

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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