

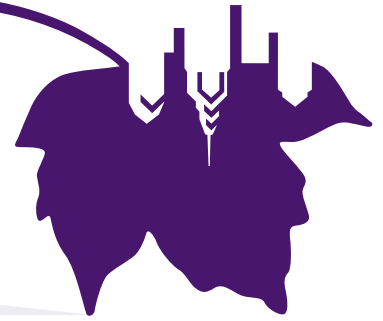


# FEATURED SPRING EVENTS

Naturepalooza  
Celebrate Earth Day with live  
music, animals, games, citizen  
science, art and more!  
New! Sustainable Living Series  
Make your own "green" cosmetics  
and cleaning products.  
Adult Learning Workshops  
Nature photography and forest  
forensics  
Night Hike & Campfire  
for Families  
Take some quality time with  
your family

March/April/May  
2013

# calendar



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## NATUREPALOOZA! EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 27 | 10 am – 2 pm | Free

A Philadelphia Science Festival Discovery Day event

Celebrate all things natural in our second annual Earth Day festival. Musical guests The Plants, Nature Jams and Two of a Kind anchor the stage, with live animal shows, citizen science projects, our spring native plant sale, walks, games, mural-making and more—even visits from the Philadelphia Zoo, Franklin Institute and Audubon Pennsylvania.



## FOR ALL AGES

### Toad Detour

Nightly, March 1 – April 15 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Free

Help shepherd hundreds of toads safely across Port Royal Avenue as they migrate to and from the reservoir during breeding season. Volunteers needed for evening shifts from March 1-April 15 and May 15 into June. Volunteer for one night or several—it's fun for all ages.

### Toad Nights

Fridays and Saturdays, March 22, 23 and April 5, 6  
6:30 – 7:30 pm | Free

The toads are coming! See mating toads up close, hear their wonderful trills, and look for their eggs in our ponds. We'll hike rain or shine, but toad migration is highly weather-dependent. Check SCEE's Facebook page the day of a program to learn if the toads are active.



### Second Home: A Painting Exhibition

On view in our gallery:

March 25 – May 4

Opening reception April 26  
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Artist Maggie Mills brought her watchful eye to the Schuylkill Center and bases her new paintings on the activities and settings of the kids in our very own Monkey Tail Gang afterschool program. The results are large, gorgeous canvases depicting children in forests and fields, playing, looking, and being in nature.

### Nature Preschool Open House

Thursday, April 4 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | Free

Come learn more about our new Nature Preschool for children ages 3-5, opening this fall. Visit our preschool classrooms, meet the preschool's new director, learn about our curriculum and schedule, ask questions and pick up a registration packet. Children welcome: there are activities in the room to engage them.

### Introduction to Orienteering

Saturday, April 6 | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | Free

The international sport of orienteering utilizes a detailed map to find locations in wild places. This beginner course will navigate our extensive trail network. After leaders from the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association teach the basics, you'll head outside to complete the course. *Registration is requested for large groups; drop-ins welcome.*

### Night Hike & Campfire for Families

Friday, May 10 | 8:00 – 10:00 pm | \$5 M; \$10 NM

Explore our forest after dark! Learn about nocturnal animals and meet some from our wildlife clinic. Listen for animal calls, watch for owls and bats, and roast marshmallows around a campfire. *Registration required.*

### A Mother-Daughter Beading Workshop

Saturday, May 11 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm | \$10 M; \$15 NM

Join us for an afternoon of recycling fun, learning how to turn old magazines into beautiful beads. Bring colorful magazines and go home with a beautiful Mother's Day present. Materials and refreshments provided. *Registration required.*

### Opening of Stacy Levy's "Rain Garden"

Friday, May 31 | 6 – 7 pm | Free

We unveil a new permanent artwork by renowned environmental artist Stacy Levy. This interactive artwork combines art with science to solve one of our building's stormwater concerns. The opening coincides with a day-long conference on "The New Environmental Art" at the center.



## JUST FOR KIDS

### Saturdays @ SCEE

Every Saturday | 10:30 – 11:30 am | Free

Count on us for inspiration and fun for the little ones every Saturday morning. The first and third Saturdays are all about exploring nature: we'll study different objects from nature and take a walk in the woods. The second and fourth Saturdays feature read-aloud storytime and old-fashioned games.

### PROGRAMS FOR YOUR SCOUT!

Please visit our website for detailed program descriptions.

#### Boy Scouts: Forester & Naturalist Badge

Saturday, March 9 | 10:00 am – 1:30 pm | \$20

#### Boy Scouts: Environmental Science Merit Badge

Part I - Thursday, March 21 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Part II - Thursday, April 4 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm

\$35 for the two-part series

#### Girl Scouts: Wildlife of PA

Saturday, March 23 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm | \$15



## FOR ADULTS

### Sustainable Living Series

It's a new hands-on workshop series featuring SCEE naturalist and herbalist Linda Rauscher. Take either workshop, or sign up for the series. *Registration required.*

Workshop fee: \$15 M; \$20 NM; or \$25 M; \$35 NM for both.

#### Introduction to Green Beauty: Lip Balms & Salves

Saturday, March 9 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Have you ever wondered how to make your own herb-based cosmetics? Mix your own lip balms and salves to suit your specific needs. Each participant leaves with his or her own handcrafted product.

#### Introduction to Green Cleaning

Saturday, March 23 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Stock your cupboards with your own handmade green cleaning products, created from a few key ingredients. Reduce your exposure to toxins while saving money and the environment.

### DAY-OFF CAMPS

**No school? Get your kids out into nature!**

For ages 5-12 | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm | \$45 M; \$55 NM

Extended day until 6:00 pm is available for an additional fee of \$15/day. *Registration required.*

Visit our website for complete program descriptions.

#### Day-Off Camp: Rocks & Minerals

Friday, March 15

It's a hands-on exploration of fossils, crystals and geodes as we dive into the amazing world of rocks and minerals. Kids use rock hammers to break open their very own geodes.

#### Spring Break Camp: Junior Naturalist

Monday, March 25 – Friday, March 29

Participants track wildlife, observe birds, identify animal remains, recognize injured creatures and animals and navigate with maps. Expect a visit from live animals, a trip to a bird-banding station, and plenty of time outdoors exploring forests and streams. *Register for one day or several.*

#### Day-Off Camp: Insect Investigations

Friday, April 19

What makes an insect an insect? Is a caterpillar an insect? A spider? Answer these questions and more as we study the largest, most diverse group of animals on our planet.

#### Day-Off Camp: Archeology

Friday, May 17

Be a history detective. Use the tools and techniques of archaeologists to discover the rich history of the Schuylkill Center's land. Explore old ruins and search for artifacts as we piece together what life here was like 100 years ago.

#### Day-Off Camp: Canoeing

Tuesday, May 21

After getting our feet wet exploring our streams, we'll paddle canoes in Wind Dance Pond seeking turtles and fish.

### "Cryptic Ones" Walk and Talk

Saturday, March 9 | 4:00 – 6:00 pm | Free

Artist Brandon Ballengée, whose *The Cryptic Ones* hangs in our gallery, and *Grid* magazine's urban naturalist Bernard Brown team up for a unique evening bridging art and science. After Ballengée presents his research and art-making practice in our gallery, the two lead a walk to the center's amphibian hotspots.

### Organic Garden Plots Registration Opens

Friday, March 15

For \$40 per plot you can grow your own produce. The gardens serve as an excellent place to learn new green thumb techniques, enjoy the company of fellow gardeners, and take in the beautiful scenery of the area. Schuylkill Center membership required.

### Forest Forensics Workshop

*Saturday, March 16 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm | \$10 M; \$15 NM*  
Professor Lauren Howard of Arcadia University teaches you to decipher land use history through the careful examination of trees and landforms. Learn to spot fencerows, tip-up mounds, tree age discontinuities, fire scars and other clues. Workshop begins with a slide presentation then moves outside to our woods for real-world practice. You'll never look at a forest the same way again!

### Restoration Volunteer Workdays

*Saturdays, March 16, April 20 and May 18 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm*  
Help us remove invasive plants from our forest, fix deer fences, maintain the trails, and more. Wear long pants and sturdy boots; bring a water bottle. Water refills and snacks are provided. *In case of inclement weather or snow cover, please check our website for cancellation notice.*

### Clinic Volunteer Orientation

*Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 – 7:30 pm and Saturday, March 23, 11:00 am – 12 noon | Free*  
Our wildlife clinic depends on trained volunteers to care for thousands of injured animals annually. Interested in helping? Join this critical orientation meeting at the clinic at 304 Port Royal Avenue.

### Saturday Wellness Walks

*Last Saturday of the month, March 30, April 27, May 25  
2:00 pm | Free M; \$5 NM*  
Trade the sweaty gym for some open skies, fresh air and friendly company with an invigorating walk along our beautiful trails. The walk will be led at a moderate pace, along one of our wider and more level trails.

### Spring Wildflower Walk

*Saturday, March 30 | 9:00 am | Free*  
Discover the quiet awakening of our springtime forest on a brisk morning walk looking for the earliest harbingers of spring, like skunk cabbage and spicebush. If spring arrives early, we'll catch the first ephemeral wildflowers. Along the way, learn the story of these botanical beauties.

### Wild Play: A Book Club Discussion

*Saturday, April 13 | 10:30 am | Free*  
Parents, join us for a book club discussion of David Sobel's new *Wild Play! Parenting Adventures in the Great Outdoors*. Sobel's playful, anecdote-filled narrative is full of strategies to help parents create opportunities for children to bond with nature. Bring your children for a naturalist-led excursion while you discuss the book with SCEE staff and other parents. Children must be at least 5 years old if unattended by an adult. *Registration required.*

### The Art of Nature through Alternative Photography: Beginner Workshop

*Saturday, April 13 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm | \$25 M; \$35 NM*  
Joshua Marowitz, co-founder of the Lightroom ([www.thelightroom.org](http://www.thelightroom.org)), a local photographic arts co-op, shares the cyanotype process. After hiking to collect natural specimens, you'll create images using this alternative photographic process. Each participant goes home with art created from nature. *Registration required.*

### Spring Wildflower Walk

*Saturday, April 20 | 8:30 am | Free*  
Join us for an early morning walk to look for our native woodland flowers, like spring beauty or trillium. These blossoms appear fleetingly in our forest—don't miss them! We'll also listen for the earliest winged migrants who are returning from their southern wintering grounds.

### 9th Annual Native Plant Sale

*Member Preview Night | Friday, April 26 | 4:30 – 7:30 pm  
Public Sale | Saturday, April 27 8:30 am – 4:30 pm and Sunday, April 28, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm | Free*  
Choose from a beautiful selection of more than 100 species of native trees, shrubs, vines, and wildflowers. Volunteers and plant experts will be on hand to answer all your gardening questions and assist with plant selections. Much of Saturday's sale coincides with our Earth Day festival, Naturepalooza.

### Go Native! Alternatives to Non-Native Ornamental Plants in Your Landscape

*Program will be held at the Whitmarsh Township administration building,, 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill  
Monday, May 6 | 7:00 pm | Free*  
Did you know that many common landscape plants are invading natural areas? Restoration manager Joanne Donohue explains which non-natives are escaping to the wild, why they pose a threat to local natural areas, and which natives make good replacements.



## INFO & REGISTRATION

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