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FUND ME!

Hashawha Environmental Center is planning to add nature-themed play equipment to the grounds of the Bear Branch Nature Center next year. To ensure that the new play equipment compliments the existing facility and grounds, we are working very hard to include nature-themed elements wherever possible. Unfortunately, these types of playgrounds are more expensive than the standard units.



Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks secured \$116,700 in funding through the County budget and is hoping to raise additional funds to help make this playground a truly special place – just like Hashawha.

Please consider a year-end tax deductible donation to the Park Legacy Fund for the BBNC playground fundraising campaign. You may use the registration form at the back of this brochure, call the R&P office, or go online to our special Bear Branch Nature Center Park Legacy Fund link located on our website at ccrecrepark.org.



Carroll County Park Legacy Fund

If you enjoy visiting our beautiful parks, become involved and help make them an even better place. Your tax deductible contribution can be earmarked to support specific parks or amenities such as playgrounds, benches, trees, nature centers, and more. Contributions are publicly recognized and gift donations on someone's behalf are recognized with a card sent acknowledging the donation.

- Visit us at... <https://ccgovernment.carr.org/parklegacyfund> to print a Park Legacy Fund brochure and return via US Mail or drop off at the R&P office M-F, 8am-5pm; OR
- Call R&P 410-386-2103 to have a form mailed to you, or even to make a credit card donation (Visa, MC, Discover) in an increment of \$25, \$50, or \$100 specifically earmarked for the new nature-themed playground to be located at the Bear Branch Nature Center; OR
- Visit the R&P office located at 300 S. Center Street, Westminster; OR
- Use the registration form at the back of this guide with any increment specifically earmarked for the new nature-themed playground to be located at the Bear Branch Nature Center.

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LOCATION

Our Department uses various facilities throughout the County for programming. Listed below are definitions and addresses of any location abbreviated* in program descriptions on pages 3-10.

*An example of the last line of our listings: "14-Adult / 2 sessions / RMC" which means "Age level of program / # of sessions running / location"



County Facilities:

- CCFM: Carroll County Farm Museum
500 S. Center Street, Westminster
- CCOB: Carroll County Office Building
225 N. Center Street, Westminster
- RMC: Robert Moton Center
300 S. Center Street, Westminster
- SCSC: South Carroll Sr. & Community Center
5928 Mineral Hill Road, Eldersburg
- TSC: Taneytown Senior & Community Center
220 Roberts Mill Road, Taneytown
- WSC: Westminster Senior & Community Center
125 Stoner Avenue, Westminster

Other Facility Locations:

- Carroll Gymnastics, Inc.
5 S. Center Street, Westminster
- Greenmount Bowl
1625 N. Main Street, Hampstead
- Maryland Allstar Athletics
1430 Progress Way #117, Eldersburg
- Meltdown
25 E. Main Street, Westminster

Schools:

- CSS: Carroll Springs School
495 S. Center Street, Westminster
- RMES: Robert Moton Elementary
1413 Washington Road, Westminster
- WMHS: Winters Mill High
560 Gorsuch Road, Westminster



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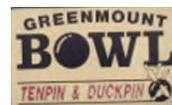


Carroll County PARK PAVILIONS are available for rent!

To reserve a pavilion, call 410-386-2103 or send an email to ccrec@cag.carr.org (first come, first serve)
The cost is \$75 to reserve a pavilion.* **We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover.**

- Bennett Cerf (544 Manchester Rd, W) - fishing, stream, tot lot
- Deer Park (637 Deer Park Rd, W) - fishing in pond, tot lot, tennis courts, basketball court, walking trail
- Double Pipe Creek (7577 Middleburg Rd, Detour) - fishing and boating in creek, tot lot, basketball 1/2 court
- Freedom (1111 Raincliffe Rd, Sykesville) - walking trail, tot lot and swings
- Landon C. Burns (700 Gist Rd, W) - fishing, tot lot, trail
- Leister (4134 Black Rock Rd, Hampstead) - tot lot, trail
- Mayeski (1300 W. Old Liberty Rd, Sykesville) - tot lot, free play area
- North Carroll Community Pond (Basler Rd & Rt 30, Hampstead) - fishing, tennis court
- Sandymount (2250 Old West. Pike, Finksburg) - tot lot, basketball court, tennis court, walking trail
- Westminster Community Pond (30 College View Blvd, W) tot lot, fishing, trail

*NOTE: For costs and to reserve a pavilion at Piney Run Park (410-795-5165), Hashawha (410-386-3560), or the Sports Complex (410-857-4832), contact the facility directly - fees at these locations vary.





ARTS & CRAFTS

for Youth & Adult

CHICKS WITH STICKS

#16WG01 Tues, Jan 3–Feb 21, 2–4pm @ RMC

#16WG02 Wed, Jan 4–Feb 22, 6–8pm @ WSC

Want to learn to knit? - Already knit but are stumped on a project? All levels welcome! Learn to read and understand abbreviations and terms used in patterns. Project ideas are offered. Share the joy of knitting with others. New students must purchase a ball of yarn and the Boye Knitting Kit #6398, "I Taught Myself Knitting" (Michaels, Joann's, Walmart). Instructor-Bobbi Ward

Adults / 8 sessions / locations listed above

\$67, No early bird or senior discount

BUS TRIPS

(NO early bird or senior discounts apply for bus trips)

~All youth must be accompanied by a paying adult~

PHILLY FLOWER SHOW 2017

#16BT18 Wednesday, March 15, ~~2:30-10pm~~ 7:30am-6pm

The world's longest running (since 1829) and largest indoor flower show! Experience the magic as the 188th PHS Philadelphia Flower Show celebrates the flowers that Holland, the tulip-laden western European country of the Netherlands, is known for as well as Dutch culture and influence. The show will feature large scale gardens, elaborate landscapes and over-the-top floral creations! Visitors are also treated to live entertainment, culinary demonstrations, gardening how-to workshops, and lectures by experts. The "marketplace" has over 180 vendors of garden furniture and tools, hand crafted jewelry, unique plants and cut flowers. Bring your camera and join in on an incredible Philadelphia tradition! Lunch is on your own, inside the show or outside restaurants within walking distance are your options. Dress in comfortable shoes and layers, the show floor can get a bit chilly. Includes entrance fee, transportation, driver gratuity.

All Ages / 1 session / Departs CCFM / FEE: \$70

THERE MAY STILL BE ROOM FOR THESE TRIPS-Don't wait to register!

See full descriptions in the Fall Guide...

ICE! Christmas Around the World!

#16BT13 Friday, December 2, 2:30–10pm

At Gaylord National Hotel (DC), dinner-Pienza Italian Market, visit ICE! (Winter "parkas" provided to wear over your coat in 9°F). Enjoy all the holiday lights on the drive home. Includes motorcoach transportation, driver and meal gratuity, dinner, and ICE! admission included.

All Ages / 1 session / Departs CCFM / \$105

"BIG APPLE" ONE DAY

#16BT14 Saturday, December 3, 7am–11pm

Day on your own in NY; bus drop-off at Bryant Park, maps (\$5) available on bus or pre-purchase at R&P office. Shopping, theaters & more! Includes motorcoach transportation and driver gratuity.

All Ages / 1 session / Departs CCOB / \$65

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

#16BT15 Saturday, December 17, 6am–4:30pm

Volunteer at Arlington Cemetery placing wreaths, then bus over to Union Station for lunch/shopping on your own. Dress for walking and weather. Includes motorcoach transportation and driver gratuity.

All Ages / 1 session / Departs CCOB / \$35

NEW YEAR'S EVE, VA BEACH

Friday–Sunday, Dec 30–Jan 1; departs 8am Friday–return approx. 10pm

#16BT10 Double Occupancy \$425/per person

3-day/2-night at oceanfront accommodations overlooking Atlantic Ocean. Activity-filled weekend to museums, planetarium, dinner cruise, New Year's celebration w/champagne toast at Military Aviation Museum, and even a bit of time in Williamsburg with a guided tour! Includes hotel/taxes (other occupancy prices available), 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, cruise, scheduled tours/museums, motorcoach, baggage handling, and guide/driver/meal gratuities.

All Ages / Departs Westminster location t/b/a

SAVANNAH, GA WEEKEND

Friday-Monday, March 24–27; departs 6am Friday–return appx. 7pm

#16BT17-d Double Occupancy \$658/pp

#16BT17-t Triple Occupancy \$564/pp

#16BT17-q Quad Occupancy \$508/pp

#16BT17-s Single Occupancy \$976/pp

A 4-day excursion w/3 night's accommodations at Hilton Double Tree on Riverfront Walk, Saturday afternoon Riverboat Cruise, Sunday buffet lunch at The Lady & Sons, and continental breakfast each morning. There will be plenty of free time for you to enjoy all that Savannah, "The Hostess City" has to offer. Pack a lunch for Friday's drive. Fee includes hotel accommodations, baggage handling & driver gratuity, The Lady & Sons brunch & gratuity, Riverboat Cruise, and motorcoach transportation; all other meals/expenses are on your own.

All Ages / Departs CCFM



COOKING

TASTE THE SEASONS

#16WG03 Thursday, January 12, 6-8pm

A hands-on program where participants will prepare, cook and enjoy a delicious meal together using seasonal, unprocessed ingredients. Students will discover techniques in cooking that support sustainability of our bodies as well as the earth we share. Recipes will be available to take home. Makes a very unique holiday gift as well as a great night out!

Instructor-Lisa Simons

16-Adult / 1 session / WMHS, Room #B-215

\$40 (+\$5 material fee due to instructor at the beginning of class)

No senior discount



HEALTH & WELLNESS

PICKLEBALL (age 30+)

#16WG04 Sun, Dec 11-Feb 12, 7-9pm
(no 12/25 & 1/1)

Have you heard of it? If not, come check it out! Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis, with 2-4 players using paddles and a perforated ball. Bring your own paddle or use one of ours. Registrants can drop-in during any of the sessions to participate and/or learn the game - come to one, two or all 8 sessions for one low price! Coordinator-Bob Eney

Adults / 8 sessions / RMC

\$5, No early bird or senior discount

BALLROOM DANCE

#16WG05 Wed, Jan 4-Feb 15 (no 1/18), 6:30-8pm

Grab your partner, friend or spouse, dance as a couple, and join the fun learning the basic steps to various ballroom dances such as the Foxtrot, Cha Cha, Waltz, Rumba, and more. Those couples with experience are welcome to join, but the focus will be on beginner steps. Instructor-Stacey Welsh

Adult / 6 sessions / WSC

\$51/couple, No senior discount

FENCING

#16WG06 Fri, Jan 6-Feb 10, 7-9pm

Have you ever wanted to learn how to sword fight? If so, this is the class for you! Students learn the skills of this exciting sport, from the basics to the precise maneuvers employed in offense and defense to initiate or avoid attacks from your opponent. Matching wits with your competition can be one of the most challenging and satisfying experiences of a lifetime! No experience required - all levels welcome. Students are responsible for providing their own equipment (mask, jacket, gloves, weapon). Information on where/how to purchase items will be provided upon registration. Instructor-Ben Backe

12-Adult / 6 sessions / RMC

\$60 (+estimated initial equipment cost of \$115)

TRANSFORM YOUR BODY, YOUR HEALTH, YOUR LIFE!

#16WG07 Mon, Jan 9-Feb 13, 6-7pm

Do you want to get on the right track with your health? or, did you make a New Year's resolution that you are not sure how to keep? Learn how to use diet and supplements to create wellness including weight management, how to overcome the mental habits that cause us to make poor choices, and suggestions on how to include simple exercise strategies that anyone can do. Being healthy is more than the absence of disease, it is about living a lifestyle that promotes health and wellness! Explore new and exciting ways to get on a new life track, with loads of information to keep you on track! Instructor-Judy Baxter

Adult / 6 sessions / WSC

\$37

CLOGGING

Mondays, Jan 9-Mar 13 (no 1/16 and 2/20)

#16WG08 Beginner, 8-8:30pm

#16WG09 Intermediate, 6-7pm

#16WG10 Advanced, 7-8pm

A fun contemporary American Folk dance for all to enjoy! The Beginner level requires no experience-students will learn basic fundamentals working on basic form, movement, sounds/steps, and combining into simple dance routine(s). Wear a thin-soled shoe (leather sole works best). Intermediate requires 3+ years' experience, and Advanced is for the well-experienced clogger: wear white clogging shoes with jingle taps, learn new routines/steps and work on team form and accuracy; sessions will include some free dance time. Instructor-Footnotes, Becky Morehouse

8-Adult / 8 sessions / RMC

\$40-Beginner / \$55-Intermediate or Advanced,

No early bird or senior discount

ZUMBA® FITNESS

#16WG11 Mon, Jan 9-Feb 20 (no 2/13), 6:30-7:30pm

Mambo - Calypso - Merengue - Salsa! A multi-cultural dance exercise experience that fuses Latin dance together with energizing music for an awesome fat-burning, core-conditioning workout! Energetic fun! Instructor-Yvette Castillo

13-Adult / 6 sessions / TSC

\$35, No early bird or senior discount

ZUMBA® FITNESS

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45pm / Thursdays, 6:15-7:15pm

#16WG12 Tues, Jan 10-Feb 21 (no 2/14)

#16WG13 Thurs, Jan 12-Feb 16

The perfect combination of fun and fitness has made this program a world-wide phenomenon. Experience the energy and flavor with music from around the world; enjoy easy-to-follow dance steps while burning a ton of calories without even realizing it. There are lots of ways to lose weight...some are just more fun! Instructor-Adriane Morrow

16-Adult / 6 sessions / WSC

\$35, No early bird or senior discount

YOGA FIT

#16WG14 Tues, Jan 10-Feb 21 (no 2/14), 6-7pm

Designed as an introduction to the practice of yoga; slower paced than an all-levels class and focused on developing clear and safe alignment in foundational poses. With a focus on breath, these classes draw from a range of yoga traditions. In addition to asana (poses), classes include opportunities for meditation. Together, we come into the breath and quiet the mind as we find steadiness in asana. Come to learn, play and maybe even break a sweat in a supportive environment. You don't need to be able to touch your toes; you just have to be willing to try. Bring a mat. Instructor-Rahul Ahuja

16-Adult / 6 sessions / RMC

\$42

30/30 IN THE CIRCUIT

#16WG15 Wed, Jan 11-Feb 15, 6:30-7:30pm

Zumba Fitness PLUS strength/core/flexibility - two classes in one! We will do 30 minutes of exhilarating Zumba, and then be lead and motivated to challenge yourself through 30 minutes of a variety-packed workout focusing on weight, interval/cardio, core and flexibility training. It will leave you wanting more! Equipment you need to bring: 5-15lb dumbbells, mat, stability ball. Instructor-Yvette Castillo

16-Adult / 6 sessions / TSC

\$40, No early bird or senior discount

BASKETBALL leagues play December - March

CONTACTS:

Men's: Brad Gist, gistford@aol.com

Women's: Teri Leatherwood, tleatherwo@aol.com

High School Boys: Brad Gist, gistford@aol.com



Home & Garden

WOMEN IN PROGRESS 2017 (WIP)

#WIP2017 **January–December membership (times will vary by activity)**

Another year of WIP; join us for the first time - or return for another amazing year! This is a growing group of women enjoying the fun. Recognizing that we are all "works in progress" and that women in particular tend to make sure other things or other people progress before themselves, we provide time for friendship, support, activity, and new experiences while encouraging individual growth. Come alone or grab a girlfriend and take time to enjoy. Trips/speakers/events will be scheduled on varying days/times with schedule t/b/a. Fee covers your membership through 2017; some activities will require additional fees, but not all. Choose only the ones you want to attend. Each month will offer one or more opportunities to join in on the fun; some activities in the planning are listed below. Coordinator-Tina Shupp

Just a sample of items to come - there will be plenty more!

January ... Collectibles Night

February ... "Minute To Win It" games

March ... Pottery fun

Adults 21+ / 12 or more sessions / Meets at RMC or other location by activity

\$10 membership fee (other fees apply per activity)

No early bird or senior discount

PRESCHOOL



MOMMY & ME TUMBLING

#16WG16 **Wed, Dec 7–Jan 11, 10–10:45am**

#16WG17 **Wed, Jan 18–Feb 22, 10–10:45am**

An exploration based program with a semi-structured format making physical skills top priority. Parental involvement is gradually decreased through inviting activities. The children soon take pride in being treated like "big kids."

1–2.5 years / 6 sessions / MD Allstar Athletics

\$90

TINY TUMBLERS

#16WG18 **Wed, Dec 7–Jan 11, 11–11:45am**

#16WG19 **Wed, Jan 18–Feb 22, 11–11:45am**

Emphasis is placed on perfecting basic tumbling skills and working strength, flexibility, coordination, self-confidence. Fundamental gymnastics skills (rolls, headstands, handstands, cartwheels) are taught. At this level, self-discipline and internal motivation become emerging benefits.

3–5 years / 6 sessions / MD Allstar Athletics

\$90

PRESCHOOL GYMNASTICS

#16WG20 **Mon, Jan 2–Feb 20, 10:15–11am**

This preschool program is designed to develop basic movement, balance and listening skills, all through structured gymnastics activities for this specific age group. It is a teacher directed program without a parent; student/instructor ratio 6:1.

3–4 years / 8 sessions / Carroll Gymnastics

\$130

MOMMY & ME GYMNASTICS

#16WG21 **Mon, Jan 2–Feb 20, 11–11:45am**

A preschool program that is designed for the younger child, with parental assistance, to learn beginning movements and activities in a structured environment; student/instructor ratio 7:1.

18 months–3 years / 8 sessions / Carroll Gymnastics

\$130

KINDERGARTEN GYMNASTICS

#16WG22 **Tues, Jan 3–Feb 21, 4:45–5:30pm**

This preschool program is designed to develop basic movement, balance and listening skills through structured gymnastics activities for this specific age group. It is also teacher directed without a parent; student/instructor ratio is 6:1.

5 years / 8 sessions / Carroll Gymnastics

\$130

SUPERHERO TRAINING

#16WG23 **Sat, Jan 7–Feb 11, 11am–12pm**

BOYS & GIRLS - come join our fun group and learn to fly, jump, climb and tumble in this action-packed program!

3–7 years / 6 sessions / MD Allstar Athletics

\$80

BALLET/TAP COMBO I

#16WG24 **Mon, Jan 9–Feb 20 (no 2/13), 4–4:50pm**

An exciting introduction to ballet, tap and creative movement. The focus will be on having fun and giving your child a positive intro to dance. No experience is necessary, all levels welcome. Wear pink leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers, black tap shoes; wear hair in a bun. Students must be independent enough to participate in the program activities without a parent but will need their help with the changing of their shoes during each session. Instructor-Katherine Snyder

3–5 years / 6 sessions / WSC

\$35

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HOME SCHOOL



HS - GIRLS or BOYS GYMNASTICS

GIRLS 11am-12pm / BOYS 12:30-1:30pm
#16WG25 **Thurs, Jan 5-Feb 23**

A program designed for the beginning gymnast. Students will learn basic skills on all gymnastics equipment and trampoline; student/instructor ratio 8:1. Please indicate Girls or Boys sessions upon registration.

6+ years / 8 sessions / Carroll Gymnastics
\$150

HS - SPANISH FOR YOUTH

Age 12-14 8:30am / Age 9-11 9:20 am / Age 7-8 10:10am / Age 5-6 11am
#16WG26 **Wednesdays, Jan 18-May 2017***

Learn ESPAÑOL PARA NINOS as a way to share this beautiful language and culture. A fun program engaging children in a multiple learning environment. Make Spanish a part of your child's world, improve overall cognitive abilities, acquire improved communication skills, and increase their ability to compete in the global economy, at an affordable price! *A schedule of dates will be provided. Sessions are 45 minutes in length. NOTE: if not enough students in one category, ages may be merged and times adjusted, you will be notified prior to start date. Instructor-Chuza Bolger

GRADES K-6th / 15 sessions / RMC
\$165

YOUTH & TEEN

BEGINNER TUMBLING

#16WG27 **Tues, Dec 6-Jan 10, 6-7pm**
#16WG28 **Tues, Jan 17-Feb 21, 6-7pm**

For those with little or no experience, a great way to "try it out" to see if tumbling is an activity you would like to continue. Learn and practice skills such as rolls, handstands, cartwheels, back-bends, kick-overs and more.

6+ years / 6 sessions / MD Allstar Athletics
\$96

MINI TUMBLERS

#16WG29 **Thurs, Dec 8-Jan 12, 5-6pm**
#16WG30 **Thurs, Jan 19-Feb 23, 5-6pm**

Emphasis is placed on perfecting basic tumbling skills and working strength, flexibility, coordination, self-confidence. Fundamental gymnastics skills (rolls, headstands, handstands, cartwheels) are taught. At this level, self-discipline and internal motivation become emerging benefits.

5-7 years / 6 sessions / MD Allstar Athletics
\$96

NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN!

#16WG31 **Saturday, December 31, 7:30pm-8:30am***
#16WG32 **Saturday, December 31, 7:30pm-1am ONLY**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is December 26th - hurry!

Ring in the New Year with Recreation & Parks! Participants will visit *Players* in Westminster from 8-9:30pm and then enjoy games, movies, pizza, snacks and prizes, including our own New Year's Eve count down! Two registration options are available: "Count Down" til 1am pickup by your parent -OR- "Lock-in*" all night for an 8:30am pickup which includes additional fun and a continental breakfast - you decide. Don't forget to early bird for an even lower price! Coordinator: Rec & Parks Teens On The Go! staff

10-14 years / 1 session / RMC
\$40 - *Lock-in fun
\$30 - Count Down fun

BATON TWIRLING

#16WG33 **Tues, Jan 3-Feb 7, 6:30-7:30pm**

No experience necessary - beginners and experienced welcome. Come join the fun learning how to twirl a baton or increase your skill sets with new tricks and challenges. Beginners learn basic baton skill sets, basic marching skills and dance steps while increasing your ambidexterity and coordination. Baton purchase is available from instructor at first session if needed (appx. \$19). Instructor-Sandy Behe

Youth age 5+ / 6 sessions / RMES
\$35

CHEERLEADING INTRO

#16WG34 **Sat, Jan 7-Feb 11, 10-11am**

The basics of cheerleading with a fun and challenging curriculum. Learn cheers and changes, dance technique, basic tumbling skills, jumps, pyramids, and stunts. We encourage physical activity which lays the foundation for a healthy lifestyle.

4-10 years / 6 sessions / MD Allstar Athletics
\$96

NINJA WARRIOR TRAINING

#16WG35 **Sat, Jan 7-Feb 11, 1-2pm**

BOYS and GIRLS-this diverse and challenging set of obstacle courses will encourage fitness through movement, agility, and balance. Participants will use their bodies to their full potential building strength, balance, agility and spacial awareness.

6-10 years / 6 sessions / MD Allstar Athletics
\$80

BALLET/TAP COMBO II

#16WG36 **Mon, Jan 9-Feb 20 (no 2/13), 5-5:50pm**

An exciting introduction including posture and alignment. The focus will be on giving your child a positive introduction to dance with a focus on rhythm and movement. All levels welcome-no experience is necessary. Wear pink leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers, black tap shoes; wear hair in a bun. Students may need some parental help changing their shoes in class each week. Instructor-Katherine Snyder

3-5 years / 6 sessions / WSC
\$35

BABYSITTER TRAINING - ARC

#16WG37 **Friday, January 27, 8:30am-3:30pm**

THERE'S NO SCHOOL TODAY... what a perfect time to take advantage and get certified! Babysitters need to be prepared for anything. This American Red Cross instructor-led course features many hands-on interactive activities that provide youth the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants learn the prevention, preparation and emergency skills every good babysitter needs. Subjects covered include leadership, safety and safe play, basic care, first aid and professionalism (in the state of Maryland, youth must be age 13 in order to babysit for a child under the age of 8). Bring pen, paper, and a bag lunch. Receive the American Red Cross certificate of attendance. Instructor-ARC certified

11-15 years / 1 session / RMC
\$75

SCHOOL'S OUT TODAY!

LEGO® ENGINEERING FUN

#16WG38 **Wed, Feb 15-Mar 22, 6-7:30pm**

Let your imagination run wild with tens of thousands of LEGO®! Build engineer-designed projects such as bridges, towers, and motorized cars. Use special pieces to create your own unique designs. We'll explore the endless creative possibilities of this building system with the guidance of our experienced staff! Instructor-Play-Well TEKologies

7-11 years / 6 sessions / RMC
\$79

SNOW TUBING - TEENS ON THE GO!

SCHOOL'S OUT TODAY! KEEP AN EYE OUT on our registration site (ccrecpark.org) for an upcoming SCHOOL'S OUT TODAY! trip to go snow tubing. We have not chosen which date in January or February yet, but we are working on planning the fun. "Teens on the Go!" programs are usually open to youth in grades 6th-10th. Call the R&P office for further details or check the online registration site under the "Youth & Teen" category.



Bear Branch Nature Center

410-386-3580

300 John Owings Rd, Westminster

****Pre-registration is needed so that we can be fully prepared for you to enjoy our programs!****

The Nature Center is open year round and hours of operation are Wednesday-Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 12-5pm. All Nature Center programs require pre-registration with Recreation & Parks (see form in back). For "All Ages" and "youth age-Adult" programs, youth must be accompanied by a paying adult. Organized groups MUST schedule a separate program directly with the Nature Center; email bearbranch@ccg.carr.org, or phone.

Hashawha's trails are open to the public from dawn until dusk 365 days a year. Parking is only available at Lake Hashawha or the Bear Branch Nature Center. There is no entrance fee to the park.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Hashawha Environmental Facility is not open to the public except through reservation. Please do not enter the Hashawha gates or the posted restricted areas. For information about group rentals of this facility, phone 410-386-3560 or email Hashawha@ccg.carr.org.*

In case of inclement weather... should inclement weather be in the forecast, please call the Nature Center before coming to your program to see if it has been canceled or postponed. We follow school weather closings - please see the full Inclement Weather Policy at the back of this brochure for complete details. Please note the Nature Center is closed whenever Carroll County Government offices are closed.

~All programs meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted in description~

BEAR CUB EXPLORERS

Thursday, 10:30am-12pm
#168868 Dec 8 - Winter Survival
#168869 Jan 12 - Junior Astronomy
#168870 Feb 9 - Maple Magic



Looking to explore the outdoors beyond the boundaries of the backyard? Participate in exciting outdoor experiences led by a naturalist, then jump into engaging workshop-style activities designed so that kids of varying ages can work at a pace that's best for them. Each session explores a different theme. Activities for this program are planned for ages 3-9; tag-alongs/siblings must also register if attending.
3-9 years / 1 session / \$6 child

JUNIOR PLANETARIUM SHOW

Saturday, 11-11:45am
#168871 Dec 10 - Orion the Hunter
#168872 Jan 21 - The Seven Sisters

Join the naturalist for a kid-friendly, indoor planetarium show! Each session, the show focuses on a different constellation and the story behind it. Afterwards, get more familiar with an animal related to the story! Great for younger children and first-time planetarium-goers.
3-Adult / 1 session / \$5 person



PLANETARIUM SHOW

#168873 Sat, December 17, 7:30-8:30pm
#168874 Sat, January 14, 7:30-8:30pm
#168875 Sat, February 11, 7:30-8:30pm

Join a member of the Westminster Astronomical Society, Inc. (WASI) for an indoor planetarium show highlighting what's happening in the night sky at this time of year. Head outdoors to take a look through the new observatory (weather dependent). All are welcome to register, but program is best for age group listed.
8-Adult / 1 session / \$5 person



JINGLE BELL JUMP

#168876 Saturday, December 17, 1-2:30pm

Let's get moving! Meet a few animals up close and learn about the different ways they jump, hop, crawl, and slither. Then participate in various races and challenges that will put your best inner animal to the test! Participants take home a prize for their efforts!
5-11 years / 1 session / \$6 child

HASHAWHA HOLIDAY HUNT

#168877 Sunday, December 18, 1-2:30pm

Participate in a guided scavenger hunt for natural materials that can be used to create holiday-themed crafts and decorations. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while piecing together what's been found into beautiful holiday masterpieces.
5-10 years / 1 session / \$7 child

LITTLE LEGS WINTER HIKE

#168878 Wednesday, December 21, 9:30-10:30am

Take a stroll with a naturalist around the Nature Center to see what's happening on the first day of Winter! We will return to the Center to make a winter-themed craft to take home. This program is best for young children who walk at a "little legs" pace.
2-5 years / 1 session / \$6 child



WINTER BREAK DAY CAMP

#168879 Tuesday-Friday, Dec 27-30, 8:30am-4:30pm

Looking for something to do over winter break? Look no further than Bear Branch! Campers will spend the week learning about what wild animals do during winter months; where they go; what they eat; and how they stay warm. We will enjoy the winter season through hikes games, and hands-on projects. We will even roast marshmallows over the wood stove. Bring a peanut-free bag lunch each day and a change of clothes; wear closed-toe shoes and be sure to dress for the weather.
6-8 years / 4 sessions / \$160 child

PROJECT WILD TRAINING

#168880 Saturday, January 7, 10am-4pm

A K-12 award-winning wildlife conservation education program available to formal and informal educators and parents. Participants will take part in hands-on activities, discuss ways to adapt programs to their needs, learn more about Maryland's resident wildlife, and receive copies of the Project WILD Curriculum and Activity Guide. Bring a lunch and be prepared to go outdoors. Light snacks and refreshments provided.
14-Adult / 1 session / \$5 person

CREATURE FEATURE

#168881 Saturday, January 14, 1-2pm

Have you ever looked a hawk in the eye? ...or been tickled by a beetle? Meet some of the captive animals that call Bear Branch home, including hawks, owls, snakes, turtles, frogs, salamanders, and insects! What do these animals have in common? What makes them different? And what are their wild counterparts doing at this time of year?
All Ages / 1 session / \$5 person

SNOW MUCH FUN!

#168882 Saturday, January 21, 1-2pm

Do you have the winter blues? Well we've got the cure for you! Join us for hot chocolate and marshmallows toasted over the wood stove, and have some fun making snow-themed crafts to brighten your days and shake those winter blues!
All Ages / 1 session / \$7 person



SCHOOL'S OUT CAMP DAY

#168883 Friday, January 27, 8:30am-4:30pm

#168884 Monday, February 20, 8:30am-4:30pm

What better way to enjoy time off school than to spend a winter day at the Nature Center? Join the naturalist for a day filled with hands-on activities and nature-themed games. We will take a hike, create an art project to take home, enjoy a planetarium program, meet a few of the captive animals, and make some new friends! Bring a peanut-free lunch and a change of clothes; wear closed-toe shoes and dress for the weather.
5-11 years / 1 session / \$50 child

TRACKS AND TRACES

#168885 Saturday, January 28, 1-2:30pm

Wild animals can be elusive, especially in winter! Sometimes all they leave behind are tracks and traces. Learn what to search for that can clue you in to an animal's presence. Make your very own "track scarf" to take home that will help you remember what you have learned.
All Ages / 1 session / \$6 person



LOVE BIRDS

#168886 Sunday, February 12, 1-2:30pm

Long before other birds begin building nests; owls have chosen their mates and laid eggs by Valentine's Day! To celebrate, we will meet a few captive owls up close, learn what their wild counterparts are busy doing at this time of year, and investigate owl pellets to learn more about these amazing creatures.
All Ages / 1 session / \$6 person



WOODPECKER WALK

#168887 Saturday, February 18, 11am-12:30pm



As year-round residents, woodpeckers can be seen all winter long! Bare trees and branches provide perfect viewing conditions. We will search the tree tops as we walk through the woods, then return to the Nature Center to construct a simple feeder made of recycled materials that can be hung in your own backyard. Learn about Project FeederWatch and ways that you can participate in this cool project at home!

All Ages / 1 session / \$6 person

MAPLE MAGIC

#168888 Saturday, February 25, 1-2:30pm

#168889 Sunday, February 26, 1-2:30pm



The sap is flowing and we are making syrup! Join us for a short hike to the maple stand where we will tap a tree and hang a collection bucket. Then return to the Nature Center to enjoy sweet maple treats and learn how to make syrup from sap! By the end of this program, you will know all you need to make syrup of your own! (This program is weather dependent - you will be notified if we need to cancel, and refunds will be processed.)

All Ages / 1 session / \$6 person

BEAR BRANCH BULLETIN BOARD

410-386-3580

bearbranch@cag.carr.org

Contact us about these or other upcoming opportunities or events

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Looking for something fun to do on your birthday? Book it at Bear Branch! Packages include a 3-hour use of the auditorium, a 45-minute naturalist-led program, and time to explore the Nature Center. Six themes to choose from.

FEE: \$175

FIELD TRIPS

Are you an elementary school teacher looking for a fun, educational field trip for your class? Our field trips include a 45-minute naturalist-led presentation and hands-on, outdoor activities based on grade level (aligned with the Carroll County science curriculum).

FEE: \$4/student or chaperon (in-county); \$5 (out-of-county)

OUTREACH & PRIVATE PROGRAMS

Interested in organizing a hike, planetarium show, or nature-themed program for your group at Bear Branch? In-county \$4/person / out-of-county \$5/person. We can even come to you (+\$25 traveling fee)!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BLUEBIRD TRAIL

MONITORING TRAINING

February 19th 1-3pm

Help monitor Hashawha's Bluebird Trail this spring and summer. Learn about bluebirds, how to identify nests, and how to correctly log data. Service hours are available for the training and weekly monitoring shifts! Dress for the weather as we will be hiking to the boxes. Age: 7 and up (age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

BEAR BRANCH AIDE (age 14+)

Contact us to receive an application...

- NATURE CENTER: Wednesdays-Sundays 1-4pm
- GIFT SHOP: Saturdays and Sundays 1-4pm
- GARDEN: Wednesdays thru Sundays-flexible times

SPECIAL EVENTS

WINTER ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 3rd 11am-3pm

Get an early start on holiday shopping! Visit the Nature Center to browse nature-inspired booths. Vendors will be selling handcrafted items that utilize natural materials or were inspired by the great outdoors. Food and beverage will be available for purchase.

METEOR SHOWER HIKE — Members Only

Wednesday, December 14th 6:30-8pm

Join us for this exciting event open to Bear Branch Nature Center members only! Hike with the naturalist to a high spot in the park to view the Geminid meteor shower, the moon, and winter constellations! It's free, but PRE-registration is needed, so please call or email no later than December 11th!

MAPLE SUGARIN' FESTIVAL & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 5th 10:30am-3pm

Do you love the taste of real maple syrup served over warm pancakes? Have you ever tapped a maple tree and watched the sap flow? Hiked past the Martin Cabin and wondered what's inside? Come out to Hashawha Environmental Center to enjoy pancakes with real maple syrup, learn how to tap a maple tree and make syrup of your own, create a few crafts to take home, enjoy living history demonstrations, and so much more!

\$5 parking fee; breakfast available until 2pm at \$4 per plate

Piney Run Park & Nature Center

410-795-6043

30 Martz Road, Sykesville

November 1 thru March 31 (OFF-season)

PARK "off-season" hours: Park gates are open weekdays 8am-4pm; closed weekends and holidays. No entrance fees will be collected during the "off-season" and the lake is closed for boating. Visitors are still welcome to walk the trails, fish from the shores, and visit the Nature Center.

NATURE CENTER "off-season" hours: 11am-4pm Monday-Friday; closed weekends and holidays.

April 1 thru October 31 (OPEN-season)

PARK "open-season" hours and entrance fees: Park gates are open 7 days a week from 7am until sunset. Entrance fees are collected at the Gatehouse upon arrival (\$5/vehicle for Carroll County residents; \$10/vehicle for all others). Season Vehicle Passes are available from the Park Office and Gatehouse for \$45/vehicle for Carroll County residents; \$65/vehicle for all others. Entry for seniors and active military is free with ID. *Please note vehicle entrance fees are waived for Nature Center programs listed in this section for *pre-registered participants ONLY* (those registered at least 24 hours before program), unless otherwise stated in the description.

NATURE CENTER "open-season" hours: Open Wednesday-Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 12-5pm; closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

In case of inclement weather... if snow/icy conditions or heavy rains/thunderstorms are in the forecast, call before coming to a program to see if it has been canceled/postponed. If Carroll County Government is closed, the Park and Nature Center are also closed. If Carroll County Schools are closed, delayed, or dismissed early, Nature Center programs that fall during those time periods are canceled as well (please see full Inclement Weather Policy for Rec & Parks in the back of this brochure).

Nature Center Membership: The Nature Center offers several options of memberships to help support its activities. Newsletters and program announcements are mailed to members regularly. Members receive discounts on our popular Nature Camp and on purchases made at the Nature Center Shop. Membership to the Nature Center does NOT include the entrance fee into the Park. Please call for more information on Membership Benefits (see form on page 10 to apply).

For our "All Ages" and our "youth age-Adult" programs, youth must be accompanied by a paying adult.

~All programs meet at the Nature Center and include park entrance fee (for PRE-REGISTERED participants only); unless otherwise noted in description~

****Pre-registration is important so that we can be fully prepared for you to enjoy our programs!****

KNOCK, KNOCK...

#16PRI36 Thursday, December 8, 4-5pm

Ever hear a strange knocking outside, only to walk out and find no one? You are not hearing things; it was just our friend the woodpecker! Join us as we look and listen for woodpeckers outside and discuss what they eat so that they can stay here year-round. We'll finish up by using logs, drills, and seeds to make a woodpecker feeder!

4-10 years / 1 session / \$6 child

MOTHER NATURE & ME

#16PRI37 Fridays, Dec 9, Jan 13 & Feb 10, 11-11:45am

Children should bring along mom, dad, a grandparent or other adult, and dress for the weather, as we always spend some time outside during this fabulous preschool program. Learn about nature through outdoor and indoor activities, crafts, songs and stories.

3-5 years / 3 sessions / \$18 child



OUTDOOR RANGERS

#16PRI38 Fridays, Dec 9, Jan 13 & Feb 10 1-2:30pm

Children learn about nature through a short lesson and a hike outdoors, so be sure to dress for the weather. Parents are always welcome to stay for the program and accompany us on the hike, but required only if the child needs a little extra help.

6-9 years / 3 sessions / \$20 child

MORNING BIRD WALK

Thursday, 8:30-10:30am

#16PRI39 December 15

#16PRI40 January 19

#16PRI41 February 16

~MEET at the Nature Center Parking Lot Loop~

Rain or Shine - Venture outside and join Dave and Maureen Harvey of the Carroll County Bird Club for a morning bird walk. Search for the many different types of songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, and woodpeckers that inhabit Piney Run Park. Beginning birders are welcome. If you have them, binoculars and field guides are suggested to bring, along with a water bottle.

10-Adult / 1 session / \$6 person

FEEDING FRENZY

#16PRI42 Friday, December 16, 2:30-3:30pm

Have you ever wondered what exactly a turtle eats or how a snake manages to eat a whole mouse? Join us as we learn exactly that and more as we provide our resident critters with their meals. We will discuss what they eat here at the Nature Center versus what they eat in the wild, as they chow down on tasty treats!

All Ages / 1 session / \$5 person

WINTER SOLSTICE

#16PRI43 Wednesday, December 21, 10-11am

It may be the shortest day and the longest night, but we won't be hibernating today! Hope you can 'sneak in' during some of the daylight while we discuss the winter solstice. To celebrate the beginning of longer days, let's make a pine cone bird feeder to celebrate longer days, and Spring beginning to approach!

3-6 years / 1 session / \$5 child



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

#16PRI44 Monday, January 2, 10-11:30am

It's a new year and time to get started on those resolutions! Join us in a New Year hike along the inlet trail in the Park. We will look and listen for birds and other critters that stay in the park year round.

10-Adult / 1 session / \$6 person



AMATEUR ANIMAL PHOTO SHOOT

#16PRI45 Tuesday, January 10, 10-11am

Do you want to keep practicing your photography skills but you cannot find those hibernating critters? Well, if you've got the camera, we've got the models. Join the Nature Center's snakes, turtles and birds for a photoshoot opportunity that is bound to be stunning!

10-Adult / 1 session / \$10 person

TRACKS AND TRACES

#16PRI46 Friday, January 27, 10-11am

There are pieces of acorns, strange paw prints, and tiny holes in trunks of trees - it looks like something has been visiting Piney Run! Don your boots and warm clothes as we venture outdoors to find traces and tracks of our woodland residents. We will finish up indoors with a fun craft to take home!

3-5 years / 1 session / \$6 child



A LITTLE SEED

#16PRI47 Thursday, February 2, 10-11am

What do a flower, carrot, watermelon and pumpkin all have in common? They all started with a seed! With spring on its way, it is time to prepare for our gardens and we'll do so with a story and a brief lesson on seeds. Finally, using egg shell and soil provided by us, we will get those seeds started!

3-5 years / 1 session / \$6 child

VALENTINE'S DAY IS FOR THE BIRDS!

#16PRI48 Thursday, February 14, 10-11am

We hope you can join us for a fun-filled, mixed up Valentine's Day! We will begin our adventure by taking a hike to look for our feathery friends. Upon returning, using a mixture of chocolates, seeds and berries, we will mix-up some interesting edible bird "scat"! What a better way to celebrate the day!

3-Adult / 1 session / \$6 person



HIKE TO THE DAM

#16PRI49 Saturday, February 25, 10-11:30am

~MEET in the parking area near 440 Martz Road~

Keep that resolution to be active going by joining us as we explore the less famous side of Piney Run Lake. Dress for the weather and bring your reusable water bottle. A light snack will be provided for your convenience.

10-Adult / 1 session / \$6 person

Piney Run Bulletin Board

To sign up or request more info, phone us at 410-795-6043 or
email pineyrunpark@ccg.carr.org

Birthday Parties

Looking for a wild time on your birthday? Nature Center birthdays include the use of the Yurt and a 45 minute naturalist-led program. Fee is \$175; set-up and clean-up are the responsibility of the scheduling parent. In a rush and don't have time for goody bags? No problem, we can make unique nature related bags - \$5 per bag, with advance notice.

Adopt a Critter

The Nature Center's live animal collection requires constant care. Animals in need of sponsors include birds of prey, snakes, and turtles. Support the critters or sponsor a particular animal.

Environmental Education Classes and Field Trips

Call the Nature Center to schedule a program - public, private and home-school groups. Programs can be scheduled as Nature Center field trips or to have a naturalist come to your location: Carroll County groups \$4/person with a \$25 minimum; and out-of-county groups \$5/person with a \$50 minimum. Don't wait, schedule yours today!

SPECIAL EVENTS

COUNTRY HOLIDAY CRAFT DAY

Pre-registration is REQUIRED

Our annual 'Country Holiday Craft Day' will be happening again this December! Whether you are new to this fun event or returning, you will have the opportunity to make wreaths, centerpieces, door swag and other holiday decorations using the tools nature gave us! Adult Workshops: Saturday, December 10th in the morning and afternoon. For our Sapling Workshops: Saturday, December 17th, 10am-Noon. Remember, pre-registration is REQUIRED, so please call ASAP to get on the list, or for more information.

CABIN FEVER ART SHOW

Looking for an excuse to visit Piney Run Nature Center in the middle of winter? Look no more - - Saturday, February 11th, from 10am - 4:00pm, we hope you stop by for our Cabin Fever Art Show! Each exhibit is dedicated to reflecting nature, preserving nature, or inspired by nature - from wood carvings, sculptures, paintings, photography and more! (\$2 donation entrance fee)

KEEP A LOOK OUT for our
SPRING FEVER COFFEE HOUSE
in March 2017.

We happily welcome the Koons family back
for an entertaining evening
of Whirligig music. Registration opens
with the release of the
Spring 2017 Program Guide in February.



BEAR BRANCH AND PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

Are you a Nature Center Member?

Nature Center Members play an important role within our parks and membership has numerous privileges! Membership benefits include discount registration for Nature Camps, 10% discount in either Gift Shop at the Center, invitations to 'Members Only' programs and activities, an opportunity to serve on your affiliate Council, plus library book check out privileges at Piney Run and Bear Branch. As a member you also know that you are helping to support quality environmental education programs at the Nature Centers in Carroll County.



Membership Rates:

Family	\$20	Contributing	\$50
Individual	\$12	Sustaining	\$100
Senior Citizen (62+)	\$9	Patron	\$500
Senior Couple	\$13	Benefactor	\$1000
Full Time Student	\$8	Lifetime	\$250
Organization	\$25		

YES, I would like to become a member of (please check one):

Bear Branch Nature Center
Check payable & mailed to:
Friends of Hashawha/Bear Branch
300 John Owings Road
Westminster, MD 21158

Piney Run Nature Center
Check payable & mailed to:
Piney Run Recreation &
Conservation Council
30 Martz Road
Sykesville, MD 21784

Enclosed is my check for *\$_____, for _____

(type of membership requesting)

*Contributions in excess of your membership fee are tax deductible.

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THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

~ For those with mild to moderate disabilities ~

-- NO EARLY BIRD OR SENIOR DISCOUNT for Therapeutic Recreation programs --

One-on-one assistance is NOT provided for any programs, so be sure to let us know upon registration if you are bringing someone (registration fee may apply).

ART GALLERY

#16TR24 Dec 1-Jan 31

(plus February 8th)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Jan 3rd

GALLERY DATE: Wed, February 8th, 6-8pm

Winter Blues? - Try color Fun! A coloring contest for all ages and all levels where we'll mail you 3 different prints to color your very best. Color one or all of them, but only submit to us your favorite one, no later than Jan 31. All entries will then be judged per same category, and ribbons awarded! We will then display them at our "ART GALLERY" on Wednesday, February 8th, where you are invited with family and friends anytime between 6-8pm to view, talk about your piece and socialize, while enjoying light refreshments. Pieces may then be picked up at 8pm or at a later date (at RMC, M-F 8am-5pm).

All Ages / Gallery at RMC on Feb 8
\$5

"ME TO WE" JOURNEYS ~ ICE!

#16TR25 Thursday, December 1, 9:30am-4pm

Destination...the Gaylord at National Harbor, in DC to enjoy the spectacular *ICE! Christmas Around the World!* show with memorable holiday scenes. Winter "parkas" are provided to wear over your coat as you walk through scene after scene of spectacular ice sculptures, all housed in a custom-built structure maintained at a temperature of 9°F. We will stop for lunch (on your own) at the National Pastime Bar & Grill in the Gaylord Hotel. Fee includes 1pm show and van transportation. Limited seating; parents/caregivers are welcome to register to attend, but only required if needed.

This makes a great holiday gift!

Adults / 1 session / Depart from RMC

\$55 (plus \$money for lunch and souvenirs)

JINGLE BELL HOP

#16TR26 Friday, December 9, 7-9pm

PRE-REGISTRATION is necessary for this program as we need a firm headcount for a successful event (all who attend must be registered). Gather your friends for a fun-filled evening of holiday music, crafts and snacks, and dance to the sounds of a DJ. If you do require individual assistance, be sure that your one-on-one parent/assistant registers, too. Don't miss the DJ, the cookies, dancing, crafts, fun, and of course, Ole St. Nick!

Adults / 1 session / CSS

\$5

SPARE TIME BOWLING

#16TR27 Mondays, Jan 9-Mar 13, 4-5pm

Ten pin or Duckpin! Learn the fundamentals of bowling or just come to improve your skills and have fun. Fee includes shoe rental and two games each session. Instructor-Kathy McCaffrey

8-Adult / 10 sessions / Greenmount Bowl
\$55

POTTERY FUN

#16TR28 Saturday, January 21, 10:30-11:30am

#16TR29 Saturday, February 25, 10:30-11:30am

Have fun creating a one-of-a-kind pottery piece. If you need additional assistance, be sure to bring someone with you (they only need to register if they are going to also make the art). Encourage your friends or siblings to register for this fun activity, too!

8-Adult / 1 session / Meltdown

\$10 (+\$5 material fee due to instructor)

TR ZUMBA® FITNESS

#16TR30 Tuesdays, Jan 24-Feb 28 (no 2/14), 6-6:30pm

Exclusive to TR eligible participants and their siblings/parents. A multi-cultural dance-exercise experience that fuses Latin dance together with energizing music for a fun workout! Easy to follow - all abilities welcome! Instructor-Melanie Haifley

14-Adult / 5 sessions / WSC

\$15

PROGRAMS YOU CAN ENJOY FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR!

WILD ONES 2017

#16TR-WO17 membership for Jan-December 2017

Another year of fun-filled activities are planned for this independent socialization group-those interested in social activities in a structured setting. Group recreation and leisure activities such as dining out, miniature golf, ball games, hay rides, theme parties, movies/plays, concerts and more! Must be an independent adult to participate. Register anytime during the 2017 year, additional fees will apply per activity. Coordinators-Cindy Welsh/Linda Graybill

Adults / up to 12 (or more) sessions

\$52 membership fee (addtl fees will apply)

NIGHT OWLS 2017

#16TR-NO17 membership for Jan-December 2017

A fun youth social group that ventures out and about once a month to movies, dining out, miniature golf, hay rides, etc. Register anytime during the 2017 year to join the fun! Additional fees will apply per activity. Coordinator-Deb Long

12-17 years / up to 12 (or more) sessions

\$52 membership fee (addtl fees will apply)

CARROLL ARTS CENTER PRESENTS

Holidays are a time of giving ...

the Carroll County Arts Center (CCAC) and Therapeutic Recreation have made available a limited number of coupons for a free ticket* specifically for our special needs customers, on a first-come basis for "Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas" on Dec. 16, 17, 18; or "A Christmas Carol" on Dec 9, 10. Show times/info at CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org.

*You MUST call Rec & Parks at 410-386-2103 to receive your coupon which must then be redeemed IN ADVANCE at the CCAC Box Office for the actual ticket. Show tickets are subject to availability; we strongly encourage advance reservations as these shows often sell out. Limit one free ticket coupon per TR member, and any guests attending with you to the show may purchase their ticket at regular price through the CCAC website or the on-site Box Office.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

~SAVE THE DATE~

Registration opens in February with the release of our Spring Program Guide!

March 17 - Blarney Blast!

April - summer Challenger League, with fun "perks" for early registrants!

Young Athletes™ is a unique sport and play program for children with intellectual disabilities. The focus is on fun activities important to mental and physical growth. Ages 2-7 enjoy activities that develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination - a great early introduction to sports and to the world of Special Olympics. Your child will learn new things, play and have lots of fun!

socr@ccg.carr.org

specialolympicscarrollcounty.org



The City of Westminster

Recreation and Parks Department

11 Longwell Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157

410-751-5501 www.westminstermd.gov



Santa House Hours

December 3, 10, 17

Westminster Library

Come visit Santa from 12-4 PM at the Westminster Library, Saturdays in December and enjoy a free



horse drawn carriage ride through Historic Westminster.

Westminster's Got Talent!

Date TBD

Carroll Arts Center



Can you do something amazing? Unusual? Can you sing or dance?

Then join us at the Carroll Arts Center, located at 91 W. Main Street, to showcase your talents in any genre! All ages are welcome.

For more info, visit the website or call today

Westminster Family Fitness Center



Call for more information or stop by for a tour. Memberships start at \$20 per month.

Amenities: Circuit Room, Strength Room, Cardio Room, Hot Yoga Studio, Barre Studio, Child Supervision and Group Fitness Classes included with membership.

Hours:

Monday - Thursday	5:30 am - 10:00 pm
Friday	5:30 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Celtic Canter

March 11, 2017

- **1-Mile Leprechaun Chase**
- **Celtic Canter 5K**
- **Downtown Irish Celebration**
- **Entertainment**
- **Vendors**
- **Children's Activities**



For more info, visit the website or call today

PLANNING A PARTY?

**Community Building at Westminster Municipal Pool
325 Royer Road**

Our building holds 40 of your closest friends and family. Equipped with a cook top, refrigerator/freezer, large restroom, tables and chairs. ADA accessible. Call for availability. \$30 per hour.





**"Recreation in
Carroll"
Sunday mornings
8:25am**

**Staff members discuss Carroll County
Department of Recreation & Parks news!**

CARROLL Live On Stage

Victoria Banks

Tuesday, February 21 @ 7:30pm

Jim Witter

Saturday, March 18 @ 7:30pm

Performances held at Westminster High School
Tickets \$25 / Students \$10

Visit CarrollLiveOnStage.org for tickets/info, or Phone 410-848-7123



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Give the gift of health and well being! We offer quality recreation programs, encourage appreciation of the natural environment, promote good health and healthy habits, provide opportunities for growth and lifelong learning for all ages and abilities, which ultimately improves quality of life. Gift Certificates can be redeemed for a multitude of programs!

To see all availability and to purchase, visit:

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SEEKING NEW INSTRUCTORS

Do you have a talent or skill to share ...want to make a few dollars teaching it to others?

We are regularly in need of instructors, and we are presently seeking instructors for:

- Zentangle
- Sign Language
- Quilting
- Crochet

Please contact us if you or someone you know possesses this or any other talent you think others would enjoy.

Healthy Carroll Families, with The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County, and partnered with Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks, is pleased to share Healthy Carroll Families' electronic media campaign with information designed to help you take the next step in your family-based approach to healthy weight. You may download the latest newsletter at www.healthycarroll.org, or contact ThePartnership@HealthyCarroll.org to receive Healthy Carroll Families by email.



Sign up for your
2017
Membership



Become a member at Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks' only off-leash area for dogs (located in Westminster at Bennett Cerf Park, on Manchester Road near Random House).

only
\$30

Membership applications are available online at bennettcerfdogpark.org

For more information call 410-386-2103

Visit our website for more information about upcoming performances, events and classes.

REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:

10am-4pm on
Monday, Wednesday,
Friday and Saturday

10am-8pm on
Tuesday and Thursday

carrollcountyartscouncil.org



Seniors In Action

For active seniors age 55 and better!

The Seniors In Action Recreation Council (SIA)
meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

For more information and to join, contact Matt Purkins 410-386-2103
mpurkins@ccg.carr.org

HOW TO REGISTER

Online OR Phone It In: Go to ccrecpark.org. Click the appropriate Program Guide icon (lower left corner) and view the pdf or print it out. You may continue on to our Registration Site by choosing the words, "Online Program Registration & Payment" where you can view all listings by category with their respective descriptions, add program(s) to your cart, and follow screen instructions to complete your transaction. Payment must be made at time of registration on your credit card. All online and phone registrations are processed immediately and payment confirmation is sent via email.

Mail It In: Complete registration form and mail along with your check (payable to Carroll County Commissioners) to address noted on the bottom of the form (NO cash/credit card payments via mail). Provide all information requested on the form to ensure prompt processing. No confirmation will be sent; your canceled check is your receipt.

Walk It In: You may register in person Monday-Friday 8am-5pm with cash, credit card, or check payment at Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks, located in the Robert Moton Center, 300 S. Center Street, Westminster.

Registrations of all types (phone, online, mail, or in person) are processed in the order in which we receive accurately completed forms and correct fees.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT*: Sign up early and save! A discount of \$5 is available for course registrations (*only where applicable) postmarked, hand delivered or registered online no later than November 20, 2016.

**Note the exceptions printed with each course or program section.*

SENIOR DISCOUNT*: Carroll County citizens who are 60+ years of age are offered to use up to a 20% discount (rounded down to the next whole dollar, i.e., \$5.60 would be a \$5 discount) on course registration fees (*only where stated applicable) if they are the participant of the course. *Note the exceptions printed with each course description or program section.

**You may apply only one discount. Not offered for Bus Trips, Therapeutic Recreation, and Nature Center programs.*

SENIORS IN ACTION MEMBER DISCOUNT: Discounts are offered for some bus trips for active SIA members only - you MUST call in to register to take advantage of this discount, or if you would like to join SIA - only \$10 annual fee!
Only one discount can apply, and as applicable.

REFUND POLICY
Classes: Requests for full refunds must be received by phone/mail/in-person at our office at least 10 days prior to the start date of the course. Session refunds may be given for withdrawal requests made after that date at the discretion of Recreation & Parks. No refunds will be issued after two sessions and no refunds will be issued for courses meeting only one or two sessions. Students with consistent discipline problems will be dropped from class without any possible refund.

Bus Trips: Requests for full refunds must be received by phone/mail/in-person at least one month prior to the start date of the trip unless there is a specific date listed in the course description. After the deadline

WINTER

REGISTRATION FORM



Participant's LAST Name _____

FIRST _____

Parent/Guardian (if applicable) _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone: Home _____

Work or Cell _____

Email _____

Participant's Date of Birth _____

Emergency Name & Number (other than parent above) _____

Waiver of Liability: By my signature below, I acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers associated with recreation programs, that Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks does not provide any registrant medical or hospitalization insurance whatsoever, and therefore, I hold Carroll County Commissioners and their agents harmless from all claims of injury, damage or loss which may result from my, or my child(ren)'s participation in the program/s listed below.

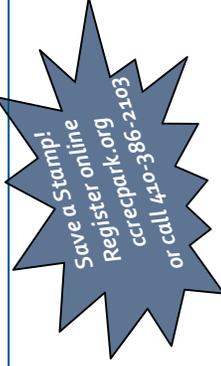
Authorization for Use of Photographic Likeness: I agree to allow Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks to take and utilize photographic images of the registered individual/s for the purpose of promotion and publicizing of Department programs and/or events. If I prefer to not allow the above registered participant/s to be photographed, I will call 410-386-2103 to register my request.

Signature _____

Participant's Signature (Parent/Guardian's Signature if participant is under the age of 18) _____

Date ____/____/____

Program Name	Program #	#Attending	Per Person Fee	Total \$
1.				
2.				
3.				
4. Bear Branch Nature-Themed Playground Park Legacy donation			(any amount)	\$
Comments/Special Instructions:				
Choose ONE of the following discount options: (only if program indicates applicable):				SUBTOTAL:
Early Bird Discount - pay in full no later than November 20, 2016 and deduct \$5 per course, only where applicable				
Senior Citizen Discount - deduct up to 20% off of the course fee (round down to next whole dollar), only where applicable				
GRAND TOTAL				



Please be sure to sign the form above

Make checks payable to **Carroll County Commissioners and mail to:**
Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks
300 S. Center Street
Westminster, MD 21157

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact Becky Kishner at the Department of Recreation & Parks, 410-386-2103 or e-mail bkishner@ccg.carroll.org

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