

BEAR BRANCH NATURE CENTER

Hashawha and Bear Branch Nature Center are located just north of Westminster, off Rt. 97 at 300 John Owings Road. The Nature Center is open year round with **NEW** hours: Wednesday-Saturday 11am-5pm, and Sunday 12pm-5pm. The Nature Center staff can be contacted by phone at 410-386-3580 or email bbnc@carr.org. *All Nature Center programs require pre-registration, unless otherwise noted. Groups MUST schedule programs directly with Nature Center.*

Hashawha's trails are open to the public from dawn until dusk 365 days a year. Parking is only available at Lake Hashawha or Bear Branch Nature Center. There is no entrance fee for 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 more information about group rentals of the facility, contact the Hashawha staff at Hashawha@carr.org or 410-386-3560.*

In case of inclement weather... should inclement weather be in the forecast, please call the Nature Center before coming to your program to check and see if it has been cancelled or postponed. Note that if Carroll County Government is closed, the Nature Center is also closed.

***** All programs meet at the Bear Branch Nature Center unless otherwise indicated.*****

EYE SPY

June 4 1 session Friday

Program #10BB51

Why do some animals' eyes glow at night and others don't? Do different animals have different colors of eye shine? Join us as we set out on an evening hike as we try to spot some colorful, shiny eyes and figure out who they belong to! Bring a flashlight and wear appropriate, sturdy footwear. Age: families.

TIME: 8-9pm FEE: \$5



MEET THE BEEKEEPER

June 5 1 session Saturday

Program #10BB52

Learn all about this amazing insect. Are there boy bees? What do beekeepers do? Do bees really dance? How is honey made? Learn answers to these questions and more, and meet a real beekeeper! Age: all.

TIME: 10am-12pm FEE: \$5

SUMMER SCAVENGER HUNT

June 5 1 session Saturday

Program #10BB32

Summer is almost here! If you look around, there are clues of its arrival everywhere! Join us to see how many signs of summer we can find around the park. Prizes will be awarded to all participants! Age: all.

TIME: 11am-12:30pm FEE: \$5

BEAR CUBS CLUB

June 10 OR July 15 OR Aug 12

1 session 2nd Thursday of month

Program #10BB33 6/10

Program #10BB34 7/15

Program #10BB35 8/12



Join us for one or all of this series of programs just for the little ones!! Your youngster will learn about the natural world through hikes, games and other hands-on activities, so get your aspiring naturalist started early with our Bear Cubs Club! Age: 4-6 years.

TIME: 10:30-11:30am

FEE: \$5

LAKE LIFE

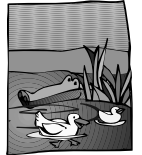
June 12 1 session Saturday

Program #10BB36

All sorts of animals call Lake Hashawha their home. We'll take a walk around the lake to see who we can spot, then use dip nets to see what we can find living below the water's surface! We'll be getting muddy, so wear old clothes and shoes! Age: families.

TIME: 2-3:30pm

FEE: \$5



PLANETARIUM SHOWS

June 18 OR July 17 OR August 20

1 session Friday OR Saturday



Program #10BB37 6/18

Program #10BB38 7/17

Program #10BB39 8/20

Join the Westminster Astronomical Society under the star dome to learn the stars and constellations of the night sky. Following each planetarium show, the Westminster Astronomical Society invites you outside for a Star Party to observe the nighttime sights. Bring your own telescope or look through one of theirs! Age: 8-adult.

TIME: 7:30pm

FEE: \$5

Scout groups (or other organized groups) should call the Nature Center to schedule their own planetarium show.

SUMMER SOLSTICE CAMPFIRE

June 19 1 session Saturday

Program #10BB40

Come celebrate the start of summer with a campfire! We'll learn about the ancient practice of celebrating the summer solstice while enjoying marshmallows and s'mores by the fire! Bring lawn chairs or a blanket. Age: families.

TIME: 8-9pm

FEE: \$5

OSPREY BANDING TRIP ON THE PATUXENT RIVER

June 22 1 session Tuesday

Program #10BB41

Join us as we head to Jug Bay on the Patuxent River to spend the day learning all about the "fish hawk" with Naturalist, Greg Kearns. For over 20 years, Greg has banded osprey

chicks each spring in the Chesapeake region. During this incredible trip, you will have the chance to get up close with the birds, as well as help collect and record important banding data. Bring water, hat/sunglasses, sunscreen and a camera. Fee includes transportation, admission, boat tour and riverside picnic lunch. Age: 14-adult. **Registration deadline: June 15.**
TIME: 9am-approx. 6pm **FEE:** \$25

LITTLE EXPLORERS WEEK

June 23-June 25 3 sessions Wednesday-Friday
Program #10BB42

Is your little one is ready to get out this summer and explore the natural world? Join us as we learn about a new habitat each day and the animals that live there through lessons, games, activities and crafts! Age: 4-5; children must be able to attend on their own-parent/adult do not need to stay.

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



GREAT AMERICAN BACKYARD CAMPOUT

June 26-June 27 1 session Saturday-Sunday
Program #10BB43

Join the National Wildlife Federation, Bear Branch and Piney Run Nature Centers for the Great American Backyard Camp-Out! This program provides an opportunity for everyone to relive - or to experience for the first time - how much fun it is to spend a night sleeping under the stars and enjoying the sounds of nature. Set up camp and gather round the campfire to roast hotdogs and make s'mores! Spend the night in a tent and enjoy a continental breakfast before breaking camp. Families are asked to bring their own tents and sleeping bags. Note: Bear Branch has a limited number of tents that can be borrowed, please contact BBNC directly if you need one. Age: families.

TIME: 6pm Saturday-8am Sunday
FEE: \$40/family



SNAKES ALIVE!

July 10 1 session Saturday
Program #10BB44

Learn all about these scaly creatures as we separate snake fact from fiction. Can they climb trees? Why do they stick their tongues out? Learn the answers to these questions and more as we talk about these cool reptiles. Age: 6 and up.

TIME: 11am-12:30pm **FEE:** \$5

RAPTOR RENDEZVOUS

July 17 1 session Saturday
Program #10BB45

If you've ever wanted to get up close and personal with some of Hashawha's resident raptors, now is your

chance! Come and meet a few of our birds of prey and learn about what makes these magnificent birds so special. Age: families

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

TOAD ABODES

July 24 1 session Saturday
Program #10BB46



If you love toads, this is the program for you! First we'll talk about these hopping amphibians and then make a toad home that you can decorate and take home! Age: 6 and up.

TIME: 2-3pm **FEE:** \$7

MARTIN CABIN HISTORY HIKE

July 31 1 session Saturday
Program #10BB47

No TVs - no cell phones! Take a trip back into time and see what life was like in the 1800's as we hike to the Martin Family Cabin. See inside of the log cabin as we learn what life was like on this land before Hashawha! Age: families.

TIME: 11am-12:30pm **FEE:** \$5



BUSY BEAVERS

August 6 1 session Friday
Program #10BB48

Are beavers really busy? We'll find out during this nocturnal program as we learn about beavers, and then take a hike to the wetland in search of Hashawha's resident beavers. Wear shoes that can get wet or dirty, and bring a flashlight. Age: families.

TIME: 7-8:30pm **FEE:** \$5

STREAM SEARCH

August 14 1 session Saturday
Program #10BB49

Cool off in the stream as we walk through in search of wildlife in and around the water. Be prepared to get wet in this tromp through water. Wear clothes that can get wet and closed toe, hard soled shoes. Age: 9 and up.

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

CATERPILLAR QUEST

August 21 1 session Saturday
Program #10BB50



Help the Nature Center prepare for the upcoming Monarch Madness Festival by going on a monarch caterpillar hunt! First we'll learn all about this amazing insect, and then we'll head outside to search for caterpillars to display in our Monarch Life Cycle exhibit! Age: all.

TIME: 11am-12:30pm **FEE:** \$5

SAVE THE DATE!
The Monarch Madness Festival is coming to the Bear Branch Nature Center on Sunday, September 19th from 12pm-4pm. More details to come in our FALL Program Guide.

**BEAR BRANCH NATURE CENTER
 SUMMER CAMP**

Registration is underway for 2010 Summer Camps! There are 5 different sessions of camp to choose from for ages 6-18. Please call BBNC at 410-386-3580 or go online for more information: ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark/hashawha/10bb-camp.pdf

**VOLUNTEER
 OPPORTUNITIES**

Numerous volunteer opportunities exist at the Nature Center. For more information about these and other upcoming volunteer opportunities call Bear Branch at 410-386-3580 or email bearbranch@ccg.carr.org.

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS- Saturdays: June 5, July 10; August 7; 2:30-4:30pm.
 Age: 4th-12th grade. Students assist with ongoing conservation projects in the park.

TRAIL BLAZIN'- Sundays: June 27, July 18, August 15; 1-3pm.
 Age: 14-adult. Help out with Hashawha's trails.

GARDENING DAYS- Saturdays, June 26; July 24; August 28 9am-12pm
 All ages welcome (under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). Help maintain the Nature Center's gardens, no experience required!

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING
 June 5 Sunday
 Assisting with Bear Branch's summer camps are a great way for students to earn their service learning hours! Teens interested in volunteering at one or more of our summer camps are required to attend this training. Please call the Nature Center for more information, or stop in and pick up a volunteer camp counselor application. Age: 14 and up.
 Time: 1-3pm.

**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):

<input type="checkbox"/> Bear Branch Nature Center <i>Check payable and mailed to: Friends of Hashawha/Bear Branch 300 John Owings Road Westminster, MD 21158</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Piney Run Nature Cntr <i>Check payable and mailed to: Piney Run Recreation & Conservation Council 30 Martz Road Sykesville, MD 21784</i>
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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 _____