



AUTUMN 2021 PROGRAMS

Calvert Nature Society and Calvert County Natural Resources Division

See a full listing of all the upcoming programs at

www.calvertparks.org . Online registration is recommended.



Registration Opens July 12 for members; July 26 for nonmembers. [Join or renew today.](#)

The schedule of events is subject to change based on the status of the coronavirus response, weather, staffing and other situations that may arise. If Calvert Nature Society or Calvert County Natural Resources Division cancels a program, a full refund will be issued.

Programs for Families

Families experience the fascinating natural world found in our area. These programs incorporate activities for learners of all ages.

Most programs spend time outdoors: dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

Reservations required, www.calvertparks.org .

Adult participation required unless noted. Children must be the age indicated for each program.

Fees unless noted: Free for society members. Nonmembers pay \$8 per family.

Animals on the Move

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, September 7, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tori Hall

Animals are always on the move. But do they all move the same way? How far can they go? Come join us in exploring all these answers and then searching for animals on the move in the wild.

Paw Paw Party!

All Ages

Saturday, September 11, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Kim Curren

Come learn about the importance of our native Paw Paw tree and get a taste of the wonderful fruit that it provides.

Creepy Crawly Critters

All Ages

Saturday, September 18, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Tori Hall

Most of these critters are met with shrieks and screams, but come join a naturalist to give them a well deserved round of applause. Amazing defensive strategies, beautiful colors, and sweet personalities. Come meet some of these stars up close and get a chance to unearth some for yourself.

Fall Nature Play

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, September 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Playing outside is healthy for humans of all ages. Take some time to enjoy the outdoors and meet like-minded families in this semi-structured event. Children and their grown-ups can explore the fall forest and meadow by playing games, going on a scavenger hunt, and/or creating some nature art.

Bat Frenzy

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, October 5, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tori Hall

Come learn about our favorite night time flyers. What are their jobs? How can they tell where they are flying? Where do they like to sleep? These and many more fun bat questions will be explored in this fun celebration of bats.

Fall Bug Hunt

All Ages

Saturday, October 16, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: To Be Determined

Naturalist: Kim Curren

Bugs are a vital part of the environment. Come explore the park while we learn about the different jobs that bugs do that help us and see what types of critters we can find.

Itsy Bitsy Spiders

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, October 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Spiders, are they good luck or scary and creepy? Bring your little ones to learn more about spiders and how they fit into a healthy habitat. We will have games, songs, and nature exploration all about spiders.

Shipwrecks of the Chesapeake

All Ages

Saturday, October 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Location: Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

Come get cozy around the campfire and roast marshmallows while the naturalist shares stories of the past. Learn about some of the historic shipwrecks on the Chesapeake Bay.

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Owl-o-ween!

Ages 18 months-5 years

Saturday, October 30, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Kim Curren

Owls are often associated with Halloween, but they really aren't spooky at all. Come learn all about these nocturnal birds and meet the owls that live at our nature center.

Animal Feast

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, November 2, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tori Hall

Everyone loves a good snack, but as we get closer to winter the snacks our animal friends eat get more and more important. Come explore some of Calvert County's wildlife's favorite snacks and even how they eat them.

Animal Stories Campfire

All Ages

Friday, November 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Location: Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Kim Curren

Come get cozy around the campfire and roast marshmallows while the naturalists share some traditional animal folk stories.

Budding Backyard Birders

All Ages

Saturday, November 13, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Tori Hall

Are you interested in birding, but do not quite know how to start? Well, your own backyard is one of the best places to start. Come join us and learn about ways to attract and identify birds, as well as give them a helping hand this coming winter.

Fuzzy Sock Walk

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, November 16, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Tania Gale

What are the plants in the meadow doing this time of year? Explore the meadow and see what kinds of seeds we can find.

Beaver Moon Hike

Ages 8 and older

Friday, November 19, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Location: To Be Determined

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

Take a full moon night hike. We will visit several habitats and look for signs of our resident beavers.

Animals Love Winter Naps

Ages 3-5

Thursday, December 2, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Tori Hall

Come join a naturalist to learn about the comfiest and coziest part of winter.hibernation. We will explore why animals sleep so long and how they do it. We will also learn which of our local wildlife may be sleeping the winter away.

Compass Skills: Candy Cane Hunt

Ages 5 and older

Saturday, December 11, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Location: Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm

Naturalist: Kim Curren

Children will learn some basic compass skills and will use what they have learned to find candy canes hidden in the park.

Starry, Starry Night

Ages 8 and older

Sunday, December 12, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

Take a night hike to the beach to view the winter sky. We will do a little stargazing as we look for shooting stars from the Geminids meteor shower.

Winter Nature Play and Campfire

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, December 14, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Tania Gale

The days are short and the animals and plants have been getting ready for winter. Are you ready? We will tell stories, play games, and build forts-best of all-cook some snacks over a campfire.

Winter Beachcombing

All Ages

Saturday, December 18, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tori Hall

Did you know that a great way to beat the winter blues is to go to the beach? It is a perfect time to find fossils and other beach goodies. Discover why we have so many fossils here in calvert county, which fossils you are most likely to find, and the best ways to find them.

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KID'S ONLY PROGRAM

Phenology Phun

Ages 8-11

Sunday, September 5, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 3, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 7, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 5, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Location: Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm

Naturalist: Amy Werking

Explore the sounds, sights, flora, and fauna of Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm. This is a 4-part series encouraging budding naturalists to observe seasonal changes in the natural setting.

Children are expected to attend all four sessions.

Fee per child: Members: \$10. Nonmembers: \$20

Fall Foray School's Out Adventure

Ages 8-10

Friday, October 1, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location: To Be Determined

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Come explore the outdoors, meet new friends, discover new interests, and create memories that last a lifetime. We will spend the day exploring, hiking through the woods, walking in the creek and playing games.

Fee per child: Members: \$25. Nonmembers: \$40

School's Out Teen Adventure

Ages 12-16

Friday, October 15, 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Do you have an outdoorsy teen or one that would like to be? On this awesome extended-day adventure teens will kayak the Patuxent River, hike through the forest and wetlands, cook dinner together over a fire, and explore the park at night. This event will be all-outdoors.

Fee per child: Members: \$25. Nonmembers: \$40

HOMESCHOOL FRIDAYS

Ages 4-12, with adult

September 10

October 8

November 5

December 3

Session A: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Session B: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tania Gale

This fall we will explore the habitats present at Flag Ponds Nature Park. We will meet outside each month in small groups and spend the class out hiking the trails. We will explore the park, learn to identify the common plants and animals, build shelters, and whatever the season has to offer.

Reservations required.

Free for society members.

Nonmembers pay \$8 per family.

Homeschool First Fridays is a series of environmental education programs developed especially for homeschoolers ages 4 to 12. These classes are a great way to get hands-on science and nature lessons, receive help on projects and research and network with other homeschooling families. Each two-hour program will consist of indoor and outdoor hands-on learning. Depending on the topic, students may observe live animals, collect aquatic creatures, take measurements of water quality or play games. Students will be grouped by age to allow for age appropriate topic exploration. Parents with younger children will stay with the group; parents of older children have the option to stay and participate as mentors and teachers. Siblings younger than 3 are welcome but must be under the care of a parent/guardian at all times and should not distract other participants.

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ADULTS & OLDER CHILDREN

Teen Homeschool-Fire Series

Ages 12-16

Wednesday, September 15, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 13, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 10, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Our fall Teen Homeschooler classes will be a cumulative 4-part series on fire. We will practice fire safety skills, building fires for different situations. Each month will build upon the skills learned so students must be registered for the series vs individual classes. We expect the teen to attend all 4 sessions.

Fee per child: Members \$10; Nonmembers \$20

Owls of Maryland

Ages 10 and older

Sunday, October 31, 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 6, 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

Ever wondered what owls live in Maryland? Come to our owl banding station and learn about what owls could be living in your backyard as well as the migratory Saw-Whet Owls we are studying. You may even see a wild Saw-Whet Owl!

Free for society members. Nonmembers pay \$8 per person

Adventures in Raptor Research

Adults

Friday, December 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

Raptors are an important part of our ecosystem but they are facing some hard times these days. Come learn about what is being done to study these birds and help save them. Naturalist Gene Groshon will share stories from current research projects, conferences and working with a raptor researcher in Wisconsin. Free Program.

CALVERT STEWARDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Assisting at the parks is a rewarding way to raise awareness of the importance of our natural lands.

Use your experience to help preserve our future in Calvert County by becoming one of our Calvert Stewards.

Some projects are appropriate for families and teens.

Become a Calvert Steward

Explore our Calvert Steward web site

<https://calvertstewards.galaxydigital.com>

to learn about other opportunities.

Nature Center Garden Work Day

Ages 13 and older, under 18 with adult

Thursday, September 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Volunteers are needed to help our staff with the maintenance and upkeep of the trails and gardens around Battle Creek Nature Center. From invasive plant removal, to routine garden care, to maintaining the nature play space and trails - there is always something to be done.

Register on the Calvert Stewards web portal:

<https://bit.ly/garden-Fall2021>