



Trexler Nature Preserve 2019 Environmental Education Programming

All programs begin at the Trexler Environmental Center, except for the “TNP @ the Ford” programs, which begin at the Ford in the Jordan in the central range of TNP.

**Trexler Environmental Center
4935 Orchard Road
Schnecksville, PA 18078**

All programs are free, but advance registration is required.

Register at www.wildlandspa.org or 610-965-4397 x118

February

14 Pre-K Pathfinders: Bunny Buddies, 10-11am; Share the love with a cute and furry rabbit this Valentine’s Day, as we unwind with animal inspired yoga postures, breath work, and sensory play.

23 Pancake Hike, 10am-1pm; Explore Trexler Nature Preserve’s trails on snowshoe or by foot with a Wildland’s Naturalist. Discover animal tracks, over-wintering birds, and meet the humble maple tree that produce’s the world’s best syrup! Get ready for some hot pancakes and syrup upon return to the Environmental Education Center. Snowshoes and lessons provided, including little snowshoes for ages 5+.

March

14 Pre-K Pathfinders: Birds & Kites, 10-11am; Dive into the world of birding with child-friendly binoculars, guide books, and ID instruction. Program includes live bird and kite flying.

23 Get Out! Lehigh Valley: Trexler Nature Preserve, 10am-12noon

30 Drink Your Tree (Wild Edible Tea Hike), 11-12:30: Edible tree i.d. hike culminating in tea tasting inside Trexler’s Environmental Education Center.

April

7 Spring Migration: Meet Our Raptors, 10am-12noon; Early April marks the beginning of raptor migration though our part of Pennsylvania. Meet some of our resident birds and discover how they have adapted to such varied climates. Then venture out with our naturalist to check Trexler’s kestrel boxes and search the skies. We’ll supply the binoculars and hot cocoa!

11 Pre-K Pathfinders: Amphibian Adventure, 10-11am; Get ready to test your lily pad leaping, frog-hopping, and insect-catching abilities during Amphibian Adventure. This program is designed to inspire locomotion, mindful movement, and learning through play, while shedding light on a vulnerable class of animals.

May

11 Eastern Coyote Presentation, 10am-12noon; Presentation by Tyler Creider, PA Game Commissioner

16 Pre-K Pathfinders: Turtle Time, 10-11am; Where are they when they're not crossing the road? How do they live so long? Learn the answers to these questions and more, with our live education turtles during a hands-on program that explores turtle's habitats and backyard snack preferences.

June

3- September 2nd TNP@ the Ford, every Saturday & Sunday, 12noon-4pm; Explore the creek, explore the trails, learn about the local birds, and so much more!

12 Trexler Day Camp: Stories for the Wild Child, 9am-4pm; grades k-5; Naturalists introduce beloved children's books that mesh fiction with reality. Explore Trexler Nature Preserve through eco-activities highlighting each story's theme- Discover local animals, habitats and opportunities to explore characters like Stellaluna, Gertrude McFuzz and the Gruffalo. Preregistration is required and walk-ins will not be admitted. Preregistration is required and walk-ins will not be admitted.

13 Pre-K Pathfinders: Forest Quest, 10-11am; Follow the clues and complete challenges during this guided, outdoor PreK quest to uncover long lost treasure.

19 Trexler Day Camp: Wild Things, 9am-4pm; grades k-5; Have you ever observed an owl so closely that you can see the down of their feathers or hear the soft sounds they make? Have you seen the iridescence of a butterfly wing under a microscope or witnessed a skunk's warning stomp? Comb for monarch caterpillars in meadows, search for nesting bird families, lift logs and delve below sparkling water. If it's a wild thing, our mission is to seek it out. Preregistration is required and walk-ins will not be admitted. Preregistration is required and walk-ins will not be admitted.

26 Trexler Day Camp: Eco Warriors, 9am-4pm; grades k-5; Planet Earth is a wonder! Dig into the fields, forests, waterways and ponds of Trexler Nature Preserve. Uncover the living things that inhabit our corner of the Earth and larger than life environmentalists who really impacted who we are today. Discover how you too can make simple changes to really make a

difference. Local ecowarriors teach us what people, young and old alike, can do to make our lives and all of nature better.

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18 Pre-K Pathfinders: Creek Expedition, 10-11am; Beneath the surface of Jordan Creek is a world that often goes unnoticed. This world contains dragonfly nymphs, water pennies, mayflies, caddisflies, and more. Our naturalist will instruct teams on how to find and collect these critters, and reveal the role they play in the environment. **Closed-toes shoe required for creek access. Participants will meet at the ford, located at the exit of the Lehigh Valley Zoo. Further details come with registration.*

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8 Pre-K Pathfinders: Into the Creek, 10-11am; Back to the creek we go, to investigate water properties through water play and engineering experiments. **Closed-toe shoes required for creek access. Program meets at Jordan Creek ford crossing, accessible as you exit Lehigh Valley Zoo*

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12 Pre-K Pathfinders: Monarch Mayhem, 10-11am; Monarch butterflies are known for the great migration they make each year to Mexico. During this program, we'll create a take-home resting area for traveling local and traveling monarchs to use at your house.

22 Monarch Tagging, 11am-12:30pm; Monarch tagging is citizen science at its best! The purpose of the tagging is to associate the location of capture with the point of recovery for each butterfly. The data from these recaptures helps to determine the pathways taken by migrating monarchs, the influence of weather on the migration, and the survival rate of the monarchs. Learn how to capture, hold, and tag these fragile beings and then create milkweed seed bombs to help create new habitat.

October

10 Pre-K Pathfinders: Slithering Snakes, 10-11am; This month scaled creatures journey to the Trexler Environmental Center to help debunk myths associated with their species. Find out what's true and what's not as we introduce live snakes and backyard habitat tips for a memorable wildlife learning experience.

November

2 Hoody Hoot Hike, 6-7:30pm: After meeting our education owls to learn about their amazing adaptations, we'll head outside to search for Trexler Nature Preserve's resident owls. Later, we'll relive our adventures while sipping hot cocoa in the comfort of the environmental center. Dress for the weather. Meet at the Trexler Environmental Center, 4935 Orchard Road, Schnecksville, PA 18078-2554

14 Pre-K Pathfinders: Building Birders, 10-11am; Nurture the engineering and naturalist skills of your little one with a bird-feeder building activity, live songbird, and outdoor listening walk.

December

12 Pre-K Pathfinders: Owl Pals, 10-11am; Learn how to identify local owls by sight and sound with a selection of our live, feathered friends. Program includes hot cocoa and camouflage owl art activity.

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