



PINEY RUN PARK & NATURE CENTER



Pre-registration is needed so that we can be fully prepared for you to enjoy our programs.

Youth **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED** by a **PAYING ADULT** for any of our "All Ages" programs AND those listed as "age # - ADULT"

410-795-6043

30 Martz Road, Sykesville

(OFF-season)

December 1 thru February 28

PARK "off-season" hours: Park gates are open Monday-Friday 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.

(OPEN-season)

March 1 thru November 30

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 for \$5/vehicle for Carroll County residents, \$10/vehicle for all others; and season Vehicle Passes are available from the Park Office and Gatehouse for \$50/vehicle for Carroll County residents, \$75/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. All fees are subject to change without notice.

NATURE CENTER "open-season" hours: Open Wednesday-Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 12-5pm; closed Monday, Tuesday 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 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 12 to apply).

BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

#18PR64 **Monday, December 3, 10-11am**

With a festival of lights right in full swing, why not explore the lights of winter – or the lack thereof. Learn what shorter days mean for our critters, trees and the ecosystem around us. Finally, to warm things up, we will make and decorate our own lantern so we can be blinded by the light!

3-6 years (w/ an adult) / 1 session / \$5 child

NATURE & ME

11-11:45am

#18PR65 **Tuesdays 12/4, 1/8 & 2/5**

#18PR66 **Fridays 12/7, 1/11 & 2/8**

Children, 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.

4-6 years (w/ an adult) / 3 sessions / \$18 child

WINTER ART

#18PR67 **Wednesday, December 5, 4-5pm**

Inspired by Richard Shilling, using natural materials found in our woodlands, we will try to create one of a kind art work. We encourage parents to bring their phones/camera's. For this artwork will not last long! Upon completion, we will return to the nature center for a nature-inspired snack!

5-Adult / 1 session / \$5 person

MORNING BIRD WALK RAIN OR SHINE

Thursday, 8:30-11am

#18PR68 **December 20**

#18PR69 **January 17**

#18PR70 **February 21**

Join Dave Harvey of the Carroll County Bird Club for a morning bird walk. Search for many different types of songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, and woodpeckers that inhabit the Park; beginning birders welcome. Binoculars, field guides and water bottle are recommended to bring along.

4-Adult / 1 session / \$5 person

BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

#18PR71 **Friday, December 21, 10-11am**

Gone are the beautiful colors of autumn, to be replaced by the stillness of winter. Let's meet at the nature center and enjoy winter stories by the wood stove. Stories will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite story! Hot chocolate and light snacks will be provided.

3-6 years (w/ an adult) / 1 session / \$5 child

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

#18PR72 **Wednesday, January 2, 10-11am**

Let's face it – exercise is hard, and we can always find excuses not to! Why not start the year off right – don't forget your winter coats, warm boots and bundle up and enjoy a relaxing walk in the woods. While making our own tracks, maybe we will stumble upon tracks and traces of our outdoor friends. Binoculars will be provided to enjoy nature at its best.

Adult / 1 session / \$5 person

FIRST STEP!

#18PR73 **Friday, January 4, 10-11am**

You are never too young to be a better steward of the environment – join us as we review our 3 r's – reduce, reuse and recycle. Our critters, trees and environment will thank us! We will create a one of a kind craft made from recycle materials to take home.

3-5 years (w/ an adult) / 1 session / \$5 child

WHERE HAVE ALL THE CRITTERS GONE?

#18PR74 **Monday, January 14, 10-11am**

Along with the temperatures dropping, we seem to see less of our scaly friends! Find out how some of our furry and scaly critters adapt to the long cold winter months. Following a short discussion, we will hike outside to look for hibernation spots, and finish with a craft to take home.

3-5 years (w/ an adult) / 1 session / \$5 child

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

#18PR75 **Friday, January 25, 4:30-5:30pm**

#18PR76 **Thursday, February 21, 4-5pm**

Gather your phone, camera and tools needed during the feather, scaly, slimy photo shoot. We will provide the critters, with a few stories about them, while you provide your photography skills.

7-13 years / 1 session / \$5 child

GROUNDHOG DAY CELEBRATION

#18PR77 **Friday, February 1, 1-2pm**

Will old Mr. Groundhog see his shadow or will spring come early this year? Let's explore the history, traditions and myths surrounding the most celebrated groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil. Following we will celebrate our own groundhog day with a craft to take home and enjoy.

3-7 years (w/ an adult) / 1 session / \$5 child

NO EARLY BIRD or SENIOR DISCOUNTS for Piney Run Nature Center programs.

All programs meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted in description AND include park entrance fee for PRE-REGISTERED participants only.



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KNOCK, KNOCK...

#18PR78 Wednesday, February 6, 4-5pm

Ever hear a strange knocking outside, only to walk out and find no one! Well someone or something was there – our friend the woodpecker. Join us as we make a woodpecker feeder. Using logs, drills and bird seed, we will create wonderful backyard woodpecker feeders.

6-10 years / 1 session / \$5 child

FOR THE LOVE OF BIRDS...

#18PR79 Thursday, February 14, 10-11am

From cardinals, to blue jays, mourning doves, and woodpeckers, a bird needs to eat! Join us while we make suet cakes, bird feeders and more to show the birds how much we appreciate their beauty and songs.

3-5 years (w/ an adult) / 1 session / \$6 child

PINEY RUN BULLETIN BOARD

410-795-6043 / pineyrunpark@carrollcountymd.gov

Contact us about these or other upcoming opportunities or events.

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.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Looking for a wild time on your birthday? Nature Center birthdays include the use of the Yurt for 3 hours 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 advanced notice.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL CLASSES & FIELD TRIPS

Call to schedule a program - public, private or home school. 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER HOLIDAY CRAFT DAYS

Adult's Holiday Workshops (Ages 16-Adult)

Saturday, December 8, 10am-12pm or 1-3pm

Come out for a day of holiday workshops, demonstrations and a potluck lunch. Music and the aroma of hot cider and baking bread are sure to put you in the holiday spirit.

Children's Holiday Workshop (Ages 5-15)

Saturday, December 15, 10am-12pm

Join in on a fun-filled morning of creative take home holiday crafts as well as tasty treats to enjoy throughout the morning.

PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER ANNUAL CABIN FEVER ART SHOW

Saturday, February 16, 11am-4pm

This indoor fine art and craft exhibit will showcase the Nature inspired work of our local artists. A \$1 admission fee per person will be collected at the entrance of the Nature Center. Proceeds from our art show are used to help support the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council. Vendors will be on hand and local artists will be displaying their artwork throughout the Nature Center and the Yurt. Light refreshments will be served.



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, plus an opportunity to serve on your affiliate Council. 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
Individual	\$12
Senior Citizen (62+)	\$6
Full Time Student	\$8
Lifetime	\$250

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

NEW- Register online at ccreepark.org OR use the form below to mail in with a check.

Enclosed is my check for *\$_____, for _____

(type of membership requesting)

***Contributions in excess of your membership fee are tax deductible, under Park Legacy Fund.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____