



The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education inspires meaningful connections between people and nature.

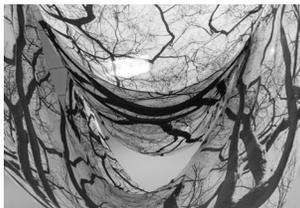
The Schuylkill Center is located in Roxborough, Philadelphia.

SCEE Events

Upcoming events at the Schuylkill Center

March • April • May 2014

HIGHLIGHTS



Frost: Opening Reception

Saturday, March 1, 4:00 pm | Free

Two artists explore winter with a show in our gallery. Amie Potsic's photographic work focuses on the intersection of the physical, socio-political, and natural worlds, while Nancy Agati's mixed media pieces use natural materials to create forms which resonate with the patterns and shapes of the natural world. *Frost* will be in the gallery February 15 – April 18.

NATUREPALOOZA! Earth Day Festival | Saturday, April 26

11:00 am – 3:00 pm | A Philadelphia Science Festival Discovery Day event | Free

Celebrate all things natural at our third annual family-friendly Earth Day festival. Live music, live animal shows, nature walks, a food court, games, participatory art events, and more. Explore the great outdoors at this Earth Day celebration.



10th Annual Native Plant Sale

Members Preview | Friday, April 25 | 4:00 – 7:00 pm | Free

Public Sale | Saturday, May 3, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm & Sunday, May 4, 9 am – 1 pm | Free

Featuring a selection of more than 100 species of perennial trees, shrubs, vines, and wildflowers native to this region. Grow your edible garden with heirloom vegetables and herbs. Volunteers and plant experts will answer all your questions and help you find the right native plant for your yard.

FAMILIES & KIDS

Nature Preschool Open House

Wednesday, March 19 | 7:00 – 8:00 pm | Free

Learn more about our unique Nature Preschool for children ages 3–5. Visit our classrooms, meet the director, learn about our curriculum, ask questions, and pick up a registration packet. Children welcome – we'll have activities for them.

Building Fire: A Family Workshop

Saturday, March 22 | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | \$5 M; \$10 NM

Just like in *SURVIVOR*, learn the basics of primitive fire building. Using items found in nature, we'll start and maintain a flame. We'll use magnesium, bow drills, and even the sun. *Pre-registration is required; limited to 20 participants.*

Toad Nights

Friday, April 11 & Saturday, April 12 | 7:00 – 8:00 pm | Free

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

Canoeing: A Family Workshop

Saturday, May 17 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm | \$10 M; \$15 NM

Bring the whole family to paddle around our beautiful Wind Dance Pond. We'll learn the basics of canoeing and even do some swimming. *For ages 5 and up. Pre-registration is required; limited to 21 participants.*

WEEKLY & MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Seedlings

Every Friday, 2:00 – 3:00 pm | \$6 M; \$8 NM per child

Play and learn with activities inspired by nature. Get a sneak peek of Nature Preschool with parent-and-child nature fun. For ages 2-5 and parents/caregivers. Please dress for outdoor play. *Adult participation and pre-registration required.*

Saturdays@SCEE

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

Fun for the little ones every Saturday morning. Gather in the Discovery Center for story time and then go on a naturalist-led exploration outside, looking at different nature themes each week. *No program April 26 due to Naturepalooza.*

M = members | NM = non-members



FOR ADULTS

Restoration Volunteer Workdays

Saturdays, March 15, April 12, & May 17

10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Volunteer Opportunity

Enjoy the outdoors and help maintain the beauty of our forest by removing invasive plants, fixing deer fences, planting native species, and improving our trails. Wear long pants and sturdy boots and bring a water bottle. Water refills and snacks are provided.

Composting Workshop

Saturday, March 29 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | \$10 M; \$12 NM

\$15 materials fee for each compost bin you take home

Interested in greening your life? Worm composting is an easy way to lessen the food waste in your home. We'll learn about decomposition, worm anatomy and biology, and how to care for the worms and bin. Be prepared to have fun and get a little dirty as we make our own bins to take home, complete with worms. *Pre-registration required by March 20.*



Wild Foraging

Saturday, April 5 | 12:30 – 2:30 pm | \$25 M; \$30 NM; price includes a copy of FORAGED FLAVOR

Did you know that we have a delicious “garden” of wild plants growing in our fields and woods? Join Tama Matsuo-ka, author of FORAGED FLAVOR, for a talk about the intersections of foraging, nature, and the environment. Tama will talk about what's in season and share tips on harvesting and preparing “invasive” weeds sought after by chefs. A long-time SCEE friend, Tama offers this special workshop and hike just for us! Wear boots and bring a bag to collect plants in. *Pre-registration required; limited to 20 participants.*

Interpretive Birding

Two-part course: Thursday, April 10, 7:00 – 8:00 pm & Saturday, April 12, 7:30 – 10:30 am | \$30 M; \$40 NM

Try a new approach to birding – identifying and interpreting bird behaviors. Interpretive birding emphasizes detailed observations of birds, going beyond the “who” to the “what,” “when,” “where,” and “why.” Education Director Gail Farmer begins with a lecture introducing behaviors you might see this time of year, followed by a morning of interpretive birding in the field. *Must bring your own binoculars. Pre-registration required.*

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Saturday Wellness Walks

March 29 & May 31 | 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 moderately paced walk will follow one of our wider and more level trails.

Stroller Strides: Outdoor Fitness for Moms

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 – 10:00 am

Register and enroll at www.chhillplymeet.fit4mom.com

Work your body and restore your spirit with a mom-and-tot workout. It's a total body fitness program moms can do with their children in the stroller. After your workout, take your little one over to our nature playground for some fun. First class is FREE!

Yoga Retreat with Blue Banyan Yoga

Saturday, April 5 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | \$40

Tune into nature's flow and rebalance your body and mind with this special outdoor retreat. Blue Banyan

founder Sophie Simpson leads three hours of Asana, Pranayama, and mental quieting—all outdoors amid the beauty of nature. *Pre-registration required.*

Yoga Series with Blue Banyan Yoga

Saturdays, May 3 – June 7 | 9:00 – 10:30 am | \$100 M & Blue Banyan class card holders; \$110 NM

Usher in spring with a six-week outdoor gentle yoga series designed to improve flexibility and strength, tap the energetic body through breath-work, and inspire the spirit and quiet the mind. *Pre-registration required.*

Meditation Series with Blue Banyan Yoga

Sundays, May 18 – June 22 | 9:00 – 10:30 am | \$100 M & Blue Banyan class card holders; \$110 NM

Discover the restorative powers of nature and the deep, lasting benefits of meditation in this six-week series outdoors. Open to new and experienced practitioners of meditation alike. *Pre-registration required.*

Event Information & Registration

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FOR ADULTS

Reading the Forested Landscape

Saturday, April 19 | 10:00 am – 12:00 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 that tell the story of the land. You'll never look at a forest the same way again! *Pre-registration required.*

Urban Naturalist Bernard Brown in the Field

Sunday, April 27 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Free

A Philadelphia Science Festival Explorer Sunday event

Explore the secret places of the Schuylkill Center's 340 acre property with GRID magazine's Urban Naturalist columnist. Explore streams, rocks, ponds, and forests to discover the elusive and fascinating creatures that lurk out of sight.

Diving into Wildflowers: Lecture & Field Trip

Two-part course: Thursday, May 1, 7:00 pm & Saturday, May 3, 8:30 am | \$30 M; \$40 NM

Spring in a Pennsylvania forest is an extraordinary parade of ephemeral wildflowers: trillium, bluebells, spring beauty, cohosh, trout lily. Executive Director Mike Weilbacher and Land Stewardship Manager Melissa Nase team up on a two-part lecture/walk where you meet the full range of flowers blooming in our forest. Thursday's lecture covers a wide spectrum of plants, including herbal uses, ecology, and more, and on the walk, you'll see many of them up close.

Food for Thought: La Vida Local

Thursday, May 8 | 7:30 – 9:00 pm

\$10 SCEE & Weavers Way members; \$15 NM

It's an evening of great local food and drinks in the pavilion, surrounded by the spring forest. In partnership with Weavers Way Co-op, a panel of food writers, growers, and activists will explore the nuances of local food and what it means to create a new, place-based food culture. Public Programs Manager Elisabeth Zafiris will moderate an engaging discussion about the intersection of food, place, and culture. *Advanced tickets recommended; limited seating.*

Enchanted Forest

Friday, May 16 | 6:30 pm cocktails, 7:00 pm dinner | Tickets: Sponsor \$200; Patron \$150; Guest \$75

Enjoy great local food and refreshments, live music, and the company of friends in our tranquil evening forest to support the Schuylkill Center's programs. For tickets, program ads, sponsorships, or to donate to the silent auction, contact Steve Waserleben at 215-482-7300, ext. 117 or email steven@schuylkillcenter.org.

DAY-OFF CAMPS

What to do when the kids are off, but you're not!

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

Extended day until 6:00 pm available for an additional \$15/day

Visit our website for complete Day-Off Camp descriptions and online registration. *Pre-registration required.*

Day-Off Camp: Molecule Madness

Friday, March 14

Molecules are everywhere, interacting in and around us all the time. Observe the powers of these reactions and use them to create slimes, goos, and gasses from things that you can find right in your own kitchen.

Spring Break Camp: Junior Naturalist

Monday, April 14 – Friday, April 18

Register for a few days or the full week.

There's a new adventure each day as we explore wildlife, streams, ponds, and plants. We'll track wildlife, observe birds, and use maps to navigate – all the tools to be a Junior Naturalist. Expect a visit from live animals, a trip to a local bird banding station, and lots of time in the forests and streams.

Day-Off Camp: Spring is here!

Tuesday, May 6

Getting cabin fever from this long and cold winter? Come on out to our forests and fields to explore the spring season! Are flowers blooming? Are animals coming out of their winter homes? We'll look for all the signs of spring and see why this season so great – and go wading

Day-Off Camp: Canoeing

Friday, May 23

Explore our streams and ponds, getting your feet wet while we search for creatures large and small. Then, paddle canoes on Wind Dance Pond looking for turtles and fish. All equipment is provided.





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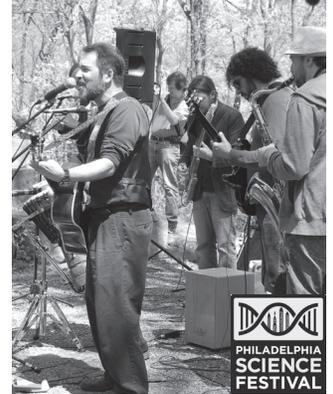
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NATUREPALOOZA

APRIL 26, 11 AM - 3 PM



**Our family
Earth Day
Festival!**



Enchanted Forest Party, May 16



Don't miss these programs for your Scout!
Please visit our website for Scout program descriptions and details

Environmental Science Merit Badge Saturdays, April 5 & April 12 \$35/Scout Call for information	Forester Merit Badge Saturday, May 3 \$35/Scout Call for information
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