

Trexler Environmental Education Center Programs 2024

PreK Pathfinders 10am-11am (12)

January 9 - Meteorology

PreK Pathfinders is part of a monthly series designed for children aged 3-5 and their grown-ups. **This month:** What is the weather, and can we predict if it is going to snow? Join us for a morning of weather sleuthing from clouds to snowflakes and raindrops and everything in between! Program is offered free of charge thanks to funding from Lehigh County, but space is limited, so please register. Please only register children for each child-adult team.

February 13 – Mammalogy

PreK Pathfinders is part of a monthly series designed for children aged 3-5 and their grown-ups. **This month:** Discover what it means to be a mammal. Visits from our furry animal ambassadors will help us understand what makes a mammal unique before venturing outdoors to find evidence of their wild relatives. Program is offered free of charge thanks to funding from Lehigh County, but space is limited, so please register. Please only register children for each child-adult team.

March 12- Phenology

PreK Pathfinders is part of a monthly series designed for children aged 3-5 and their grown-ups. **This month:** Prepare for the first day of spring with a look at how seasons change. Meet some animals who look forward to this time of year before venturing outside for evidence of spring. Program is offered free of charge thanks to funding from Lehigh County, but space is limited, so please register. Please only register children for each child-adult team.

April 9 - Botany

PreK Pathfinders is part of a monthly series designed for children aged 3-5 and their grown-ups. **This month:** April Showers bring May Flowers. Together we will look at how plants grow, and you will leave with your own seeds to grow at home. Program is offered free of charge thanks to funding from Lehigh County, but space is limited, so please register. Please only register children for each child-adult team.

May 14- Ornithology

PreK Pathfinders is part of a monthly series designed for children aged 3-5 and their grown-ups. **This Month:** Celebrate the belated World Migratory Bird Day! Observe live birds inside and up close before venturing outside to spy on their wild, feathered friends. Program is offered free of charge thanks to funding from Lehigh County, but space is limited, so please register. Please only register children for each child-adult team.

June 4- Herpetology- Amphibians

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July 9- Stream Ecology

PreK Pathfinders is part of a monthly series designed for children aged 3-5 and their grown-ups. **This month:** Discover the world below the Jordan Creek. Collect and observe the small aquatic species that call the water home. Come dressed to enter the Closed-toed shoes are required for creek entry. Program is offered free of charge thanks to funding from Lehigh County, but space is limited, so please register. Please only register children for each child-adult team.

Meet at the Ford: Follow signs past the LV Zoo to the parking lot across the Jordan Creek. 5150 Game Preserve Road, Schnecksville, PA 18078

August 13 – Forensics

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September 10 – Entomology

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October 8 – Dendrology

PreK Pathfinders is part of a monthly series designed for children aged 3-5 and their grown-ups. **This month:** Explore the changing leaves and learn how to identify several species of local trees. Enjoy some Tree Tea while experiencing a live animal presentation. Program is offered free of charge thanks to funding from Lehigh County, but space is limited, so please register. Please only register children for each child-adult team.

November 12- Herpetology- Reptiles

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December 10- Zoology

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Day camps: Wildlands Explorer Camp 9am-4pm (6)

June 19 & June 26

July 17 & July 24

August 7 & August 14

Unearth the thrill and beauty of nature found in forests, rivers, your local park, and your own backyard! Wildlands Conservancy is bringing you a day of exploration, experimentation, and creativity in the best parts of our popular Summer Camp. Activities will range from survival skills, wildlife, art, and science all wrapped up in a day of fun. Come join us. We're waiting for you. Open to students who just completed grades Kindergarten through 5th.

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Community Events

Spring Wildlife and Hike

Saturday, March 9, 10am-12pm

Join Wildlands Conservancy for a look into wildlife in spring. Meet some Animal Ambassadors before heading outdoors to look for evidence of the changing seasons. Dress for the weather, as half of the program will be outdoors. Please leave dogs at home.

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Beginners Guide to Camping

Saturday, April 27, 10am-noon

Join Wildlands Conservancy for a daytime campout. Learn how to pitch a tent, start a campfire and other basic skills you need to survive a night outdoors.

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Spooky Wildlife Presentation and Hike

Friday, October 25, 5-7pm

Join the Spookiest Wildlands Animal Ambassadors for a meet and greet before venturing out to see who is out there. Bring a flashlight and costumes are encouraged but dress for the weather as half of the program will be outdoors. Please leave dogs at home.

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TBD Nov/Dec: Stargazing

Expect 2 hours.

Join the Backyard Astronomy Guy, Marty McGuire, for a beginners look at the night sky. Discuss tips and tricks you can use before heading outside to see the Lehigh Valley at night. A campfire and hot chocolate will be available to keep you warm.

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April 3 – We Conserve PA Mobile Conference

April 6- North Whitehall Twp. Birding

October 19 - GOFW hike, South Range

TBD- Dans Camera – usually 4, 2 hr. workshops