



BROOKSIDE NATURE CENTER'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SPRING 2011-March

Join a naturalist-led program! Registration for these programs begins Feb. 14 through parkpass.org

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An adult must accompany all children. Register online for programs at parkpass.org. The course number is listed next to the title as (#####).

Salamanders Went Out on a Rainy Night (132000)

Once a year, on warm, rainy nights, elusive spotted salamanders migrate to breeding pools to mate & lay eggs. Sign-up now to join us on that unknown date this month. We'll call you the day of the hike. Registration required.

7:30 – 8:30 pm, All ages

Meet: Maydale Park, 1638 Maydale Dr., off Briggs Chaney & Claude La., 20905

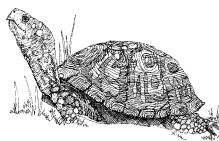
5 Creature Feature (132001)

Have you ever seen a salamander or a box turtle? Meet and greet some of our resident reptiles and amphibians up close. Registration required for all; adults are free.

Noon – 1 pm,

All ages

Fee: \$4



6 Bluebird Monitor Training (132005)

We'll go over the basics of monitoring a bluebird trail including bird, nest, and egg identification. We'll also have a Q & A session to share tips and tricks for monitoring a bluebird trail. For new and returning bluebird trail monitors and those that are interested in becoming a monitor. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity, eligible for SSL credit, and great for families. Registration required.

9:30 – 11:30 am, Ages 4 - adult, under 14 w/adult

12 Pioneer Fun Days (132006)

Games, toys, and crafts at the pioneer cabin. Try writing with a quill pen, make a potpourri sachet, make butter, play marbles, and more. Registration required.

11 am - noon, Ages 2 - 15

Fee: \$8

12 Rustic Bench Making Workshop (132007)

Learn about pioneer/frontier furniture as you construct a rustic bench or footstool using the tools from times past. Learn about construction methods used during the late 1800s. You'll smooth and shape the stools using draw knives, wood chisels, and a shaving bench. No carpentry experience needed! You need to bring a heavy duty hammer, leather gloves, and wear sturdy/protective shoes. Registration required.

1:30 - 3:30 pm, Ages 12 – adult

Fee: \$25/bench or stool

13 Snakes Alive (132008)

Meet and touch some of our live, local snakes. Learn what they eat, where they live, how they move, and more. Registration required for all.

2 – 3 pm, All ages

Fee: \$4/child

15 Time for Tots "Slimy Frog Eggs"

It's spring, and frogs and salamanders are busy laying jelly-like, slimy eggs! Join us for a puppet show and hike to our frog pond to see what's going on. Registration required.

Session 1 (132009): 9:30 – 10:15 am

Session 2 (132010): 10:30 – 11:15 am
Ages 18 – 36 months

Fee: \$4

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16 Puppet Show “The Caterpillar and the Polliwog”

A silly tadpole thinks he'll turn into a butterfly. See if he does! Registration required.

Session 1 (132011): 11 – 11:30 am

Session 2 (132012): 1:30 – 2 pm

Ages 1 – 12

Fee: \$2

17 Home School Special “Signs of Spring Hike” (132017)

We'll look for emerging wildflowers and wildlife while hiking natural surface trails around the nature center. Registration required.

2 – 3 pm, Ages 6 - 12

Fee: \$4

19 Amphibian Search (132020)

We'll hike a mile or two along a dirt trail searching woodland vernal pools for salamander and frog eggs. Dress to get muddy! Registration required for all, adults free.

11 am - noon, Ages 3 - adult

Fee: \$4/child

Meet: Maydale Park--1638 Maydale Drive, Silver Spring 20905, off Briggs Chaney Rd. and Claude Lane

19 Chalk Play (132022)

We'll supply the sidewalk chalk, you bring the creativity! Stop by during program hours and fill our traffic-free driveway with drawings of your favorite winter memories.

2 – 3 pm ongoing, All ages

No registration required.

20 Wild Montgomery-- Ladies Hike Out “Maydale Park” (132023)

Want to hike but don't know where to go? Meet other women and hike some park trails together. Today we'll explore the trails and vernal pools around Maydale Park. Registration required.

11 am - noon, Adult women

Meet: Maydale Park--1638 Maydale Drive, Silver Spring 20905, off Briggs Chaney Rd. and Claude Lane

22 How Old Am I? (132027)

Find out how to figure out the age of some trees, birds, and insects. Learn to count tree rings and how young animals look different from old animals. Registration required.

4 – 5 pm, Ages 6 - 9

Fee: \$4

23 What's New Storytime “Plants” (132028)

Learn about the new plants and animals we see in the springtime. Today we will learn about new plants that are growing. Registration reqd.

1:30 - 2:15 pm, Ages 3 - 5

Fee: \$3

26 Family Nature Hike (132030)

Hike the 1.5 mile Equestrian Trail loop in search of our earliest spring wildflowers. We will be on natural surface trails that are rocky and hilly in places. No strollers please.

Registration required.

9:30 – 11 am, All ages

Fee: \$6/child

26 Meet the Mason Bees (132031)

Our orchard mason bees have been in their nesting tubes since last spring. Greet these friendly and fascinating bees as they finally emerge to pollinate spring flowers. We'll also watch honeybees in our observation hive. Registration required.

11:30 am – 12:15 pm, All ages

Fee: \$3/child

27 Explore a Park - Gold Mine Loop (132032)

Enjoy an early spring hike on a nearly 3-mile wooded loop. We'll stop along the trail to see the remains of the Maryland Mine. Registration required.

10 am – noon, Adults

Meet in the parking lot of Rockwood Manor, 11001 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac, MD 20854

29 March at Maydale (132034)

Explore Maydale during the month of March while marching on trails through the meadow, woods and around the pond. Registration reqd.

4 - 5 pm, All ages

Fee: \$4

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30 What's New Storytime “Animals” (132029)

Learn about the new flora and fauna we see in the springtime. Today we will learn about new animals that are being born or migrating back to the park. Registration required.

1:30 - 2:15 pm, Ages 3 - 5

Fee: \$3

30 Flying Squirrels (132035)

Catch a glimpse of these nighttime gliders and find out how they live.

Rain cancels program.

7:30 – 8:15 pm, All ages

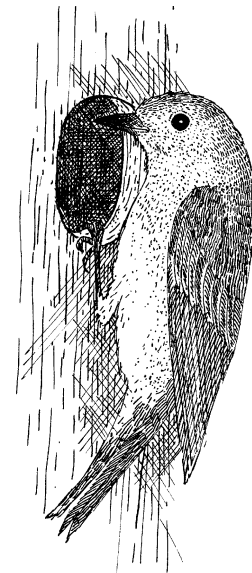
No registration required.

31 Bluebirds in your Backyard (132038)

Hear a story about bluebirds and then help us as we get our park boxes ready for nesting season. Registration required.

10:30 – 11:30 am, Ages 4 - 12

Fee: \$4



31 Family Fossil Foray (132039)

Look for fossilized shark teeth, sea ray dental plates, and whale bones at the beach! Find out how fossils are made!

Our program is free, but please bring cash for any park entrance fees. Meet at Bayfront Park (Brownie's Beach) just south of Chesapeake Beach, MD. Please print out your ParkPASS confirmation slip for specific directions to the class site. Registration required.

1 – 3 pm, Ages 3 – adult

Meet at Bayfront Park (Brownies Beach) just south of Chesapeake Beach, MD. Take the Beltway to Exit 11A, MD Rte. 4 South/Pennsylvania Avenue. Go east to MD Rte 260 East. At the town of Chesapeake Beach turn right (south) onto MD Rte 261. Cross the stream at the bottom of the 1st hill south of town and turn left into the parking area. Take the path ¼ mile to the beach and look for our group.