

# BEAR BRANCH AND PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER MEMBERSHIP



## Are you a Nature Center Member?

Nature Centers 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 Nature Center Gift Shop, 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 of either Piney Run or Bear Branch, you also know that you are helping to support quality environmental education programs at the Nature Centers in Carroll County.

### Membership Rates:

Family	\$15
Individual	\$10
Senior Citizen (62+)	\$8
Senior Couple	\$12
Full Time Student	\$8
Organization	\$25
Contributing	\$50
Sustaining	\$100
Patron	\$500
Benefactor	\$1000
Lifetime	\$250

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

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# PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

## Piney Run Park & Nature Center OPEN SEASON Hours and Entrance Fees: April 1 thru October 31

The Park is open 7 days a week from 7am until sunset. The Nature Center is open Wednesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm and Sunday 12-5pm. Entrance fees are collected at the Gatehouse upon arrival at the Park (\$5/vehicle for Carroll County Residents and \$10/vehicle for All Others). Season Vehicle Passes are available from the Park Office and Gatehouse for \$40/vehicle for Carroll County Residents and \$55/vehicle for All Others.

*\*Please note vehicle entrance fees are waived for Nature Center programs in this section for **pre-registered participants ONLY** (those registered at least 24 hours before event) from April-October, unless otherwise stated in the program description.*

**Piney Run Park & Nature Center OFF-SEASON:** November 1-March 31, Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm. closed weekends and holidays.

**In case of inclement weather ...** if snow or icy conditions are in the forecast, call before coming to a program to see if it has been canceled or postponed. If Carroll County Government offices are closed, the Park and Nature Center are also closed. If Carroll County Public Schools are closed, delayed, or dismissed early, Nature Center programs that fall during those time periods are canceled.

**Nature Center Membership:** The Nature Center offers 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, as well as many "Members Only Programs," which are free or at a reduced fee. Membership to the Nature Center does NOT include the entrance fee into the park. Please call the Nature Center at 410-795-6043 for more information on Membership Benefits. (See form below to apply.)

## MOTHER NATURE, MOM AND ME (ages: 4-6 years)

3 sessions (one per month)

**Program #09PR1** Wednesday, 11am: Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6  
**Program #09PR2** Thursday, 10am: Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7  
**Program #09PR3** Thursday, 11am: Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7  
**Program #09PR4** Thursday, 4:30pm: Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7  
**Program #09PR5** Friday, 10am: Mar 6, Apr 3, May 8  
**Program #09PR6** Friday, 12:30pm: Mar 6, Apr 3, May 8

The children in both this program and the Babes in the Woods program learn about nature through outdoor and indoor activities, crafts, songs and stories. Thursdays and Fridays at 11am are special sessions for families with children in both age groups. The children should bring a mom, dad, grandparent or significant adult, and dress for the weather, as we always spend some time outside. Choose a program listed above; each program (3 months each) includes one 45-minute session each month - no refund for missed sessions.

**FEE:** \$18/child (includes vehicle entrance fee)

**LOCATION:** PR Nature Center

## BABES IN THE WOODS (age: 3 years)

3 sessions (one per month)

**Program #09PR7** Wednesday, 10am: Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13  
**Program #09PR8** Wednesday, 11am: Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13  
**Program #09PR9** Thursday, 10am: Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14  
**Program #09PR10** Thursday, 11am: Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14  
**Program #09PR11** Friday, 10am: Mar 13, Apr 10, May 15

(Please see description above: "Mother Nature, Mom and Me.") Choose a program listed above; each program (3 months each) includes one 45-minute session each month - no refund for missed sessions.

**FEE:** \$18/child (includes vehicle entrance fee)

**LOCATION:** PR Nature Center

**OUTDOOR RANGERS** (ages: 6-11 who are in grades 1-5)

3 session (one per month)

Program #09PR12 Wednesday, 1pm: Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13

Program #09PR13 Thursday, 4:30pm: Mar 12, Apr 23, May 21

Program #09PR14 Thursday, 4:45pm: Mar 26, Apr 30, May 28

Elementary-aged 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 it is required only if the child needs a little extra help. Choose a program listed above; each program (3 months each) includes one 90-minute session each month - no refund for missed sessions.

FEE: \$18/child (includes vehicle entrance fee)

LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**PINEY RUN EXPLORERS** (age: 10-13)

Program #09PR15 Thursday, 10am: Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21

Program #09PR16 Friday, 10am: Mar 20, Apr 17, May 22

A program for home-schooled students who want to learn more about nature and how to care for the environment. Each class includes an indoor learning time, with students researching and discussing a different topic each month, and a related outdoor exploration or project in Piney Run Park. Students should wear proper outdoor footwear and dress for the weather, as we will always go outside. Choose a program listed above; each program (3 months each) includes one 90-minute session each month - no refunds for missed sessions.

FEE: \$18/child (includes vehicle entrance fee)

LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**TIMBERDOODLE PUPPET THEATER**

Wednesdays OR Saturdays

Program #09PR17 Wednesday, March 25, 10:30-11:30am

Program #09PR18 Wednesday, April 29, 4:30-5:30pm

Program #09PR19 Wednesday, May 20, 1:30-2:30pm

Program #09PR20 Saturday, June 6, 1-2pm

The Piney Run Players will present nature puppet theater and follow-up talk about the main characters - wildly popular with the under 12 age group and parents. Please choose a program(s) from the dates and times listed above. Ages: Preschool-Elementary.

FEE: \$5/person

LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**MORNING BIRD WALKS**

Wednesdays

Program #09PR21 February 18

Program #09PR22 March 18

Program #09PR23 April 15

Program #09PR24 May 20

Led by Dave Harvey of the Carroll County Ornithological Society, the bird walks begin at the Piney Run Nature Center front door then head out on the trails. Please bring binoculars and dress for the weather, walks are rain or shine. Please choose a program(s) from the dates listed above. Ages: 10-Adult.

TIME: 8:30am FEE: \$5/person

LOCATION: PR Nature Center, front door



**STORYTIME WITH NATURE** Tuesdays OR Wednesdays

Program #09PR25 Tuesday, February 3

Program #09PR26 Tuesday, March 3

Program #09PR27 Wednesday, April 1

Program #09PR28 Wednesday, June 3

We'll snuggle up with some good stories. If you have a favorite nature story please bring it and we'll share. Bring a blanket. Please choose a program(s) from the dates above. Ages: Preschool-Elementary.

TIME: 11-12pm FEE: \$5/child

LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**WHOSE SCAT IS THAT?**

January 23 Friday

Program #PPR227

School's out early today! Swing by the nature center to learn about scat! We'll learn to identify different animals based on their scat, and we'll head on a hike to find some evidence first hand. Plus, there's a tasty surprise at the end. Ages: 7-Adult.

TIME: 2-3pm FEE: \$2/person

LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**ALL ABOUT FLYING**

January 27

Tuesday

Program #PPR228

Ever wonder how birds stay in the air? We'll get an introduction to the science behind flying. Ages: 12-Adult

TIME: 4:30-5:30pm

FEE: \$2/person

LOCATION: PR Nature Center



**WAKE UP MR GROUNDHOG**

February 2 Monday

Program #09PR29

Did the groundhog see his/her shadow today?

Groundhogs are still snug in their burrows this time of year, but it won't be long before the male groundhogs take their first steps out of their winter

underground home. Make a groundhog craft and learn about these snoozing rodents. Age: Preschool.

TIME: 10-11am

FEE: \$6/preschooler

LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**SKUNK'S SMELLY FRIENDS**

February 11

Wednesday

Program #09PR30

Skunk isn't the only stinky animal at Piney Run. Join us to find out who his smelly friends are. Age: Preschool.

TIME: 11am-12noon

FEE: \$5/preschooler

LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**BALD EAGLES OVER CONOWINGO DAM**

February 17

Tuesday

Program #09PR31

We're off early to watch the Bald Eagles hunting the Susquehanna River near the Conowingo Dam. We'll spend the day scanning the sky and rocks below for all the birds that favor this place in the winter. Bring a bagged lunch and binoculars. Dress appropriately for weather. Van transportation is provided. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 3. Ages: All (under 18 accompanied by a paying adult).

TIME: 7:30am-5pm

FEE: \$10/person

LOCATION: PR Tennis Court Parking Lot

**RECYCLED FEEDERS**

February 24

Tuesday

Program #09PR32

Come make a bird feeder from recycled goods. Bring an empty 2 L (liter) drink bottle with cap/lid. Age: Elementary.

TIME: 4:30-5:30pm

FEE: \$5/child

LOCATION: PR Nature Center



**WHITE-TAILED DEER AT PINEY RUN**

February 24

Tuesday

Program #09PR33

Visit the nature center this evening to learn about the status of our resident white-tailed deer at the park. Learn about some of the studies that have been completed and the natural history of the most widespread native ungulate in North America. Desserts provided. Ages: 12 and up.

TIME: 7-8pm

FEE: \$7/person

LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**TREE ID: BUDS**

February 25

Wednesday

Program #09PR34

How do you ID a tree in the winter if it has no leaves? - - By its buds. Learn what a bud is and how they are unique. Ages: 12 and up.

TIME: 4:30-5:30pm

FEE: \$5/person

LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**NATURE'S WEAPONS: CLAWS, JAWS, AND HORNS**

March 5 Thursday  
 Program #09PR35  
 Have you ever wondered why a deer has antlers or just how strong owl's talons are? Today we'll explore nature's way of self-defense. Ages: 6 and up.  
 TIME: 4:30-5:30pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**WHERE DOES OUR WASTE GO?** - Carroll County Landfill and Water Treatment Facility Tour

March 9 Monday  
 Program #09PR36  
 Have you ever wondered where our water comes from, how it's treated, and where our waste water goes? Have you ever wondered what happens to our trash once it gets picked up at the roadside? Take this great opportunity to visit and learn about the Northern Landfill and one of the water treatment facilities located throughout the county with a guided tour. We'll stop for a quick lunch at Baugher's restaurant (lunch not included in fee). Van transportation provided. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 2 (Min. 6, Max. 15). Ages: 10 and up.  
 TIME: 9:30am-4pm FEE: \$10/person (PLUS lunch expense)  
 LOCATION: PR Boat Trailer Parking Lot

**NORTHWARD HO**

March 10 Tuesday  
 Program #09PR37  
 The weather is changing and animals are beginning their migration. Who's moving and to where? Ages: 12 and up.  
 TIME: 4:30-5:30pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**CAMPOVER WITH THE CREATURES**

March 13-14 Friday-Saturday  
 Program #09PR38  
 Bring your sleeping bag and pillow for the rare opportunity of spending the night in the Nature Center. We'll lull to sleep as our resident tree frogs, salamanders and snakes are just waking up! Learn about some of the other nocturnal animals that lurk throughout the park at night. Additional information will be mailed. Includes dinner and breakfast. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 27 (Min.: 6). Ages: 8-11 years.  
 TIME: 6pm-9am FEE: \$20/child  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center



**SPRING IS BLOOMING TEA PARTY**

March 18 Wednesday  
 Program #09PR39  
 Come enjoy a fabulous spring tea at the Nature Center. Children will enjoy a snack and tasty herbal tea. You can dress up if you like. We will share stories of the spring and much more! REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 4. Ages: 4 and up.  
 TIME: 3-5pm FEE: \$7/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**BLUE BIRD BOX WORKSHOP**

March 18 Wednesday  
 Program #09PR40  
 Hey Kids! Bring mom or dad, grandma or grandpa for an afternoon building a beautiful cedar bluebird box for upcoming nesting season. Learn about the habits and behavior of these fascinating little birds. Bring an electric screwdriver if you have one handy. (Max. 10 families.) Ages: 8 and up, accompanied by an adult.  
 TIME: 3-4:30 pm FEE: \$15 per family (1 box)  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center



**SPRINGFEVER COFFEEHOUSE**

March 20 Friday  
 Program #09PR41  
 Winter ends today and to celebrate join us at the Nature Center for a fabulous night of live Celtic music with Whirligig, coffee, and good desserts (Min.: 15). Ages: 12 and up.  
 TIME: 7-9pm FEE: \$18/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**SPRING AWAKENING**

March 26 Thursday  
 Program #09PR42  
 The weather is changing and animals are beginning to wake up. Who haven't we seen all winter? Age: Preschool.  
 TIME: 11am-12noon FEE: \$5/preschooler  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**POPLAR ISLAND TOUR**

March 30 Monday  
 Program #09PR43  
 Once a dying island, today it is growing with the help of man and it has become a favorite breeding ground for waterfowl and terrapins. Explore the island by boat and on land in this guided tour. Bring a snack and we'll have a late lunch in Tilghman or St. Michaels (lunch not included in fee). Dress appropriately for weather on the bay and bring binoculars. Van transportation provided. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 16 (Min: 8, Max: 23). Ages: All (under 18 accompanied by an adult).  
 TIME: 6:30am-5pm FEE: \$15/person (PLUS lunch expense)  
 LOCATION: PR Tennis Court Parking Lot

**COUGHING UP PELLETS**

March 31 Tuesday  
 Program #09PR44  
 Bones, fur and teeth are all that's left of the little mouse that the owls have eaten. Learn about these hunters of the night by dissecting their pellets to literally piece together their last meal. Ages: 8 and up.  
 TIME: 4:30-5:30pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**OUT OF THEIR SKINS: HOMESCHOOL LESSON**

April 1 Wednesday  
 Program #09PR45  
 Calling all Homeschoolers! Our skin helps and protects us in so many ways and yet we loose thousands of skin cells every day. Learn about our skin and the skin of many of the animals that live around us. Age: Homeschoolers.  
 TIME: 10-11am FEE: \$5/child  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**MICROBEAST SEARCH**

April 9 Thursday  
 Program #09PR46  
 Put on clothes that can get dirty and join a naturalist searching for the small animals that were hibernating all winter. Ages: Preschool.  
 TIME: 11am-12noon FEE: \$5/preschooler  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**DO ALL EGGS COME IN A BASKET?**

April 9 Thursday  
 Program #09PR47  
 'Tis the season for chocolate, caramel, and marshmallow eggs. We'll take this opportunity to learn about some of the animals that lay eggs. Plus we'll learn about what makes the structure of an egg so amazing. We'll end with a special "egg" treat. Ages: All.  
 TIME: 4:30-5:30pm FEE: \$6/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

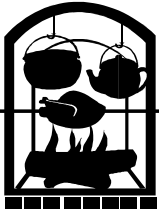


**HIKE TO THE DAM**

April 11 Saturday  
 Program #09PR48  
 Put on your hiking boots and join us exploring the undeveloped side of the lake. Dress for the weather and bring a water bottle. Ages: All.  
 TIME: 12:30-3pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR boat trailer parking lot (we will caravan to trailhead)

**WHO EATS WHO?**

April 12 Sunday  
 Program #09PR49  
 Bring the family to the Nature Center today and we'll discuss the interrelationships of the plants and animals living at Piney Run. We'll make a food web mobile to take home. Ages: All.  
 TIME: 1-2pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center



**OPEN HEARTH COOKING**

April 16 Thursday  
 Program #09PR50  
 Spend the evening preparing and cooking your own fabulous meal over the open fire. Reflect on how our grandparents and great-grandparents cooked their daily meals (Min.: 4). Ages: 12 and up.  
 TIME: 5:30pm-7pm FEE: \$10/person  
 LOCATION: Piney Run Amphitheater

**FROG FROLIC**

April 18 Saturday  
 Program #09PR51  
 Visit the Nature Center for an up close look at some of the frogs and toads that live here at Piney Run. We'll learn their calls, lifecycle and head to the lake on a search for eggs or even tadpoles. Ages: All.  
 TIME: 1-2pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**FLOWER POWER**

April 19 Sunday  
 Program #09PR52  
 The signs of the season have started to sprout with beautiful flowers scattered throughout the landscape. Learn the role that flowers play in nature. Ages: All.  
 TIME: 4-5pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**AMPHIBIAN SIGNS**

April 22 Wednesday  
 Program #09PR53  
 Learn what to look for and what to do at home to know if you have amphibians. Ages: 12 and up.  
 TIME: 4:30-5:30pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center



**A WEB OF WONDERS**

April 23 Thursday  
 Program #09PR54  
 Join us today for a fascinating look into the life of spiders. Learn how they spin their webs and catch their food. Plus, we'll head out for a hike in search of these beautiful engineers. We'll even make our own treat fit for a spider! Age: Preschool.  
 TIME: 12-1pm FEE: \$5/preschooler  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center



**WESTERN MARYLAND KAYAK & HIKING TRIP**

April 24 - April 26 Friday-Sunday  
 \* See details in the kayak trip section on Page 25.

**RUSTIC POTTED PLANT TRELIS**

April 30 Thursday  
 Program #09PR55  
 'Tis the season for gardening! Spend the evening creating a rustic twig trellis. Place the trellis in a 10 inch terra cotta planter complete with a climbing plant to make the perfect spring gift! Ages: 14 and up.  
 TIME: 7-8pm FEE: \$10/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**BENEATH THE SURFACE**

May 2 Saturday  
 Program #09PR56  
 We often take for granted the soil that rests beneath our feet. But if you take the time to explore even the first 6 inches of top soil, you'll find a city of life. Bring your family to the Nature Center today and we'll learn about the animals, fungi, bacteria and plants that live beneath the surface. Ages: All.  
 TIME: 3-4pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**SEEDS, SEEDS ALL AROUND**

May 3 Sunday  
 Program #09PR57  
 The growing season is getting going. Bring your family to the Nature Center and join a naturalist learning about seeds and some of the plants that produce them. Ages: All.  
 TIME: 2-3pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**EDIBLE PLANT WALK**

May 16 Saturday  
 Program #09PR58  
 It's amazing how many of the plants around us are edible! Learn which plants to use for cooking and which plants to stay away from. Ages: 10 and up.  
 TIME: 10-11am FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**REPTILE ROMP**

May 20 Wednesday  
 Program #09PR59  
 Go in search of the reptiles that call Piney Run habitat. Who lives here and where? Ages: 12 and up.  
 TIME: 4:30-5:30pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**MINING FOR MUSHROOMS**

May 22 Friday  
 Program #09PR60  
 We'll head out in search of fungus on our hike this afternoon. Learn to identify a few of the more common mushrooms found in the Carroll County and how they differ from plants. Ages: All.  
 TIME: 4:30-5:30pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**FAMILY SUNSET CAMPFIRE**

May 23 Saturday  
 Program #09PR61  
 Bring the family to the park this evening for songs, stories, and s'mores! Learn about some of the animals that start to stir as dusk approaches. Ages: All.  
 TIME: 7-8pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: Piney Run Amphitheater



**PICNIC PESTS PROGRAM AND MOVIE**

May 24 Sunday  
 Program #09PR62  
 Learn about the many pesky insects that might join your Memorial Day picnic! Then, we'll watch an informative insect movie. Ages: All.  
 TIME: 3-4pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: Piney Run Nature Center

**BASIC TREE ID**

May 28 Thursday  
 Program #09PR63  
 Learn how to use a tree guide and a dichotomous key to identify tree families. Ages: elementary-adult.  
 TIME: 4:30-5:30pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: PR Nature Center

**MEET OUR REPTILES**

May 31 Sunday  
 Program #09PR64  
 Learn about the reptiles that reside in the nature center. Bring your camera to take advantage of a great snapshot opportunity. Get your picture taken with a snake or turtle. No camera, no problem we'll take your photo and prints can be made for \$2.00/picture. Ages: All.  
 TIME: 2-4 pm FEE: \$5/person  
 LOCATION: Piney Run Nature Center





### FAMILY CAMPOVER

June 5-6 Friday - Saturday  
Program #09PR65

Hey kids! Grab your parents and a tent for a wonderful camping experience. We will set up camp, build a fire and prepare supper together. We'll share an early evening hike,

followed by some campfire fun. You'll wake up to a campfire breakfast before we break camp. Families provide their own tent and sleeping supplies. Please bring a potluck dish to share for the evening meal; all ages.

**TIME:** 5pm-9am **FEE:** \$40/family (vehicle entrance included)  
**LOCATION:** PR Nature Center

### ANTS ON A LOG

June 11 Thursday  
Program #09PR66

Visit the Nature Center today for an up close and personal look at ants, ants and more ants! We'll talk about their homes, and their life with thousands of brothers and sisters to play with! We'll end our morning with a special "Ants on a Log" treat! Ages: Preschool.

**TIME:** 10-11am **FEE:** \$5/child  
**LOCATION:** PR Nature Center



### HIKING THE INLET TRAIL

June 13 Saturday  
Program #09PR67

Join a naturalist for an afternoon hike along our 3-mile inlet trail. We'll stop to get a closer look at some of the plants and animals along the way. We'll end at the Nature Center with an ice cream treat. Under 18 accompanied by adult. Ages: family (must be able to walk 3 miles).

**TIME:** 1-3pm **FEE:** \$5/person  
**LOCATION:** PR Nature Center

### PRESCHOOL DISCOVERY WEEK (ages 4-5 years)

June 17, 18 & 19 Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday  
Program #09PR68

Calling all preschoolers! Join us again this year for another exciting week exploring the fields and meadows around the park. We'll take nature walks, make imaginative crafts, have snack and learn about the many plants and animals that make their home in the meadows at Piney Run. A parent/guardian must be present at the park during this program.

**TIME:** 10am-12noon **FEE:** \$40/child  
**LOCATION:** PR Nature Center

### WESTERN MARYLAND KAYAK & HIKING TRIP

April 24 - April 26 Friday-Sunday  
Program #09PR69

We're off to Western Maryland, over the mountains to explore the area by kayak and on foot for our Spring 3-day kayak & hiking trip. We'll stay in cabins at New Germany State Park. Lodging is bunk style, bring bedding materials, and comfortable walking shoes. Previous kayaking experience required - must be able to swim. If you plan on bringing your own kayak, please make arrangements with the Nature Center to drop off your equipment early. Food, paddling materials, and van transportation provided. Ages: 14-adult (under 18 accompanied by a paying adult)

**TIME:** 8am Fri.-7pm Sun. **FEE:** \$150/person  
**DEPARTURE:** PR Nature Center

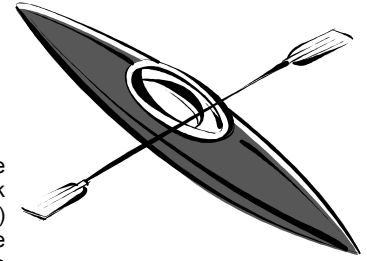
### KAYAK DAY TRIPS

Program #09PR70 Saturday, May 30 (registration deadline 5/15)  
Program #09PR71 Wednesday, June 10 (reg. deadline 5/27)

We're off to the region's nearby rivers to explore the area by kayak. Previous kayaking experience required - must be able to swim. Bring bagged lunch, drinking water, a hat and sunscreen, and wear clothes for the weather. Please note, return time may vary depending on waterway proximity and conditions. Paddling equipment and van transportation provided. Ages: 14-Adult (under 18 accompanied by a paying adult).

**TIME:** 8am-7pm **FEE:** \$25/person  
**DEPARTURE:** PR Nature Center

## KAYAKING AT PINEY RUN



All kayaking paddlers meet at the Piney Run Nature Center Kayak Shack (unless otherwise noted) located at lake's edge below the Nature Center - follow signs to the Yak Shack. Paddling equipment is provided.

### DINNER & TWILIGHT PADDLE

May 15 Friday  
Program #09PR72

Have an evening meal at the Nature Center, then head to the lake for a relaxing evening paddle. We're sure to see a variety of wildlife. Bring a flashlight, we'll be out till dark. Wear clothes that can get wet. Ages: 14 and up.

**TIME:** 5:30-8:30pm **FEE:** \$15/person  
**LOCATION:** PR Nature Center

### KID'S KAYAK LAKE TOUR

Program #09PR73 Wednesday, April 8, 2-4pm  
Program #09PR74 Friday, May 1, 4:30-6:30pm  
Program #09PR75 Sunday, June 7, 1-3pm

So you've had a kayak lesson, now it's time to get out there and explore with a guide. Children that have completed the Piney Run Kids 'N Kayak lesson are eligible to sign up; must be able to swim. Wear clothes that can get wet, bring a water bottle and towel. Ages: 8-13.

**TIME:** Choose above **FEE:** \$10/child  
**LOCATION:** PR Nature Center Kayak Shack

### TEEN KAYAK PADDLE

Program #09PR76 Sunday, May 17, 1-3pm  
Program #09PR77 Saturday, June 20, 2-4pm

So you've had a kayak lesson, now it's time to get out there and explore with a guide. Teens that have completed the Piney Run Kids 'N Kayak or Adult lesson are eligible to sign up; must be able to swim. Wear clothes that can get wet, bring a water bottle and towel. Ages: 14-18.

**TIME:** Choose above **FEE:** \$10/child (vehicle entrance included)  
**LOCATION:** Piney Run Nature Center Kayak Shack

### ADULTS ONLY PADDLE

Program #09PR78 Saturday, April 4, 1-3pm  
Program #09PR79 Wednesday, June 3, 8-10am

Join us out on the water as we explore Piney Run Lake. Enjoy this opportunity to bird, spot wildlife and look for wildflowers. Previous kayaking experience is necessary; must be able to swim. Wear clothes that can get wet, bring a water bottle and towel. Age: Adults.

**TIME:** Choose above **FEE:** \$10/person (vehicle entrance included)

**LOCATION:** Piney Run Nature Center Kayak Shack

### FAMILY PADDLE

Program #09PR80 Sunday, April 5, 3-5pm  
Program #09PR81 Sunday, May 10, 1-3pm (Mother's Day)  
Program #09PR82 Sunday, June 21, 1-3pm (Father's Day)

Your family has had kayak lessons, now it's time to get out together and explore the lake with a guide. Previous kayaking experience is necessary. Must be able to swim. Wear clothes that can get wet, bring a water bottle and towel. Ages: 8 and up.

**TIME:** Choose above **FEE:** \$10/person (vehicle entrance included)  
**LOCATION:** Piney Run Nature Center Kayak Shack

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CHILDREN'S NATURE PAINTING CONTEST**

**Deadline: March 1**

Calling all young artists! Take some time this winter to create a nature related painting. Drop it off at the Nature Center before March 1<sup>st</sup> for an opportunity to have your artwork displayed in the Center for the 2009 season. Winners will be chosen from a variety of age groups. Contact the Nature Center for a registration form and more information.

**SPRING PERENNIAL SWAP**

**Saturday, April 18, 10-12pm AND Sunday, May 17, 1-3pm**

Take advantage of this great opportunity to enhance your gardens this spring at our perennial swap. Thin your garden by sharing some of your established perennials with other gardeners, plus take home some new plants. Bring bags/boxes with you to the Nature Center, and label your perennials if possible. FREE!

**PINEY RUN EARTH & HERB FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, May 9, 11am-4pm**

Help support the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council! Head out to Piney Run Park for excellent food and great family fun. Activities include live music, native plant sale, face painting, raffles, crafts, numerous plant and craft vendors, nature activities and much more!. FREE entrance to festival, however, park entrance fees apply.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Please contact Piney Run Nature Center for more information about volunteer opportunities. Pre-registration is highly recommended and much appreciated. Call us at 410-795-6043 to register for any volunteer opportunity. REGISTRATION IS THROUGH THE NATURE CENTER.

**WEEKEND JR VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

**Friday, March 27, 4:30-5:30pm**

Mark your calendars to learn the ins and outs of caring for our animals at the Nature Center. Each weekend, April-October, JR volunteers are needed to feed and care for our animals and various other tasks around the Center. Bring your calendar to sign up for a weekend in April to get your feet wet. Age: 14-18 years.

**VOLUNTEER JUNIOR NATURALISTS**

**February 17, 10-1pm      April 19, 1-4pm**  
**May 3, 1-4pm              June 18, 1-4pm**

Junior Volunteers help with various projects throughout the park ranging from trail cleanup, gardening, bluebird monitoring, to feeding and cleaning the Nature Center animals. Age: 12-18 years.

**PROJECT CLEAN STREAM**

**Saturday, April 4, 9am-12noon**

By cleaning our lake and streams we will help the Chesapeake Bay Watershed stay clean. Join us in keeping Piney Run Lake and the Chesapeake Bay healthy. Age: Family.

**EARTH & HERB FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS**

**Saturday, May 9, 10:30am-4:30pm**

AGE: 12 and up (12-14 accompanied by an adult)



**Pavilion Rentals – Piney Run Park**

Are you looking for a great place to hold a family reunion? A birthday party? A holiday cookout? Or just for a fun filled day?

PINEY RUN PARK pavilions are a great place to hold your event, whatever the occasion. Pavilion Rentals are available 7 days a week from April 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup> each year *by reservation and permit only* - -

Small Pavilions are \$100/day

Large Pavilions are \$150/day

We will start taking reservations for the 2009 Park Season on Monday, January 5. Please call 410-795-5165 for your reservation or for more information.

*OOps*

We cancelled it because you didn't register! Sometimes excellent programs with super instructors are cancelled when too many people wait until the last minute to register.

Our classes have to be cost-recovery and we need a minimum number of participants before a class will run. If a program looks interesting, don't hesitate —

**Register TODAY!!**