

PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

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

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; \$10/vehicle for All Others). Season Vehicle Passes are available from the Park Office and Gatehouse for \$40/vehicle for Carroll County Residents; \$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 OFF-SEASON hours: November 1-March 31 –

Beginning November 1st, Piney Run Park enters its five-month “off season.” Park gates will be open on weekdays 8am-4pm; closed weekends and holidays. No entrance fees will be collected during 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: November 1-March 31 – open Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm; closed weekends and holidays.

During the winter season, 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 dismiss early, Nature Center programs that fall *during those time periods* are canceled. (Please see Closings/Inclement Weather Policy for Recreation & Parks programs.)

Nature Center Membership: The Nature Center offers memberships to help support its activities (see page 13). 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 an invitation to our “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.

SUMMER CAMP July 6-31 (all sessions are one week in length)

Piney Run Nature Camp is a non-profit day camp dedicated to promoting an attitude of awareness and appreciation of the natural environment through fun and educational programs and activities. Located within Piney Run Park, in the southern end of the county near the town of Sykesville, the Camp offers children an opportunity to explore woodlands, fields, streams, and lake shore habitats through naturalist programs, crafts, games, songs, boating, and much more in a well supervised environment.

Campers in groups 1 and older will go canoeing (life jackets will be provided and are required, and a counselor will be present in every canoe). Campers in Groups K-4 will have a cookout at the end of the week. Campers in Group5 and Outpost will have a campout at the end of the week. Children are grouped according to the grade they will have finished in June of 2009. With the exception of the oldest group (Outpost), each group of 15 children is supervised by a qualified adult Senior Counselor, two high school or college age Junior Counselors, and a Volunteer. Outpost has just 10 children with one Senior Counselor, a Junior Counselor and a Volunteer. For more information and/or to receive a camp registration brochure, please stop by the Nature Center or call 410-795-6043.

MORNING BIRD WALKS

Wednesdays

Program #09PR83 June 17

Program #09PR84 July 15

Program #09PR85 August 19

Led by Dave Harvey of the Carroll County Ornithological Society, the bird walks begin at the Piney Run Nature Center front door, then we'll head out on the trails. Please bring binoculars and dress for the weather; walks are rain or shine. Age: 10–adult .

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

LOCATION: Piney Run Nature Center Front Door

TEACH ME TO FISH

Wednesdays

Program #09PR86 June 3

Program #09PR87 June 24

This is an entry-level primer for parents and children that want to get started in fishing, with hopes it could evolve into a lifelong endeavor. Instruction on knot tying, hooks, bait, and fish handling, as well as informative hand outs and lake front fishing will complete the class. Feel free to bring your own equipment if you'd prefer. Age: 6-12 years.

TIME: 1-3pm

FEE: \$5/couple



THE YOUNG NATURALIST SUMMER PROGRAM

6 sessions 1st & 3rd Fridays June-August
(June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, and August 7 & 21)

Program #09PR88

Take advantage of this great opportunity to learn about nature this summer! Great for homeschoolers or kids that just love nature! Students will learn how to observe and learn about nature through Awareness activities, Field Guides, and Journaling. Completion of class and project should qualify as a Natural History Homeschool requirement. Please note, class dates are flexible and make up dates are available. Fee includes \$30 textbook. Ages: Middle-High School.

Registration Deadline: May 20.

TIME: 10am-12pm FEE: \$60/person

KIDS AND NATURE – Kamana Series

Thursday

Program #09PR89 June 25

Program #09PR90 July 23

Program #09PR91 August 20

Calling all nature lovers! Visit the Nature Center today for an exciting opportunity to learn about nature topics through storytelling and nature activities from the famous Kamana naturalist training program. Learn concepts such as nature awareness, hazards and giving thanks. Feel free to sign up for all three sessions, or just one or two. Snack provided. Age: 3 yrs – Elementary.

TIME: 1:30-3 pm

FEE: \$5/person

- - NO EARLY BIRD OR SENIOR DISCOUNTS for Piney Run Nature Center programs - -

TILGHMAN ISLAND CRUISE - "A CRAB'S LIFE"

July 2 Thursday

Program #09PR92

Head to the Bay for a fun filled day visiting Tilghman Island and St. Michaels. First, we'll head out on the water for an hour long cruise of the bay learning about the ecology and history of the area. Then we'll have a full family style lunch with your choice of crab cake, fish, fried chicken or beef and dessert at the famous Harrison's restaurant. We'll end our guided tour with a first hand look at a soft shell shedding facility. We will conclude our day with some free time in down town St. Michaels before we begin our journey home. Lunch and van transportation provided. Ages: All (under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult). **Registration Deadline: 6/10.**

TIME: 7am-7pm FEE: \$62/person

LOCATION: Meet at Piney Run boat trailer parking lot

BALD EAGLES: OUR NATIONAL BIRD!

July 4 Saturday

Program #09PR93

Join a naturalist on this national holiday to celebrate the majestic bald eagle. You'll learn about the behavior, life history, habitat and comeback status of the Bald Eagle. Ages: All (family).

TIME: 2-3pm FEE: \$5/person



GOURD CRAFTING WORKSHOP

July 12 Sunday

Program #09PR94

Feeling creative? Join us today, to creatively decorate two gourds using leather dye, a wood burner and paints. We'll have a large selection of dried gourds to choose from, in various shapes and sizes. Wear clothes that can get craft messy.

TIME: 1-5pm FEE: \$28/person

CATERPILLAR CRAWL

July 18 Saturday

Program #09PR95

Caterpillars seem to be lurking around every corner in the summertime. Learn about their amazing role in nature. We'll even head outside for a caterpillar

hunt of our very own.

TIME: 1-2pm FEE: \$5/person

COFFEE CAN BIRD FEEDER!

August 2 Sunday

Program #09PR96

Feeding the birds doesn't have to be expensive! Visit the Nature Center today to make a bird feeder out of recycled pie plates and coffee cans. We'll use paints to decorate the coffee cans, and then we'll assemble the feeder. It's a perfect feeder for black oil or mixed seeds! Age: 7 and up.

TIME: 11-12pm FEE: \$6/person



BEAT THE HEAT

August 15 Saturday

Program #09PR97

Drink plenty of water, take a dip in the pool, wear loose fitting clothing, and stand by the air conditioner! We have lots of ways

to stay cool in the heat of the summer. Today you'll learn about some of the ways that animals have adapted to deal with summer's smoldering temperatures.

TIME: 2-3pm FEE: \$5/person

LIFE OF MAMMALS

August 29 Saturday

Program #09PR98

We often think of mammals as cute, furry and warm, but there's so much more to learn about this class of animals that are most closely related to us! Today we'll spend some time learning about some of the mammals that call Piney Run their home. We'll also watch a short video on mammals. Age: Family.

TIME: 1:00-2pm FEE: \$5/person

PICNIC PESTS

August 30 Sunday

Program #09PR99

Learn about the many pesky insects that might join you on your summer picnic! Then, we'll watch an informative insect movie. Ages: Family.

TIME: 3-4pm FEE: \$5/person



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pre-registration is highly recommended and much appreciated. For more information and TO REGISTER, please contact the Piney Run Nature Center at 410-795-6043.

VOLUNTEER JUNIOR NATURALISTS

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.

Thursday, June 18	1-4pm
Wednesday, July 1	1-4pm
Thursday, August 6	10am-1pm
Wednesday, August 19	1-4pm
Friday, September 18	1:30-4:30pm

MONARCH TAGGING

Friday, September 18, 5-7pm
AGE: 12 - Adult

APPLE FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

DUMPLIN' MAKING: Thursday, September 24
10am-1pm, 1-3pm, 3-6pm, 6-9pm
AGE: 14 -Adult

APPLE PIE MAKING: Friday, September 25
10am-1pm, 1-4pm
AGE: 14 -Adult

APPLE PIE BAKING: Friday, September 25
Pick up throughout the day Friday.

APPLE FESTIVAL: Saturday, September 26
9:30am-4:30pm
AGE: 12 and up (14 and under must be accompanied by adult)



Keep a OUT
for ALL OF THESE GREAT PROGRAMS coming up
in our FALL 2009 PROGRAM GUIDE!!

MOTHER NATURE, MOM AND ME

3 sessions (1x/month) Wednesday, Thurs. OR Friday
 Wednesdays - Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4: 11am
 Thursdays - Sept 3, Oct 8, Nov 5: 10am, 11am, or 4:30pm
 Fridays - Sept 4, Oct 9, Nov 6: 10am, 11am, or 12:30pm
 For ages 4-6 years, preschool-kindergarten. Bring your little ones to our fabulous preschool programs at Piney Run Nature Center! The children in both the "Mother Nature, Mom and Me" and the "Babes in the Woods" programs 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. Each program will include one 45-minute session each month – no refund for missed sessions.
 FEE: \$18/ child (includes vehicle entrance fee)

OUTDOOR RANGERS

3 sessions (1x/month) Wednesdays OR Thursdays
 Wednesdays - Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov 10: 1pm
 Thursdays - Sept 10, Oct 15, Nov 12: 4:30pm
 Thursdays - Sept 17, Oct 22, Nov 19: 4:45pm
 For ages 6-10, first through fifth grade. 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. Each program will include one 90-minute session each month – no refund for missed sessions.
 FEE: \$18/ child (includes vehicle entrance fee)

BABES IN THE WOODS

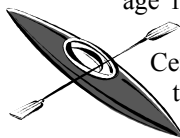
3 sessions (1x/month) Wed., Thursday, OR Friday
 Wednesdays - Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov 10: 10am or 11am
 Thursdays - Sept 10, Oct 15, Nov 12: 10am or 11am
 Fridays - Sept 11, Oct 16, Nov 13: 10am
 For age 3 years (please see description for "Mother Nature, Mom and Me"). Each program will include one 45-minute session each month – no refund for missed sessions.
 FEE: \$18/ child (includes vehicle entrance fee)

PINEY RUN EXPLORERS

3 sessions (1x/month) Thursdays OR Fridays
 Thursdays - Sept 17, Oct 22, Nov 19: 10am
 Fridays - Sept 18, Oct 23, Nov 20: 10am
 Explorers is a program for home-schooled students age 10-13 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. Each program will include one 90-minute session each month – no refund for missed sessions.
 FEE: \$18/ child (includes vehicle entrance fee)

SAVE THE DATE!!

October 21–23 Wednesday-Friday
JANE'S ISLAND KAYAK ADVENTURE
 We'll head down to Crisfield, Maryland and explore the Bay and Tangier Sound by kayak. More details and registration to come in the our fall Recreation & Parks Program Guide. For age 14-adult. If you have any questions regarding this trip, please call the Piney Run Nature Center at 410-795-6043. Details and registration available in our upcoming Fall Program Guide!



SPECIAL EVENTS

Festivals are FREE, regular park entrance fees apply.

PINEY RUN EARTH & HERB FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 9, 11am-4pm
 Help support the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council! Head out to the Park for excellent food and great family fun. Activities include live music, native plant sale, face painting, raffles, crafts, numerous plant & craft vendors, nature activities and much more!

PINEY RUN APPLE FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 26, 10am-4pm
 Help support the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council! Head out to the Park for excellent food, and great family fun. Activities include hay rides, scarecrow making, face painting, raffles, crafts, numerous craft vendors, nature activities and much more!

Pavilion Rentals – Piney Run Park

Piney Run Park pavilions are a great place to hold events. Pavilion Rentals are available 7 days a week, from April 1st thru October 31st
by reservation and permit only - -

Small Pavilions are \$100/day
 Large Pavilions are \$150/day

Reservations/Information: 410-795-5165

KAYAK RIVER TRIPS

KAYAK DAY TRIPS

Saturday OR Sunday

Program #09PR100 August 1 (Registration deadline: 7/20)

Program #09PR101 Sept. 13 (Registration deadline: 9/1)

Take a trip in a recreational kayak to one of our local rivers. Soak in the sights and sounds as you step back in time and paddle along. Previous kayaking experience required; must be able to swim. Bring a bagged lunch, drinking water, clothes for the weather, a hat, sunscreen and an extra set of dry clothes in a waterproof bag. Please note return times for these programs may vary depending on waterway proximity and conditions. Paddling equipment and van transportation provided. Age: 14-adult (under 18 must be accompanied by a paying adult).

TIME: 8am-7pm FEE: \$25/person

LOCATION: Depart from Piney Run Nature Center

KAYAK LESSONS

Learn the basics of flat-water Kayaking at Piney Run Lake. Kayaks, paddles, and life jackets (PFDs) are provided. Participants must wear PFDs while on the water. Wear clothing and shoes that can get wet and muddy. Participants must be able to swim. Bring a water bottle and a towel. Class is subject to cancellation if weather conditions are poor. ACA accredited instructor and certified lifeguard. Unless otherwise noted, all kayaking lessons meet at the Piney Run Nature Center Kayak Shack located at lake's edge below the Nature Center (follow signs for the Yak Shack). In case of inclement weather, please call the gatehouse at 410-795-3274 to determine if the class is still taking place.

ADULT KAYAK LESSON

Saturday OR Sunday

Program #09PR102 Sunday, June 14

Program #09PR103 Sunday, June 28

Program #09PR104 Sunday, July 5

Program #09PR105 Sunday, July 19

Program #09PR106 Saturday, August 8

Vehicle entrance is included in fee. Age: 12 to adult.

TIME: 1-4pm FEE: \$30/person

KIDS' N KAYAKS LESSON

Saturday OR Sunday

Program #09PR107 Saturday, June 27, 10am-12pm

Program #09PR108 Saturday, July 25, 10am-12 pm

Program #09PR109 Saturday, August 8, 10am-12pm

Program #09PR110 Sunday, August 16, 1-3pm

Vehicle entrance is included in fee. Ages 8-11 years.

TIME: Noted above FEE: \$20/child

FAMILY KAYAK LESSON

Saturday OR Sunday

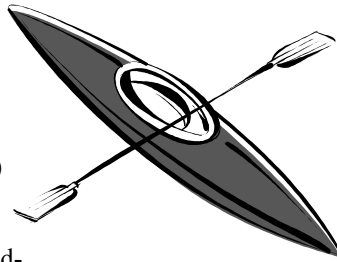
Program #09PR111 Saturday, June 27

Program #09PR112 Saturday, July 25

Program #09PR113 Sunday, August 9

Bring the whole family to this class! Vehicle entrance is included in fee. Age: 8-adult.

TIME: 1-3pm FEE: \$20/person



**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 - just follow signs for the *Yak Shack*. Paddling equipment is provided; must be able to swim.

KIDS KAYAK LAKE TOUR

Thursday OR Saturday

Program #09PR114 Saturday, July 11

Program #09PR115 Thursday, August 13

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 & towel. Age: 8-13.

TIME: 10am-12pm FEE: \$10/child

TEEN KAYAK PADDLE

August 22

Saturday

Program #09PR116

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 participate; must be able to swim. Wear clothes that can get wet, bring a water bottle & towel. Age: 14-18.

TIME: 10am-12pm FEE: \$10/child

ADULTS ONLY PADDLE

August 12

Wednesday

Program #09PR117

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: 5-7pm FEE: \$10/person

FAMILY PADDLE

Sunday

Program #09PR118 July 26, 5-7pm

Program #09PR119 August 23, 1-3pm

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. Age: 8-adult.

TIME: Noted above FEE: \$10/person