

Education Programs

March and April, 2010



Woodcock Creek Nature Center

Crawford County Conservation District
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Business Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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**JOIN US AT THE
WOODCOCK CREEK NATURE CENTER !**

The Crawford County Conservation District will host many
FREE Programs (unless otherwise noted) in 2010.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.
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Call 814-763-5269 to register or for more information.

Please let us know if you require special accommodations.
All children under age 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

MARCH

PURPLE MARTINS

Wednesday, March 3

4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.



Join John Tautin, Executive Director of the Purple Martin Conservation Association, to find out more about these interesting birds. How can you attract purple martins to your property, and how do you manage them as well as protect them from predators?

BIG TREES

Thursday, March 11

4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

“Big trees” are magnificent! Service Forester Mark Lewis, DCNR Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, will highlight some of Crawford County’s “big trees” for us. Find out how to measure trees and nominate them for “big tree” status. There are some BIG TREES out there, and we’re looking for them!



“COME ON AND TAKE A FREE RIDE”
BIKES AND BIKE REPAIR INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 17

4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Join Ben Mason for an introduction to the history of bicycles and also find out what “Free Ride” is all about! Find out how to fix and prepare a used bike for riding. We will be taking registration sign ups at the end of the program for summer “Bike Self-Repair” classes that will be offered at our Nature Center for all ages.



“BEE FRIENDLY GARDENING”

Thursday, March 25

4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.



Find out about many different “bees”! Learn about a variety of bee pollinators that you see outside every year. Bertha Mesarch, Penn State Master Gardeners, will teach us about lots of different native bees, and about what kinds of native plants you can grow to provide food for these beneficial insects.

FRESHWATER MUSSELS

Wednesday, March 31

4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Join Darran Crabtree from The Nature Conservancy as he introduces the basic biology and conservation concerns of native freshwater bivalves (mussels). Find out why our region is considered critical habitat for many species at-risk of extinction! Explore the role of these animals in freshwater ecosystems and begin developing skills for interpreting shells through a hands-on exercise.

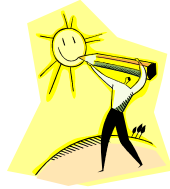


APRIL

MAKE A NATURE JOURNAL

Wednesday, April 7

4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.



Join Kathy Uglow, Crawford County Conservation District, to create your own nature journal and be on your way to enjoying the outdoors! You can then bring your journal to “Earth Day Nature Journaling” on April 22 and join us as we explore our Nature Center grounds and learn how to really observe our surroundings.

31ST ANNUAL TREE SALE

Friday, April 16

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Crawford County Conservation District’s 31st Annual Tree Sale distribution will be held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds at **Home Show Building #1**. Call 814-763-5269 or go to www.crawfordconservation.com for order forms or for more information.

***PLEASE NOTE: ALL ORDERS ARE DUE MARCH 26, 2010.**

EARTH DAY NATURE JOURNALING

Thursday, April 22

4:30—5:30 p.m.



Bring a journal and pen or drawing supplies and join Kathy Uglow, Crawford County Conservation District, for an excursion and “journaling time” on the grounds of the Nature Center. Learn how to sharpen your observation skills by using all of your senses!

Pick up your FREE “Earth Day/Arbor Day” Tree Seedling anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the Nature Center!

NATURE CENTER FIELD TRIP! AQUAPONICS

Thursday, April 29

4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Meet us at Allegheny College’s Steffee Hall Room B102 to join Thomas Eatmon for a demonstration of some working aquaponics systems! See how it works and what he is growing! Find out how gardening can be a possibility where it otherwise would not be an option!