

**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):

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

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

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____
(type) membership

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**PINEY RUN
NATURE CENTER & PARK**

Piney Run Park hours: Park gates are open 7 days a week from 7am until sunset. 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 at 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 program description.*

Nature Center hours: OPEN Wednesday-Saturday, 11am-5pm, and Sunday 12-5pm.

November 1 thru March 31 (off season)

Piney Run Park hours: Park gates are open Monday -Friday 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 hours: Open Monday-Friday, 11am-4pm; closed weekends and holidays.

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 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. (Please see Closings/Inclement Weather Policy for Recreation and Parks programs.)

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. Use form to register (opposite).

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

BATS & BUGS

September 3

1 session * Friday

Program #10PR69

We'll search the night sky for the amazing world of bats. This will be a great evening to learn some fascinating facts about our backyard bug-zappers. We'll also get a chance to see all the incredible insects that bats like to eat. No flashlights please! Age: 8 and up.

TIME: 6:30-8pm

FEE: \$5



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BUTTERFLY BONANZA

September 4 1 session Saturday

Program #10PR70

It may be warm outside, but that's the way butterflies like it! We'll go for this short walk through the fields and meadows of the park in search of the many different butterflies that are found here. Age: families.

TIME: 1-2:30pm FEE: \$5

MOTHER NATURE, MOM & ME

Sept 7-Nov 5 3 sessions Tuesdays OR Fridays

Program #10PR62 Tuesdays 9/7, 10/5, and 11/2

Program #10PR63 Fridays 9/10, 10/8 and 11/5

The children should bring a mom, dad, grandparent or significant adult, and dress for the weather, as we always spend some time outside for this fabulous preschool program at Piney Run Nature Center! Learn about nature through outdoor and indoor activities, crafts, songs and stories. Age: 4-6 years.

TIME: 11-11:45am FEE: \$18/child

OUTDOOR RANGERS

Sept 8, Oct 13, & Nov 10 3 sessions Weds

Program #10PR66 1-2:30pm

Program #10PR67 4:30-6pm

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. Age: 6-11, first-fifth grade.

TIME: Choose above FEE: \$18

DRAGONFLY DAY

September 12 1 session Sunday

Program #10PR71

The warm summer weather provides the ideal conditions that dragonflies and damselflies like. We'll search around the pond and meadows for these amazing aerodynamic insects and learn why they are so helpful to people. Wear shoes that can get wet or muddy. Age: 7-adult (under age 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult).

TIME: 2-3:30pm FEE: \$5

BABES IN THE WOODS

Sept 14-Nov 12 3 sessions Tues OR Fri

Program #10PR64 Tuesdays 9/14, 10/12, and 11/9

Program #10PR65 Fridays 9/17, 10/15 and 11/12

The children should bring a mom, dad, grandparent or significant adult, and dress for the weather, as we always spend some time outside for this fabulous preschool program at Piney Run Nature Center! Learn about nature through outdoor and indoor activities, crafts, songs and stories. Age: 3 years.

TIME: 10-10:45am FEE: \$18/child

PINEY RUN EXPLORERS

Sept 16, Oct 14 & Nov 18 3 sessions Thurs

Program #10PR68

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 usually go outside. Age: 10-13 years.

TIME: 10-11:30am FEE: \$18

MORNING BIRD WALKS

Sept 16 OR Oct 21 OR Nov 18

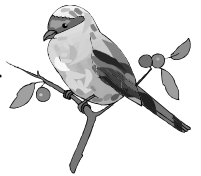
1 session Thursday

Program #10PR72 9/16

Program #10PR73 10/21

Program #10PR74 11/18

Venture outside and join Dave Harvey of the Carroll County Ornithological Society, for a morning bird walk. Search for many different types of songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, and woodpeckers that inhabit Piney Run Park. Beginning birders welcome. Binoculars and field guides are recommended to bring along, and walks are rain or shine. Age: 10-adult. Meet at front door of Nature Center.



TIME: 8:30am FEE: \$5

AUTUMNAL EQUINOX CAMPFIRE

September 17 1 session Friday

Program #10PR75

It's almost time for fall, so let's celebrate with a campfire! Bring the family for this evening of stories and s'mores! We'll even learn about some animals that start stirring as dusk approaches. Age: all. Meet at PR Amphitheatre.

TIME: 7-8pm FEE: \$7

WILD AND WOOLLY

September 29 1 session Wednesday

Program #10PR76

What's that creeping along in the woods - let's see it is brown with some black stripes - and we may use them to tell the weather! Must be a woolly bear caterpillar! Come to the Nature Center and learn some interesting facts followed by a craft. Age: 4-and up.

TIME: 11am-12pm FEE: \$7





FALL FAMILY CAMPOVER

Oct 1-Oct 2 1 session
Fri-Saturday

Program #10PR77

Hey kids! Grab your parents and spend an autumn night camping under the stars for this wonderful experience. We'll set up camp, build a campfire, and then enjoy hot-dogs, s'mores and a night hike. Breakfast will be provided before we break camp in the morning. Provide your own tent and sleeping supplies. Age: family.
TIME: 5pm-9am FEE: \$50/family



GRASSHOPPING GRAVITY

October 3 1 session Sunday

Program #10PR78

Grasshoppers and crickets will be featured in this outdoor adventure. We'll learn all about these amazing acrobatic insects as we search the fields and meadows in the park for them. Age: 6-adult.
TIME: 2-3:30pm FEE: \$5



SPECTACULAR SPIDERS

October 9 1 session Saturday

Program #10PR79

Spooky! Scary! Creepy! These are just a few words that describe spiders. Overcome your fears and learn all about these amazing arachnids. We'll see some up close and then afterwards we'll search the forest and field for some and conclude with a cool craft. Age: 6 and up.
TIME: 12-1:30pm FEE: \$7

AMAZING MIGRATION

October 10 1 session Sunday

Program #10PR80

The fall migration of raptors has begun. We'll meet a live hawk up close and then afterwards search the skies for migrants that are southward bound. We'll identify and count raptors as they pass and learn about each type we see. Age: 8-adult.
TIME: 1-2:30pm FEE: \$5



OH DEER

October 15 1 session Friday

Program #10PR81

With fall quickly approaching, we may see more deer along our fields, and our park. Come learn more about these beautiful animals. Strap on your boots and hit the trails with a naturalist to look for deer tracks. Age: 5+.
TIME: 11am-12pm FEE: \$5

LET'S TALK TURKEY

October 20 1 session Wednesday

Program #10PR82

Enjoy a story, walk, and craft all about our big feathered friend *the turkey*. We will begin in the Nature Center for a short story and some interesting facts about turkeys. Then we will head outside for a short walk and discuss what habitat we may find turkeys, and finish by doing a craft. Age: 3 and up.

TIME: 10-11am FEE: \$7

LEAVE IT TO BEAVER

October 22 1 session Friday

Program #10PR83

During this special nocturnal program, we'll learn about how beavers are amazing architects; afterwards we'll take a hike along the lake front in search of Piney Run's resident beavers. Age: Families.

TIME: 6-7:30pm FEE: \$5

PRE-SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 29 1 session Friday

Program #10PR84

Gather your buddies and come experience Piney Run at this scary time of year. Wear your favorite costume. Meet some creepy-crawlies, have a snack, make a craft, and much more! Age: preschool to early elementary.

TIME: 10:30am-12pm FEE: \$7



WILD NIGHTS

October 30 1 session Saturday

Program #10PR85

The creatures of the night will be out tonight, but there's no need to be afraid of the dark! Come explore nature's night life and learn about bats, owls, spiders, and other nocturnal animals. We'll end the evening around the campfire with some s'mores! Age: 8-adult (children must be accompanied by a paying adult).

TIME: 6pm-7:30pm FEE: \$8

LEAF A GOOD IMPRESSION

November 2 1 session Tuesday

Program #10PR86

What a beautiful time in the woods – leaves of all varieties are changing colors. Come to the park for a breath taking walk in the woods, followed by a leaf printing activity. Feel free to bring your own light color t-shirt. We will provide paint and supplies for leaf printing. Age: 5 and up.

TIME: 2-3pm FEE: \$7



HOMESCHOOL NATURE DAY

November 4 1 session Thursday

Program #10PR87

Calling all homeschoolers! Spend the day enjoying the great outdoors, while learning all about the different wildlife found at the park. We'll enjoy hikes, games, and different nature themed craft activities. Please bring a bagged lunch and water bottle. Dress for the weather.

Age: 7-12.

TIME: 10am-2pm FEE: \$15



OWL PROWL

November 12 1 session Friday

Program #10PR88

Get eye to eye with a live owl before heading out into the woods as we try our luck in calling in some of the park's wilder residents! No flashlights please! Age: 10 and up.

TIME: 6:30-8pm FEE: \$5

NATURE'S RECYCLERS

November 15 1 session Monday

Program #10PR89

Scavengers are a crucial member of the animal kingdom. We'll be learning all about vultures, crows, raccoons, fox and other mammals that don't mind feasting on outdated meats. Age: 10-adult.

TIME: 1:30-3pm FEE: \$5



A LOG'S LIFE

November 17 1 session Wednesday

Program #10PR90

Inside a log there is a world of excitement waiting! Venture outside today as we wander through the forest and talk about the importance of leaf litter. We'll definitely look at some rotting logs for spiders, centipedes, millipedes, and various fungi. Age: families.

TIME: 11am-12pm FEE: \$5

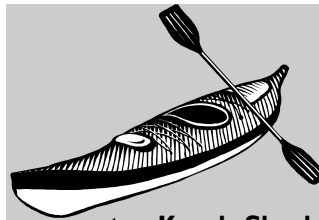
INLET TRAIL TREK

November 22 1 session Monday

Program #10PR91

Get prepared for your upcoming holiday feasting by venturing on an afternoon hike along our 3-mile Inlet Trail. We'll stop to take a closer look at some of the plants and animals along the way. We'll end at the Nature Center with some hot apple cider. Age: 10 and up (under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult).

TIME: 11am-1pm FEE: \$6



**KAYAKING
AT PINEY RUN**

All kayaking paddlers meet at the Piney Run Nature Center Kayak Shack located at the lake's edge below the Nature Center - just follow the signs for the Yak Shack. Paddling equipment is provided; must be able to swim.

WILDLIFE EXPLORATION PADDLE

September 26 1 session Sunday

Program #10PR92

Explore Piney Run Lake and learn about the wildlife that lives in and around it. We'll search for signs of beaver, turtles, and dragonflies. Previous kayaking experience is recommended. Must be able to swim. Wear clothes that can get wet, bring a water bottle & towel. Paddling equipment provided. Age: Adults

TIME: 2-4pm FEE: \$10

TWILIGHT KAYAK

October 23 1 session Saturday

Program #10PR93

Enjoy the evening with a relaxing paddle around the lake. We're sure to see a variety of wildlife, including owls, bats, and beaver. Please bring a flashlight; we'll be out till dark. Previous kayaking experience is recommended. Must be able to swim. Wear clothes that can get wet, bring a water bottle & towel. Ages: 14 and up.

TIME: 4-6pm FEE: \$10

FALL COLORS FAMILY PADDLE

October 31 1 session Sunday

Program #10PR94

Enjoy the fall kaleidoscope of color as we explore Piney Run Lake. We'll learn about identifying trees and leaves, by shape, texture, and of course, by color. We'll also learn about the wildlife found in and around the lake. Previous kayaking experience is recommended. Must be able to swim. Wear clothes that can get wet, bring a water bottle & towel. Paddling equipment provided. Age: 8 and up

TIME: 1-3pm FEE: \$10

****SPECIAL EVENT****

PINEY RUN APPLE FESTIVAL

Saturday,

September 25

10am-4pm

Help support the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council! Head 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!

FREE PROGRAMS:

Park entrance fees apply April through October

PINEY RUN PLAY GROUP

Tuesdays, 10am-2pm
 Parents with preschool aged children are invited to meet at the large playground for informal socializing and play. The Park does not provide supervision of children. Park entrance fees apply April through October. Rain Day: Wednesdays. Age: Family

FALL PERENNIAL SWAP

Saturday, October 9 2-4pm
 Join local plant lovers and novice gardeners for out fall plant exchanges. Meet behind the Nature Center to share the bounty of our perennial and herb beds, shrubs, trees, and seeds. Water garden plants welcomed too! Please label your contributions and bring along any information to share about them. If you don't have anything to share, please come, as there are usually plenty of extra plants needing homes. Age: Adult. Park entrance fees apply.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please contact Piney Run Nature Center for more information and to register at 410-795-6043. Pre-registration is highly recommended (and much appreciated!)

JUNIOR NATURALISTS

Saturday, 9/11/10, 2-4pm: Monarch Butterfly Tagging & Training
 Saturday, 9/18/10, 2-4pm: Monarch Butterfly Tagging & Training
 Saturday, 10/3/10, 1-3pm
 Monday, 11/8/10, 1-3pm
 Junior Naturalists help with various projects throughout the park ranging from trail cleanup, invasive plant removal, gardening, bluebird monitoring, to feeding and cleaning the Nature Center animals. Age: 12-18.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY TAGGING TRAINING

Saturday, September 11, 1-4pm
 Saturday, September 18, 1-4pm
 PRNC is continuing to improve habitats for Monarch butterflies as they migrate along the coasts to their overwintering roosts in the mountains of Mexico. Volunteers are needed to assist the Naturalists with this conservation project. Attendees will learn all about Monarch Watch, safely catch, tag, and release butterflies, and record crucial data. Wear long pants, bring water and a camera. Age 12-adult.

APPLE FESTIVAL

Dumplin' Making: Thursday, September 23:
 10am-1pm, 1-3pm, 3-6pm, 6-9pm. Age 14-adult.
Apple Pie Making: Friday, September 24:
 10am-1pm, 1-4pm. Age 14-adult.
Apple Pie Baking: Friday, September 24:
 pick up throughout the day.
Festival: Saturday, September 25:
 9:30am-4:30pm. Age 12 and up (age 12-14 accompanied by an adult).



**PAVILION RENTALS at
Piney Run Park**

Piney Run Park pavilions are a great place to hold events.

Pavilion Rentals are available 7 days a week, from April 1-October 31 by reservation and permit only; call 410-795-5165 - -

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