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Please register for
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Groups need reservations.**

Marshy Point Nature Center

7130 Marshy Point Road
Middle River, MD 21220
410-887-2817, www.marshypoint.org
Department of Recreation & Parks

September 2019

**Programs begin
promptly at
start time.**



Should you require special accommodations (i.e., language interpreter, large print, etc.)
410-887-5370/ TDD: 410-877-5319

- Sun, Sept 1
1–3:30 pm *Canoe Dundee Creek with a Naturalist—Travel with us to Gunpowder State Park to sample the bounty of the Bay. Wear shoes that can get wet. Ages 8 & up. \$7 per person, \$5 for members.
- Mon, Sept 2 Center Closed for Labor Day, Park open.
- Fri, Sept 6
8–11 pm Pokemon Late Night Madness—We will re-open gates 8pm and place lures at all of the 7 Pokestops that make a nice 5 minute walk around our parking lot. In the past, we've had many rare Pokemon spawn during our events. Food & snacks for sale. \$10 per carload.
- Sat, Sept 7
2–3:00 pm International Vulture Awareness Day—Gross but good. Come learn about nature's custodians and all the good that vultures do for us.
- Sun, Sept 8
9 am Sunday Birdwalk—Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.
- Sun, Sept 8
1–2:30 pm Frontier Fire—Knowing how to start a fire, make traps and cook food, was essential on the Chesapeake frontier. You can learn how they did it.
- Mondays**
Sept 9, 16, 23
11 am–12 n **Pre-K Nature Drop-In—Sept 9 (Bee-utiful Honey), Sept. 16 (Migration), Sept 23 (Apples)**. Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, & outdoor activities. *Groups must call the office to schedule a trip.* No Pre-K Sept 2 & 30.
- Wed, Thurs, Fri**
Sept 11, 12, 13
10 am–1 pm **Trail Guide Training**—Persons who enjoy nature, children, and the Chesapeake Bay are needed as volunteer Trail Guides for schools visiting the Nature Center. Training takes place twice yearly. *Registration required.* \$5 per person, free to returnees.
- Sat, Sept 14
10–11:30 am Miraculous Monarchs—These brightly colored butterflies make an amazing migration ever year. We will search for them and their host plants.
- Sun, Sept 15
1–3:00 pm *Basic Paddling Course—Learn basic strokes from our American Canoe Association certified instructors and then practice your new skills on Dundee Creek. Ages 8 & up. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration required.* \$7 per person, \$5 for members.
- Tues, Sept 17**
7 pm **Free Speaker Series, The Secret Lives of Bees by Steve McDaniel**—Honeybees play an essential role in the ecosystem. Join Master Beekeeper Steve to explore their world through up-close photography. All Welcome. Light refreshments compliments of the Nature Center Council.
- Sat, Sept 21
1–2 pm Earth Oven Basics—Come learn about how we use our earth oven to bake some tasty snacks.
- Sun, Sept 22
1–2:30 pm The Wild Banana—Join us to search for the elusive Paw Paw. The little known fruit belongs to the custard apple family as is the largest fruit native to North America.
- Sat, Sept 28**
10 am–4 pm ***12th Annual Fall Festival***—Animal talks, hay rides, food, music & more! Canoe & boat trips, weather & tide permitting, festival is held rain or shine! Marsh Mucker Obstacle Course for Kids \$5, Free admission & parking.
- Sun, Sept 29
11 am–12 n Make a Scarecrow—Bring old clothes to make a scarecrow or pick one of our baby outfits to make a scare-baby. \$7 per scarecrow, \$5 members.



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Sat, Oct 5
1–2:30 pm

Pumpkin Painting—Decorate mini pumpkins and make a tasty treat. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.

Sun, Oct 6
1–2:30 pm

Apple Head and Corn Husk Dolls—Before toy stores, people made toys for their children. Learn how apple heads are made. Then create your own corn husk doll.

Mondays

Oct 7, 21, 28
11 am–12 n

Pre-K Nature Drop-In—Oct 7 (Pumpkins), Oct 21 (Nocturnal Animals), Oct 28 (Halloween—all boys & ghouls dress up in costumes, get tricks & then treats!)
Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders, games, songs, and outdoor activities. Program is for families, **groups must schedule** a trip. **No Pre-K Oct 14.**

Sat, Oct 12
6 pm to 9 am

Family Camp Out in the Park—Enjoy an evening under the stars at Marshy Point. Bring your own tent and camping gear. We'll provide the campfire with s'mores and a night hike. A parent must attend. Limited space. \$7 per person, \$5 pp for members. *Registration required.* No walk-ins.

Sun, Oct 13
9 am

Sunday Birdwalk—Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.

Sun, Oct 13
2–3:30 pm

Spiders and Their Kin—These eight legged creatures may seem strange and scary but play an important role in the environment. Join us to learn more.

Mon, Oct 14

Center Closed for Columbus Day—Park Open.

Tues, Oct 15
7 pm

Free Speaker Series, Clear Creeks Project: Our Water, Our Heritage, Our Pride by Amy Young—Learn how YOU can take action on your property to reduce pollution and create beneficial habitat for pollinators. Amy Young, Clear Creeks Project Volunteer/outreach coordinator, will provide an overview of the Clear Creeks Project and ways to get involved. All are welcome. Light refreshments compliments of the Nature Center Council.

Sat, Oct 19
1–3 pm

Fall Colors Canoe Trip—Enjoy the changing colors as we ply the waters of the creek. Ages 8 & up. *Registration required.* \$7 per person, \$5 for members.

Sun, Oct 20
10 am–12 n

Birdwatch Boat Trip—Winter waterfowl begin to arrive in the fall. Join Captain Jim and our expert birdwatchers to observe the early arrivals. Ages 8 and older. Space is limited. \$10 per person, \$8 members.

Sat, Oct 26
1–3 pm

Trick or Treat at Marshy Point—Search for treats and find our tricks along the trails. Dress up and enter the costume contest. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.

Sun, Oct 27
1–2:30 pm

Shelter Building—Are you prepared for a zombie invasion? Learn the wilderness survival skills necessary to stay alive if modern technology fails.



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Sat, Nov 2
2–3:30

Fall Colors Painting Class—Join our artist in residence to paint the colors of fall. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.

Sun, Nov 3
2–4 pm

Late Autumn Canoe Trip—Cruise the cool waters of Dundee Creek with a naturalist. Limited space. Ages 8 and up. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration required.* \$7 per person, \$5 for members.

Mondays

Nov 4, 18, 25
11 am–12 n

Pre-K Nature Drop-In—Nov 4 (Native Americans), Nov 18, (Thanks for Turkeys, Gobble Gobble!), Nov 25 (Hibernation). Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities. *Groups must call the office to schedule a trip.* Donations needed. **No program Nov. 11.**

Sat, Nov 9
1–3 pm

Fall Photography—Wear your boots and bring your camera to explore the photographic opportunities around Marshy Point.

Sun, Nov 10
9 am

Sunday Birdwalk—Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.

Sun, Nov 10
2–3:30 pm

Native Americans of the Chesapeake—What was life really like for the Algonquian people that lived along the shores of the Chesapeake? Find out what they ate, where they lived, and how they understood the environment.

Mon, Nov 11

Center Closed for Veterans Day—Park Open.

Sat, Nov 16
1–2:30 pm

Talking Turkey—Learn about the wild turkeys of Maryland and then meet our own Bronze birds and wild turkeys.

Tues, Nov 19
7 pm

Free Speaker Series, Sea level rise in the Chesapeake Bay by Kate McClure—Sea level rise in the Chesapeake Bay is accelerating. This lecture will discuss why this is happening and what is expected in the future, and explore options for adapting to these changing conditions. All are welcome. Light refreshments provided by Marshy Point Nature Center Council.

Sat, Nov 23
11 am–12n

Critter Encounters—Come learn about some of our critters here at the Nature Center.

Sun, Nov 24

Fort Garrison Feast—The fort was built on the Maryland frontier in 1695. Meet the Rangers and find out how they lived and what they ate. Reservations required to participate, limited to 10 people. Ages 10 and older. Open house begins at 1 pm; participants with reservations meet at 12 noon. Directions given at time of registration. Don't miss this once a year event! \$25 per person, \$20 for members.

Thurs, Nov 28

Closed for Thanksgiving—Park Open.

Sat, Nov 30
1–3 pm

Holiday Candy Making—Learn how to make homemade chocolate dipped nuts, dried fruits, & other confections to give as Holiday gifts. \$7 per person, \$5 for members.



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Special Events

Trail Guide Training—Persons who enjoy nature, children, and the Chesapeake Bay are needed as volunteer Trail Guides for schools visiting the Nature Center. Training takes place twice yearly. For this Fall, the dates are Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 11, 12, 13, (10 am to 1 pm), \$5 pp.

Marshy Point Fall Festival—Saturday, September 28, 10am–4pm. Enjoy live music, animal talks, hay rides, apple cider pressing, food, & more! Canoe and boat trips available too, weather and tide permitting. **Marsh Mucker Obstacle Course for Kids! \$5.** Free parking and admission.

Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 Chesapeake Adventurers Pre-K Program—Alongside two Adventure Guides, children will journey through the forests, wetlands, and tidal creeks that make up Marshy Point. We will explore vernal ponds, play in meadows and climb trees. Along the way, we will discover the flora and fauna that surround us, allowing each child to make their own special connections with nature. AGES: 3, 4, & 5 (must turn 3 by September 4, 2019, and be potty proficient). DATES: September 4 to December 20 (No program Dec. 23–Jan. 4) and January 6–May 29, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:30am–1:30pm. Registration now open. \$100/week, for Marshy Point Members, \$90/week (due monthly). Class size limited to 15 students. \$100/week \$90/week MPNCC Members (due monthly).

Program Registration

To register, check the status of programs as they may be filled, by calling, 410-887-2817 or visiting our office, Monday through Friday, 9 am–5 pm. If you make a phone reservation, payment must be received within three days of making the reservation or the reservation may be yielded to the waiting list. If you need to cancel your reservation, please notify us as soon as possible.

Advance registration is required for all programs. Programs begin promptly at start time, please arrive on time.

- * Call 410-887-2817, M-F 9am–5pm for availability and information.
- * Payments must be received within **three days of reservation** and can be made in person (hours: M-F 9am–5pm), by mailing a check: Payable to: MPNC Council, 7130 Marshy Point Rd, Baltimore, MD 21220. Online: www.marshypoint.org
- * **Organizations must schedule programs separately from the programs (for families) listed in this publication.**
- * Canoe and Boat Trips—Space is limited, **ages 8 and older.**
- * **Courses**—Registration required. Price includes all materials.

Rain/Inclement Weather Policy

- * All events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified.
- * Program leaders determine cancellations on the day of the program. Please call one hour before start time for status.

Other Important Information

- Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- * Fishing is not permitted from the shoreline. You may fish from your kayak or canoe.
 - * Dept. of Rec. & Parks, MPNC, staff, and volunteers are not liable for loss, theft, or damage to personal property.
 - * We reserve the right to deny any visitor to participate based on behavior that could jeopardize the safety of individuals/groups.



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