Karen Henry at 330-932-0908 or contact her by email at kr.swanson59@yahoo.com.

May

**** Saturday, May 7 from 11:00 – 12:30 – Grow a Butterfly Garden! Space is limited. Registration is required by emailing your contact information to beavercreekw@aol.com.** Join BCWEC volunteers Cheryl and Eileen under the pavilion at the Wildlife Education Center. You will learn how to plant a garden that attracts butterflies and other pollinators, which plants host the different stages of these beneficial and beautiful creatures, where to purchase plants locally, how to collect seeds, and how to plant them. Participants will receive some sample plants and seeds. This activity is suitable for adults and children over the age of 12.

Saturday, May 7 from 1:00 – 5:00 – Opening Day for the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center! The Center will be open for visitors each weekend through the first weekend of October. Come out for a visit!

(C) Saturday, May 7 from 1:00 – 4:00 - Milkweed Mud Pies. Children (and adults) of all ages will enjoy this crafty gardening activity. Join Wildlife Center volunteers Cheryl and Eileen under the pavilion at the Wildlife Education Center as each participant will choose milkweed and other wildflower seeds and make a seedball to take home to plant. Participants can also help us enlarge the wildflower meadow at the Wildlife Center by pitching in a few seeds. Be prepared to get muddy!

(C) Saturday, May 21 from 1:00 – 4:30 - Nature Activity – Egg Carton Gardens. Kids and their adults can join Carolyn and other BCWEC volunteers under the pavilion and create an egg carton garden. Please bring a Styrofoam egg carton if you have one. All other supplies are provided. The activity will take about 30 minutes. Bring gloves if you don't want to get your hands dirty!

(C) Saturday, May 21 from 1 – 4 – SCAVENGER HUNT on Logan's Loop Trail!!

Kids and their adults can take a fun short hike on Logan's Loop trail, located behind the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center, and try to find all the animals on the scavenger hunt list. When the hunt is completed, families will receive a booklet about the animals they found on the trail. Adults can pick up the scavenger hunt paper, a pencil, and a clip board under the pavilion. The hike is .6 miles long and has a couple steeper areas. Participants should wear sturdy shoes. Come on out to the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center for some family fun and see how many of the hidden animals you can find!! Will be canceled in case of bad weather.

June

**** (C) Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 3:00 – Build a Birdhouse** Each session is limited to 10 participants and registration is required. Send contact information to beavercreekw@aol.com. Kids ages 7 and older and their adults can join Beaver Creek Wildlife Center volunteers under the pavilion and build their own bird house. All supplies will be provided.

(C) Saturday, June 18 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Nature Craft – Painting with Leaves. Kids and their adults can join Carolyn and other BCWEC volunteers under the pavilion and create a beautiful picture using artificial leaves. All supplies will be provided. Wear painting clothes!

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Saturday, June 25 from Noon – 4:00 – 20th Anniversary Party!! Come help us celebrate our 20th anniversary of being the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center Volunteers Association. Activities include: free refreshments while supplies last, raffle items, fun activities for kids, displays of Ohio animals, a geology display, a program by the **Ohio School of Falconry** from 2 – 3, and tours of the Wildlife Education Center. Come out for a fun afternoon!

Saturday, June 25 from 2 – 3 – Ohio School of Falconry. During the 20th Anniversary Party, the School of Falconry will be set up in front yard of the Wildlife Education Center. They will demonstrate how the birds fly and capture their food and talk about each bird. At the end of the program, nine names will be drawn from those attending the program (must be at least 9 years old to do this.) Those people will be able to have one of the birds fly to their arm!

Sunday, June 26 from 1:00 – 5:00 – Information on Honeybees. Local beekeeper George Stacy will be at the Wildlife Education Center all afternoon in the live animal room to talk about honeybees and pollination. He will answer questions from our visitors regarding the live honeybee display and about honeybees in general. These amazing insects are vital to our food production!

July

(C) Saturday, July 9 from 1 - 2 – Tracks, Scat, and Splat. Join Naturalist Richelle Gatto under the pavilion at the Wildlife Education Center for a fun family activity that allows you to become a Detective of Wildlife and identify the things wildlife “leave behind.” This program will include a hands-on activity for kids of all ages!

(C) Sunday, July 10 from 11:00 – 12:30 - Stream Stomp!! Meet Matthew Smith and Ryan Moss from ODNR Div. of Natural Areas and Preserves at the Wildlife Education Center at 11:00. You will follow them to a suitable location down the hill into Beaver Creek State Park for a fun time finding critters that live in Beaver Creek, a Wild & Scenic River. They will identify what is found and talk about water quality and how it affects these organisms. You must wear boots or closed-toe shoes to get in the creek for this activity. Come prepared to have fun and maybe get wet!! After words you can have a picnic in the park and then visit the Wildlife Education Center in the afternoon. This event will be cancelled in the case of unsafe high water or rainstorms.

(C) Saturday, July 16 from 1 to 4:30 – Nature Craft – Rock Painting and Rock Insects. Kids and their adults can join Carolyn and other BCWEC volunteers under the pavilion and create a rock insect and paint a rock. All supplies will be provided. If you have your own special rock you may bring it. Wear painting clothes!

Saturday, July 16 from 1:00 – 5:00 – Flint Knapping and Arrow Making. Spend some time under the pavilion this afternoon and watch Chip Hudson as he demonstrates how to make arrowheads from different materials and how to make arrows using the arrowheads. You can examine samples of his work, including knives, bows, and arrows, and ask questions. You can even try your hand making an arrowhead!

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Saturday, July 30 from 10:00 – 5:00 – Wildlife and Nature Photography Art Show. Visitors can walk through the display and look at all the nature photographs taken by people from the area. Some will be available to purchase and picked up on Sunday afternoon. Visitors can vote on their favorite photographs and determine the 10 best of show with winners announced on Sunday. From **2:30 – 4:00 Josh from Raptor Hallow** will do a program with his birds of prey. He will talk about the birds and visitors can take pictures. He may also have a special bird with him!!! Come out and spend an enjoyable afternoon at the Wildlife Education Center!!

Sunday, July 31 from 10:00 – 3:00 - Wildlife and Nature Photography Art Show. Visitors can walk through the display and look at all the nature photographs taken by people from the area. Some will be available to purchase and picked up at 4:00. Winners of the best of show will be announced.

August

Sunday, August 13 from 1 – 2 – Ohio’s Amphibians. Join Naturalist Richelle Gatto under the pavilion at the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center and learn about some of Ohio’s amazing amphibians. She will talk about their characteristics, how to identify them, and will have some special visitors to show.

(C) Saturday, August 20 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Milkweed Pod Craft. Kids and their adults can join Carolyn and other BCWEC volunteers under the pavilion at the Wildlife Education Center and get crafty with milkweed pods. All supplies will be provided. If you have your own milkweed pods you may bring them.

(C) Saturday, August 20 from 1 – 4 – SCAVENGER HUNT on Logan’s Loop Trail!!

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Saturday, August 20 from 1:00 – 5:00 – Wood Carving Demonstration. Spend some time under the pavilion at the Wildlife Education Center this afternoon and watch Chip Hudson as he demonstrates how to carve wooden items from various types of wood. You can examine samples of his work and ask questions.

**** Saturday, August 27 from 9:00 – noon – Mushrooms.** Class size is limited to 22, so register early by sending your contact information to beavercreekw@aol.com. Meet in the classroom at the Wildlife Education Center, 12884 Echo Dell Road, East Liverpool, OH 43920. Walt Sturgeon, a nationally recognized amateur mycologist with over 40 years of experience and author of mushroom identification books, will lead this event. This workshop will include a slide program, a collecting field trip, and a mushroom display. Participants are encouraged to bring mushrooms for identification. There will be information on distinctive, edible, and toxic species, basic taxonomy, fungal ecology, folklore, cooking tips, and ethnomycology (people and mushrooms). Participants may have edible mushrooms to take home. Participants are asked to bring a basket and wax bags or wax paper for collecting the mushrooms. Portions of the walk may be moderate to difficult walking. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

(C) Saturday, August 27 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Nature Craft – Seashell Craft. Younger kids and their adults can join Robin and other BCWEC volunteers under the pavilion and create a seashell creature. All supplies will be provided. Bring your creativity and have some fun!

(C) Sunday, August 28 from 11:00 – 12:30 - Stream Stomp!! Meet Matthew Smith and Ryan Moss from ODNR Div. of Natural Areas and Preserves at the Wildlife Education Center at 11:00. You will follow them to a suitable location down the hill into Beaver Creek State Park for a fun time finding critters that live in Beaver Creek, a Wild & Scenic River. They will identify what is found and talk about water quality and how it affects these organisms. You must wear boots or closed-toe shoes to get in the creek for this activity. Come prepared to have fun and maybe get wet!! After words you can have a picnic in the park and then visit the Wildlife Education Center in the afternoon. This event will be cancelled in the case of unsafe high water or rainstorms.

September

Saturday, September 10 from 1 - 4 - Geology Road Show. Join Wildlife Center volunteer and geologist Cheryl under the pavilion at the Wildlife Education Center and learn about rocks and minerals and fossils. Learn where to find them and how to manage a collection. Participants are welcome to bring their own specimens for identification.

Sunday, September 11 from 2:00 – 3:00 – Birds in Flight Sanctuary. Join Heather Merritt and some of her live education birds from Birds in Flight Sanctuary under the pavilion at the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center. Heather is the Director of the Sanctuary. She will talk about each bird and discuss her role in her rescue and rehabilitation of wild animals.

(C) Saturday, September 17 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Christmas Tree Ornaments. Kids and their adults can join Carolyn and other BCWEC volunteers under the pavilion and make their own Christmas tree ornament from items found in nature. All supplies will be provided.

(C) Saturday, September 17 from 1 – 4 – SCAVENGER HUNT on Logan’s Loop Trail!!

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Saturday, September 24 from 1 – 2 – Ohio’s Owls. Whooooo would like to learn more about Ohio’s owls? Join Naturalist Richelle Gatto under the pavilion at the Wildlife Center as she shows taxidermy mounts of the common owls and discusses their characteristics and calls.

October

Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3, from 10– 5 – Wildlife Education Center will be open extended hours for visitors. This is the final weekend the center will be open for the 2021 season.

Sunday, October 3 at 4:00 – Drawing for the raffle items. MuskoX mittens