

Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center

2019 Programs and Events

Looking for a way to get out and explore the outdoors this summer? Join us for a workshop or outdoor program or come visit the Wildlife Education Center. There is something for all ages and interest. 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 6 from 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Vernal Pool Exploration. Vernal pools are seasonal pools of water that provide very important habitat for many organisms. Join Naturalist Richelle for a fun evening of exploring the vernal pools in Beaver Creek State Park. Participants will be looking for salamanders and fairy shrimp and other organisms that use the pools as nurseries. Meet at the Group Camp on Sprucevale Road and dress for the weather.

**** Friday, April 12 from 9:00 – 3:00 – Tree Planting and Restoration Workshop.** Join Columbiana County Forester Ryan Clester for an informative workshop on planting trees, clearing invasive species, maintaining tree plantings, and how to restore disturbed ground to trees. Participants will meet at the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center from 9:00 – noon. Please bring a bag lunch to eat at the center. Participants will travel to Hellbender Bluff after lunch to watch demonstrations of ripping the ground and planting trees and will help plant some trees. Registration is required and class size is limited to 30. Register at beavercreekw@aol.com and leave your contact information.

Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 – noon – Spring Wildflower Hike. Join Naturalist Richelle for a moderately difficult walk along the Dogwood Trail in search of spring wildflowers. Please wear waterproof boots because the trail crosses a small creek, bring a camera, insect repellent, and dress for the weather. Meet at the main parking lot in Beaver Creek State Park.

MAY:

Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5 – Wildlife Education Center Opening Weekend for public visitation. The center is open every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 – 5:00 through October 6.

(C) Saturday, May 11 from noon – 1:00 – The Cicadas are Coming!! 2019 is the year of periodical cicadas for most of Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties, western PA, and the tip of the WV panhandle. Come join Wildlife Education Center volunteer Janis Kell in the classroom for this family-friendly program as she shares some fun, interesting, and surprising facts about our “visitors” who will soon emerge after 17 years underground. Janis will also be at the center from 1:00 – 5:00 to answer any questions as people tour the Wildlife Center.

Saturday, May 18 from 1:30 – 4:00 – Composting Clinic. Judith Rodkey from the OSU Extension Master Gardener’s Speakers Bureau will be at the Wildlife Education Center this afternoon to share information on the basics of composting. Properly seasoned compost is the black gold of gardening and is a valuable soil additive. You will learn how to compost and why it is important. Using compost improves soil and plant health and reduces waste.

(C) Saturday, May 18 from 1:30 – 4:00 – Create a Bird. Kids and their adults can join volunteers Pam and Carolyn in the Wildlife Education Center classroom and will welcome the arrival of our migrating feathered friends back to the area as they create their own bird. This activity will cover beak and feet adaptations and will take about 45 minutes to complete.

**** Saturday, May 25 from 10:30 – 12:30 – Tree ID and Invasive Species.** This activity, presented by Wildlife Center volunteer Kathy Cattrell, will start in the classroom of the Wildlife Education Center. Participants will learn how to identify the various trees found in Columbiana County by characteristics of the leaves, bark, and flowers and will receive identification handouts to take home. The group will then take an easy ½ mile hike on the Logan’s Loop Trail while they identify some of the trees and examine the various invasive species found in Beaver Creek. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, and bring insect repellent. Class size is limited to 25 so register soon at beavercreekw@aol.com.

Sunday, May 26 from Noon – 1:00 - Ohio Snakes & Turtles. Wildlife Education Center volunteer Kathy Cattrell will introduce participants of all ages to some local live reptiles and will discuss how to identify them. Participants may enjoy some up-close encounters with these wonderful animals. This program will be held in the Ohio Room with a limit of 65 people.

JUNE:

Saturday, June 1 from Noon – 1:00 – Vultures!! Join Wildlife Education Center volunteer Kathy Cattrell in the Ohio Room and learn all about vultures. She will have taxidermy mounts and pictures to show and will share lots of interesting information about these amazing birds.

(C) Saturday, June 15 from Noon – 1:00 - Tracks, Scat, and Splat. Join Park Naturalist Richelle in the classroom 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 craft for kids of all ages.

Sunday, June 23 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.

Saturday, June 29 from 10:00 – noon – Getting to Know Your Backyard Birds. Wildlife Center volunteers Bob and Denise Lane will present a program on the sights and sounds of backyard birds found in Columbiana County in the summer. Participants will learn to identify common backyard avian friends and those found along Little Beaver Creek. The program will be held in the Ohio Room with a limit of 65 people.

(C) Saturday, June 29 from 1:30 – 4:00 – Pet Rock Day. Kids and their adults can join Carolyn and other Wildlife Education Volunteers as they paint their own pet rock to take home. This activity will take about 30 minutes and will be held in the classroom.

**** Sunday, June 30 from 8:00 – 10:00 AM – Bird Watching Hike.** Join Wildlife Education Center volunteers Bob and Denise Lane for an enjoyable hike to find and identify birds. The location will be announced closer to the date and will be close to the Wildlife Education Center. Participants can car-pool to the site from the Wildlife Center. Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a camera and insect repellent. Please register for this event at beavercreekw@aol.com.

Sunday, June 30 from 9:00 – 11:00 PM – Moths Aren’t Only in The Closet. Did you know moths outnumber butterflies by about 20 to 1? Join Naturalist Joe Malmisur in the area behind the Wildlife Education Center as he attracts moths to a white sheet using black lights. Participants will be able to observe these insects’ amazingly beautiful colors, shapes, and patterns up close. Who knows what else might fly in? Bring bug spray, flashlight, and a camera.

JULY:

Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Full Moon Watch. In honor of the 50th anniversary of our astronauts landing on the moon, naturalist Richelle will present a program on observing the nocturnal creatures of Beaver Creek while viewing the nearly full moon. Meet at the RC flying fields across from the horse camp on Sprucevale Road. Bring a comfortable chair, insect repellent, and wear appropriate clothing.

Saturday, July 20 from 1:00 – 5:00 – How to Taxidermy a Deer Head. Local Taxidermist Dale Wilhelm will be at the Wildlife Education Center classroom all afternoon demonstrating how he does taxidermy on a deer head. He will have supplies on hand to show the entire process and will be working on completing a mount. You will be able to observe the process and ask questions.

(C) Saturday, July 27 from 1:30 – 4:00 – Pressed Flower Note Cards or Bookmarks. Kids and their adults can join Carolyn and other volunteers at the Wildlife Education Center to make a notecard or book mark using pressed dried flowers. This activity will take about 30 minutes to complete.

AUGUST:

Saturday, August 3 from 1:00 – 5:00 – Raptor Hallow Sanctuary. Volunteers from Raptor Hallow Sanctuary will be at the Wildlife Education Center all afternoon with their owls and hawks. They will discuss the natural history of the animals and the roles they play in our ecosystems. There will be flight demonstrations during the day and visitors will enjoy up-close encounters with some of the animals.

Saturday, August 10 from 9:00 – 11:00 PM - Stargazing and Meteor Showers. Join Park Naturalist Mike Mainhart at the Beaver Creek RC Airplane Fly-in fields across from the Horseman's Camp on Sprucevale Road near the south end of Beaver Creek State Park for an evening of sky watching during the peak of the Perseid meteor showers. There will be a campfire, so bring some marshmallows, a comfortable chair, and a blanket as you enjoy the stargazing and meteor show.

(C) Saturday, August 17 from 11:00 – Noon – Pond Exploration. Join Naturalist Richelle at the pond in the park for a fun family-friendly time of catching frogs, salamanders, insects, and anything else that can be scooped up with the nets that are provided. Please wear clothing and shoes that can get wet and muddy and be prepared for a fun time!!

Saturday, August 24 from Noon – 1:00 – Coyotes, Bobcats, and Cougars – Facts and Fiction. Join Columbiana Soil & Water Conservation Service Educator Jason Reynolds for an interesting program about these three animals and how to identify them. Topics include characteristics, conflicts with humans, and population management. Meet in the classroom at the Wildlife Education Center.

(C) Saturday, August 24 from 1:30 – 4:00 – Butterfly Magnets. Kids and their adults can join Carolyn and other volunteers at the Wildlife Education Center and make a paper butterfly magnet. This activity will take about 20 minutes to complete and will take place in the classroom.

**** Saturday, August 31 from 9:00 – noon – Mushrooms.** Walt Sturgeon, a nationally recognized amateur mycologist with over 40 years of experience, 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. Class size is limited to 22, so **register early at beavercreekw@aol.com**. Meet at the Wildlife Education Center, 12884 Echo Dell Road, East Liverpool, OH 43920.

SEPTEMBER:

Saturday, September 7 from 10:00 – Noon – Late Summer Wildflower Hike. Join Naturalist Richelle for a nice walk along Fisherman Trail located next to the old Hambleton Mill to look for some of late summer's wildflowers. Wear sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing, and bring insect repellent. Meet at the Group Camp on Sprucevale Road.

Saturday, September 7 from 1:00 – 5:00 – Raising Monarch Butterflies. Local butterfly expert Dorothy Reynolds will be at the Wildlife Education Center all afternoon with an assortment of live caterpillars and butterflies in various stages of development. She will be sharing her experiences raising butterflies and will answer questions.

**** Saturday, September 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM - Paint and Sip.** Join Wildlife Education Center volunteer Tracy Mesler for an enjoyable evening of painting and creativity at the Wildlife Education Center. Tracy will lead you through the process as you create an indoor/outdoor craft for both fall and winter with a reversible pallet painting. On one side is a scarecrow for the fall, on the other a snowman to get you through our never-ending winters! You may bring your own snacks and beverages or enjoy the ones provided. All supplies need to create your masterpiece are included. Space is limited to 12, so register today at beavercreekw@aol.com. The cost is a donation of \$30 per person and will be paid upon registration. Proceeds benefit the Wildlife Education Center.

(C) Saturday, September 28 from 1:30 – 4:00 – Tree Cookie Ornament. Kids and their adults can join Carolyn and other volunteers at the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center and make a Christmas tree ornament on a tree cookie. This activity will take about 30 minutes to complete and will take place in the classroom.

OCTOBER:

Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6 from 10:00 – 5:00 – Final weekend for the Wildlife Education Center to be open for this season. Please note the extended hours and stop in for a visit. You can also visit some of our volunteers at our table display during Pioneer Days in Beaver Creek State Park.

Saturday, October 12 from 10:30 – 1:00 - Geology Road Show. Join geologist and Wildlife Center volunteer Cheryl Mattevi in the classroom of the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center for a brief introduction to the geology of Beaver Creek State Park. The group will break for lunch and then take a hike along Little Beaver Creek to look at the rock formations that are so important to the geology of the area. Participants should bring a lunch, wear comfortable shoes, and bring insect repellent. Participants are welcome to bring their own rock, mineral, or fossil specimens in for identification. This program is for age 10 and older.

Saturday, October 19 from 10:00 – Noon – Fall Hike. Join Naturalist Richelle for a moderately difficult hike on the Dogwood trail to enjoy the fall colors and observe fall birds and animals. Sturdy shoes and insect repellent are recommended. Dress for the weather. Meet at the main parking lot in the park.