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**“CREATURE FEATURE” TO “ICE CREAM CAMP” – HAVE FUN AT NATURE
CENTERS DURING MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS’ SPRING BREAK**

SILVER SPRING, MD – Montgomery County Parks’ four nature centers are offering a wide variety of programs to young people this spring, many during the Montgomery County Public Schools spring break and holidays beginning Monday, April 10 through Monday, April 17. Classes include a Forest Hike, Poison Ivy in Fact and Fiction, Mammal Mania and more. Four M-NCPPC Nature Centers in Montgomery County offer unique classes throughout the year.

Four Ways To Sign Up For Nature Center Courses

1. **On the Web** - Visit www.parkpass.org to open an account and make reservations.
2. **By phone** – Call 301/962-1477 only if a ParkPASS account has been opened.
3. **By mail** – Complete the form in www.parkpass.org only if an account has been opened.
4. **In person** - Fill out the “Walk In” form available on www.parkpass.org and visit a Montgomery County Nature Center. Nature Center staff will help you set up a ParkPASS account.

Black Hill Visitor Center

Black Hill Regional Park
20926 Lake Ridge Drive
Boys, Maryland 20841
301/916-0220

www.blackhillnature.org

Wednesday, April 12

“Children’s Spin Fishing for Trout” Clinic

2 p.m. to 6 p.m., ages 6 to 16 accompanied by an adult

Held at South Germantown Recreational Park, Central Park Pond in front of the SoccerPlex
10831 Central Park Circle

Boys, Maryland

Advance reservations required through www.parkpass.org or call 301/962-1477 for instruction.

Friday, April 14 and Monday, April 17

School’s Out Pontoon Boat Cruise at Black Hill Regional Park

10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Fee: \$4 each.

Brookside Nature Center

Wheaton Regional Park
1400 Glenallan Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902
301/946-9071

www.brooksidenature.org

Monday, April 10

“Egg” stravaganza

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ages 8 to adult
Fee: \$7 per person, reservations required

Spring Forest Critters

3 p.m. to 4 p.m., all ages
Fee: \$4 per child, reservations required

Wednesday, April 12

Creature Feature

10 a.m. to 11 a.m., all ages
Fee: \$4 per child, reservations required

Puppet Show “Colored Eggs”

1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., ages 1 to 13
Fee: \$2 per child, reservations required

Forest Night Hike

7:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., all ages
Fee: \$6 per child, reservations required

Thursday, April 13

Puppet Show “Colored Eggs”

10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., ages 1 to 13
Fee: \$2 per child, reservations required

Cool Chemistry

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., ages 7 to 12
Fee: \$10 per child, reservations required

Friday, April 14

Spring Break “Mini Ice Cream Camp”

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., ages 9 to 12
Fee: \$40 per child (includes transportation, ice cream, admission), reservations required.

Amazing Amphibians

11 a.m. to noon, all ages
Fee: \$4 per child, reservations required

Saturday, April 15

Woodworking Woodpeckers

2 p.m. to 3 p.m., all ages
Fee: \$4 per child, reservations required

Peepers of the Night

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., all ages
Free

Monday, April 17

Lunch, Pioneer Style!

10:30 a.m. to noon, ages 7 to adult
Fee: \$8 per child, reservations required

Locust Grove Nature Center

Cabin John Regional Park
7777 Democracy Boulevard
Bethesda, MD 20817
301/299-1990
<http://www.locustgrovenature.org>

Tuesday, April 11

Beastly Buddies

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., ages 3 to 12
Bring a pet toy or blanket to exchange for a special prize.
Fee: \$3 per child

Wednesday, April 12

“Best Bug Parade”

10 a.m. to 11 a.m., ages 3 to 6
Fee: \$6

Thursday, April 13

Poison Ivy in Fact and Fiction

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., ages 8 and up (strictly enforced)
Fee: \$4

Friday, April 14

Life in a Native American Longhouse

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., ages 6 - 12 (strictly enforced)
Fee: \$7

Meadowside Nature Center

Rock Creek Regional Park
5100 Meadowside Lane

Rockville, MD 20855
301/924-4141
www.meadowsidenature.org

Tuesday, April 11

Spring Time on the Farm

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5 per child, no reservations required

Note: This is a special event and the only Meadowside event at:

Agricultural History Farm Park

18410 Muncaster Road

Derwood, MD 20855

Wednesday, April 12

Mammal Mania!

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5 per child, no reservations required

Thursday, April 13

Bugs Rule!

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5, no reservations required

Friday, April 14

Meadowside's Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

10 a.m., ages 2 to 3 years

11 a.m., ages 4 to 5 years

noon, ages 6 to 7 years

1 p.m., ages 8 and up

Fee: \$5 per child, reservations required.

Monday, April 17

Family Fun with Nature Day!

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\$5, no reservations required

Programs are presented at Montgomery County's four nature centers year round. Each offers unique classes throughout the year and the descriptions are online at www.parkpass.org or log in to the website of the Nature Center most convenient for you.

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