

# Calendar of Events



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## March 2017

### Wednesday, March 1

#### *History Tots-Winter*

**(1-3 yrs.)** Bring your toddler to Ellanor C.

Lawrence Park to explore history through sight, sound, smell and touch with indoor and outdoor activities. Topics vary with the seasons. The topic in March is planting. Programs run from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and from 11 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult who can participate in the program. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

#### *Penguins and Polar Bears*

**(2-5 yrs.)** Why do penguins and polar bears never meet? How does a penguin keep its eggs warm? Through activities at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 10 to 10:45 a.m., learn more about these creatures of the ice and their chilly environment. The cost is \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

### Friday, March 3

#### *Garden Talks with Master Gardeners: Kitchen Garden*

**(16-Adult)** Learn how to plan, plant and grow your food in an environmentally friendly way at Green Spring Gardens. Master gardeners show you how to get the most out of your spring kitchen garden and enjoy home-grown vegetables before the heat of the summer. The cost of this program from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. is \$10 per person. For more, call 703-642-5173.

### Saturdays, March 4 & 18

#### *Family Woodcock Walk*

**(8-Adult)** Come for an evening walk through the woods at Huntley Meadows to one of the park's largest meadows. Listen for the call of the male woodcock and hopefully see his amazing courtship display and flight. Bring a flashlight. The approximately 1.5-mile walk is on uneven terrain. This program will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on March 4 and from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. on March 18. The programs will be canceled if it rains. The cost is \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more, call 703-768-2525.

### Saturday, March 4

#### *Salamander Excursion*

**(8-Adult)** Meet at Elizabeth Furnace in Front Royal, Virginia, and witness the first signs of spring by observing the Jefferson salamander, spotted salamanders and red spotted newts breeding in vernal pools. Visit a real fossil wall and climb wood stock tower. Bring flashlights and your dinner to cook on a grill. Dress for the weather. The five-hour event begins at 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 for a family or \$20 for an individual. Please be sure to register for the listing with the appropriate fee for you. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

#### *Watercolor Workshop: Painting Orchids*

**(Adults)** Orchids just scream to be painted in watercolors, and botanical artist Dawn Flores shows you the way at Green Spring Gardens. Lessons focus on color, orchid anatomy, techniques and transfer practices so you can successfully compose and paint your own watercolor orchids regardless of your skill level. Bring your own specimens or work from photographs. The supply list will be provided before class. Bring a lunch. The workshop is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$88 per person. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

#### *Cocoa and Craft in the Park*

**(2-12 yrs.)** Stay and play for 20 minutes or more as you sip cocoa and create up to three crafts at Hidden Oaks Nature Center between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. There are new craft kits each month. The cost is \$6 per child. Children younger than 10 must be accompanied and assisted by an adult. For more information about the program, call 703-941-1065.

#### *Winter Tree ID*

**(12-Adult)** Do you know your sweet gum from your hickory? Come learn winter tree identification basics at Huntley Meadows Park and go for a hike to practice new skills. The program from noon to 2 p.m. costs \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-768-2525.



## Say Hello to Spring

### Friday, March 17

#### *Garden Talks with Master Gardeners: Spring Garden Kickoff*

**(Adults)** Shake the winter blahs and exercise those gardening muscles with some spring garden maintenance. At Green Spring Gardens, learn tips for your lawn and garden from Master Gardeners, including best practices for selecting plants and starting seedlings. The cost for this program from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. is \$10 per person. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

### Tuesday, March 21

#### *Spring Warblers*

**(8-Adult)** Walk with a naturalist from 8 to 10 a.m. in search of early spring migrating warblers at Burke Lake Park. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. Meet at the marina. The cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-323-6600.

### Saturday, March 25

#### *Spring Awakening Sketch Walk*

**(12-Adult)** Celebrate spring by learning to spot early bright signs of seasonal change and learning how to draw outdoors. At Huntley Meadows Park, read sections of "The Forest Unseen" by David George Haskell and take a 1.5-mile walk to the wetland. The program from 10 a.m. to noon costs \$8 per person. Drawing materials are included in the cost, courtesy of the RunningBrooke Fund. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

### Sunday, March 26

#### *Animal Egg Mobile Workshop*

**(3-12 yrs.)** Come to Hidden Pond Nature Center from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and create a spring mobile of your favorite pond animals from plastic eggs. All materials are provided. The cost is \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

### Wednesday, March 29

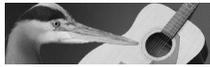
#### *Bluebells and Bloodroots*

**(Adults)** Meet at the visitor center at Riverbend Park and learn to identify Riverbend's beautiful spring ephemerals. Discover their folklore as we walk along the banks of the Potomac River from 1 to 3 p.m. This event will be canceled if it rains. The cost is \$8 per person. Call 703-759-9018.

Register for programs at:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes).

Some programs may fill or be canceled after the Calendar is printed.

**Saturday, March 4*****Garden Design: Landscape Rejuvenation***

**(Adults)** You know it and the neighbors know it, too. Your home landscape has gotten overgrown and needs an upgrade. At Green Spring Gardens, horticulturalist Karen Rexrode will lead you through the fundamental principles of garden design to help you visualize and then realize a beautiful, well-planned landscape. The one-hour program begins at 10 a.m. The cost is \$16 per person. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

**Sunday, March 5*****Winter Lecture: Authentic Garden Style***

**(Adults)** Since America is a comparatively young nation, it hasn't had much time to develop an authentic, indigenous garden style. American gardeners have turned to other national traditions for inspiration, and this piecemeal, stylistic borrowing has led to gardens that bear no relationship to local landscapes and history. At Green Spring Gardens, Claire Sawyers will show you how to create gardens that are both deeply rooted in their surroundings and deeply satisfying to us, their creators. The one-hour program begins at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person for advance registration or \$12 at the door. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

***Maple Syrup Boil-Down***

**(3-Adult)** The sap is rising at Colvin Run Mill and the maple trees are tapped. Now it's sugaring time! Bundle up, brave the weather, watch and learn as sap is boiled down into sweet syrup over an open fire from noon to 2 p.m. Sample the delicious combination of maple syrup over fresh baked cornbread while the supply lasts. This is an outdoor program, so please dress appropriately. The cost is \$5 per person. No reservations are required. Call 703-759-2771.

***The Invention of Shopping***

**(Adults)** At Historic Green Spring, explore the changing face of shopping through the ages, from market stalls and fairs to arcades and department stores. Learn about the innovations that helped us shop for necessities, status, and therapy as we discuss the fascinating history of counter culture from 1 to 3 p.m. The program includes a traditional English tea, and the cost is \$32 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, call 703-941-7987.

***Jane Austen Tea***

**(8-Adult)** A little bit of Jane, a spot of tea and a bit of food all make for a fun and relaxing afternoon at Sully Historic Site. What is your favorite novel and how would you describe it to a friend? Come share with others from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$28 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more, call 703-437-1794.

**Sunday, March 5*****Speak for the Trees***

**(2-12 yrs.)** Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a reading of "The Lorax." Make a Lorax craft and learn how trees help people. The program from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park costs \$8 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

***Flying Squirrels: Gliding in Tonight***

**(4-Adult)** Join a naturalist calling in these amazing gliders of the night and look for flying squirrels at roosting boxes near the nature center at Hidden Oaks. Learn how you can encourage flying squirrels to visit your yard. The program from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. costs \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

**Mondays, March 6, 13, 20*****Little Acorns-Winter***

**(2-3 yrs.)** Preschoolers and their accompanying adult begin sharing nature's wonders in this interactive class at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. Experiences include finger play, stories, activities and, weather permitting, an outdoor exploration. Dress for the weather. Quiet younger siblings are welcome. Sessions run from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Topics vary: 3/6 Twinkle Little Star; 3/13 Green is Great; 3/20 Tales of Tails. The cost for each session is \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, about the program, call 703-941-1065.

**Mondays, March 6 & 20*****Little Hands on the Farm: Winter***

**(2-5 yrs.)** Join us for fun in the visitor center classroom at Frying Pan Park this season and learn about animals, farm chores, and how farm life is different in winter. Children enjoy activities such as stories, crafts or games. The program for children age two and three runs from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. The program for children age three to five runs from 11 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$10 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-437-9101.

**Monday, March 6*****Garden Sprouts: Nature Playgroup***

**(3-6 yrs.)** Join our Nature Playgroup at Green Spring Gardens. Your preschooler enjoys nature-themed activities while you meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. A staff member is on hand to put out nature sensory bins, direct games and activities or lead a garden walk. The topic in March is green. Programs run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

**Wednesday, March 8,****Thursday, March 9,****Tuesday, March 14 &****Thursday, March 16*****Putting the Animals to Bed***

**(3-Adult)** When evening shadows spread over Kidwell Farm, it is time to put the animals to bed. Bring your flashlight or lantern for this twilight tour at Frying Pan Farm Park, and learn how our farm animals settle down for the night. Dress for the weather. This event runs from 7 to 8 p.m., and the cost is \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more, call 703-437-9101.

**Wednesday, March 8*****Nature Tots at Walney***

**(1-3 yrs.)** Bring your toddler to explore nature through sight, sound, smell and touch at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Programs include both indoor and outdoor activities, and the topic in March is signs of spring. Sessions run 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and 11 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult who can participate. For more information about the program, call 703-631-0013.

**Thursday, March 9*****Kids' Korner-Winter***

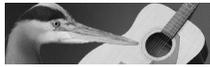
**(3-6 yrs.)** Preschool children explore nature or history once a month at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, accompanied by an adult. An outdoor activity and craft are included. Topics vary. The topic in March is apples. The program from 1 to 1:45 p.m. costs \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Friday, March 10*****Storytelling***

**(3-Adult)** Bring a snack and enjoy stories about Winter's Wrath as told by one of our expert storytellers at Riverbend Park. We'll start a campfire if the weather cooperates. Meet at the nature center. The program runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and the cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered for the session. To learn more about the program, call 703-759-9018.

***Wood Frogs!***

**(8-Adult)** Wood frogs are breeding in vernal pools. Come to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park and assist in collecting and releasing frogs and recording data for our amphibian survey. Wear waterproof boots and bring flashlights. The program from 7 to 8:30 p.m. costs \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information, call 703-631-0013.



## Friday, March 10

### *Animal Pajama Party*

**(2-6 yrs.)** Put on your pajamas and come to the nature center at Hidden Oaks to hear bedtime stories, meet animals and wish goodnight to the center's live animals. Bring your favorite stuffed animal with you! The 45-minute program begins at 7 p.m., and the cost is \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

### *Family Owl Outing*

**(6-Adult)** Discover the secret world of owls! Come to Huntley Meadows Park and learn what makes these raptors excellent predators of the night. The presentation is followed by a hike on the trail to hopefully hear or spot one of Huntley's resident owls. The program runs from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information about the program, call 703-768-2525.

## Saturday, March 11

### *Evening Woodcock Walk*

**(Adults)** Take an evening stroll through the forest to one of Huntley Meadows' largest meadows. We'll listen for the call of the male woodcock and hopefully see his amazing courtship dance and flight. Bring a flashlight. The approximately 1.5-mile walk is on uneven terrain, and the program will be canceled if it rains. The program runs from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. and the cost is \$7 per person. For more information about the walk, call 703-768-2525.

### *Japanese Teas at Cherry Blossom Time!*

**(16-Adult)** Matcha may be the current tea trend, but Japan has many other traditional teas. Come to Colvin Run Mill and taste a varied selection of this ancient beverage in the cup and as an ingredient. Take home a special Cherry Blossom Blend tea sampler. This program will be presented by certified tea specialist Chef Laurie Bell of Great Falls Tea Garden from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person, and pre-paid reservations are required by March 8. For more information, call 703-759-2771.

## Saturday, March 11 &

## Sunday, March 19

### *Women of Walney Walking Tour*

**(6-Adult)** From the Brown family in the 1740s until Ellanor C. Lawrence in the 1970s, women have defined the cultural history of Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. In this walking tour, hike around the park, learning about the women who lived on our land, and how their lives and work helped shape our land. The one-hour program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday and at 11 a.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more, call 703-631-0013.



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### Registration is underway for the 2017 Community Run. Sign up at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/take12/healthy-strides.htm>

## Saturday, March 11

### *Feeding Day!*

**(2-Adult)** Join a naturalist and youth volunteers at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park as we demonstrate how we feed our site display animals. Make a birdfeeder to take home and use. Search for worms and insects and assist in serving dinner. The program from 10 to 11 a.m. costs \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

### *Barred Owls Campfire*

**(2-Adult)** Enjoy an evening hike and campfire at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 7 to 8:30 p.m. to learn about owls. Meet our resident barred owl, and then return to a warm campfire to roast marshmallows. Meet at Cabell's Mill. The cost is \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

### *Garden Program: Great Woody Plants*

**(Adults)** Curatorial Horticulturalist Brenda Skarphol highlights beautiful flowering shrubs at Green Spring Gardens that grow well in Virginia home gardens. Get to know seasonal standouts for winter and spring. Learn the culture and care of these beauties and how to best showcase them in your garden. The program from 10 to 11:30 a.m. is held inside and outdoors. The cost is \$18 per person. For more information about this event, call 703-642-5173.

### *Astronomy Campfire*

**(4-Adult)** Enjoy a campfire at Hidden Oaks Nature Center and learn what ancient cultures saw in the stars. Make s'mores over the embers after hearing tales of the constellations. The program runs from 7 to 8 p.m., and the cost is \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

## Saturday, March 11

### *Festival of Owls*

**(4-Adult)** Meet local live owls up close and personal at Huntley Meadows Park! Learn how these raptors live, hunt, and survive. Touch real owl feathers and bones, dissect owl pellets, make an owl craft and learn how you can help protect owls. The program from noon to 2 p.m. costs \$9 per person. For an additional cost, you can purchase an owl pellet to dissect with the aid of a naturalist. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more, call 703-768-2525.

## Sunday, March 12

### *Orienteering Workshop*

**(8-Adult)** Orienteering is the sport of navigation with map and compass. It's easy to learn, but always challenging. Come to Burke Lake Park from noon to 2 p.m. and learn how to use a compass, read a topographic map and navigate orienteering courses. The cost is \$25 per person. A compass is required. Call 703-323-6600.

### *Geocaching Workshop*

**(8-Adult)** Students learn to use hand-held GPS (Global Positioning System) units to locate hidden treasure caches within Burke Lake Park from 2 to 4 p.m. After learning how to enter latitude and longitude coordinates into a GPS, students follow the coordinates to find a hidden object, container or unique geological feature. Bring your own GPS; a limited number will be available to borrow from the instructor at class. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

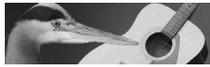
### *Winter Lecture: Glasshouses & Conservatories*

**(Adults)** Green Spring Gardens is completing much-needed renovations to its garden glasshouse thanks to generous support from the Friends of Green Spring and grant funds. Celebrate the reopening of this popular garden oasis with coffee, refreshments and a talk on the history of greenhouses and conservatories by Mount Vernon's head of horticulture, Dean Norton. Norton shares the genesis of these plant sanctuaries and introduces you to interesting characters behind their popularity. This event from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. costs \$10 per person for advance registration or \$12 at the door. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

### *Trees are Terrific Campfire*

**(2-Adult)** Enjoy s'mores around the campfire and learn how trees make Ellanor C. Lawrence a special place. Work up an appetite with a short hike with expert naturalist Jim Dewing to search for the biggest, oldest and most important trees in our forest. The program from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. costs \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more, call 703-631-0013.

Read our Blog:  
[ourstoriesandperspectives.com](http://ourstoriesandperspectives.com)



## Sunday, March 12

### *Full Moon Nature Hike & Campfire*

**(6-Adult)** Enjoy nature's tranquil beauty and winter's bright skies under the full moon at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. A naturalist guide points out signs of creatures that glide, fly and tiptoe through the woods in the dark. Enjoy a campfire after the hike with s'mores provided. The program from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. costs \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

### *Live Animal Lunchtime!*

**(2-Adult)** Bring your lunch to Huntley Meadows Park and dine with a special animal guest -- a snake, turtle, or toad. Learn about its diet, adaptations and habitat through crafts and hands-on learning for adults and children. Dessert is our treat. The program from noon to 1 p.m. costs \$7 per person. Children younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information about the lunch, call 703-768-2525.

## Wednesday, March 15

### *Toddler Time - Terrific Turtles*

**(2-3 yrs.)** Explore nature through outdoor activities and meet one of our turtles at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. The program from 10 to 10:45 a.m. costs \$7 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

## Friday, March 17

### *Storytelling*

**(3-Adult)** Bring a snack and enjoy stories about Ancient Times as told by one of our expert storytellers at Riverbend Park. We'll start a campfire if the weather cooperates. Meet at the nature center. The program runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and the cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Call 703-759-9018 for more information.

### *Lake Shore Campfire*

**(2-Adult)** Enjoy a campfire by the shore of Burke Lake from 6 to 7 p.m. Listen for all of the animals that come out at night while enjoying s'mores. The program meets at Shelter C, and the cost is \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

### **Become an IMA VOLUNTEER!**

Get involved with our Invasive Management Area (IMA) program and make a big difference! Learn more and find IMA workdays listed online: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA).

## Friday, March 17

### *Wear Green Campfire*

**(2-Adult)** Meet at Cabell's Mill wearing your brightest green this Saint Patrick's Day and help find all things wearing green in the meadow at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Return to a campfire to toast marshmallows. The program from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. costs \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more, call 703-631-0013.

### *Campfire Fridays: Winter*

**(3-Adult)** Come out for a night of campfire, s'mores, animals, and more at Hidden Pond Nature Center each month. Every program from 6:30 to 8 p.m. features a different topic and visits to different areas of the park. The cost of each program is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more, call 703-451-9588.

## Saturday, March 18

### *Afternoon Innovators*

**(7-12 yrs.)** Did you know that James Machen, the owner of what is now Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, held patents for farming technology? In this program, learn about the many ways the Machens used technology to make their lives easier. Hear from a historian and make prototypes to solve today's challenges using technology. The program from 2 to 3:30 p.m. costs \$10 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

### *Unplug at the Park*

**(2-Adult)** Leave the tech behind and connect with the great outdoors to search for birds and mammals at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Dress for the weather in comfortable walking shoes. We'll mostly be outside from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-631-0013.

### *Floral Design: A Breath of Spring*

**(16-Adult)** Chase away winter gray with a lovely spring flower arrangement to add color to your home. At Green Spring Gardens, Chuck Mason leads you through a spring flower project to take home and teaches you how to handle cut bulbs in flower arrangements. Please register for both the program and supply fee. The program runs from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$38 per person, plus a \$25 supply fee. Call 703-642-5173.

### *To Build a Fire*

**(10-Adult)** Learn the science and art of building a fire at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, and then test your skill with primitive fire bows and modern fire-making techniques. Use your new skills to toast some s'mores. The program from 5:30 to 7 p.m. costs \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more, call 703-631-0013.

## Saturday, March 18

### *Green is Great*

**(3-8 yrs.)** Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by learning about plants and animals that are green. Go on a green treasure hunt, paint with shades of green, and meet Olive, a green turtle, at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. The cost is \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information about the program call 703-941-1065.

### *Astronomy for Family Fun: Moon*

**(6-Adult)** Learn about the moon and enjoy fun activities and crafts that will help demystify the moon and "bring it down to earth." This program at Observatory Park at Turner Farm runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and costs \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information about astronomy programs, call 571-214-7891.

## Sunday, March 19

### *The Shapely Story of the Corset*

**(Adults)** Bone up on the fascinating history of the corset, an indispensable element of fashionable dress for more than 400 years. From 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Historic Green Spring, antique clothing collector Caroline Hottenstein presents the controversies surrounding the much-maligned foundation garment and showcases its construction with corsets from her collection. A traditional English tea will be served. The cost is \$45 for the program and tea; \$18 for the program only. Reservations are required. For more information, call 703-941-7987.

### *Alice in Wonderland Tea Party*

**(5-Adult)** Parents and children sip tea, enjoy butterfly-shaped sandwiches and join the crazy fun of Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter and his friends at the strangest of tea parties. During this program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 2 to 3:30 p.m., meet a live creature from the story. The cost is \$15 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information about the program, call 703-941-1065.

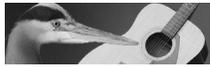
## Monday, March 20

### *Taux Trail for Homeschool*

**(6-12 yrs.)** Students spend two hours immersed in the life of Virginia Indians 400 years ago as they learn to grind corn, make a clay pot, master corn darts and participate in other activities at Huntley Meadows Park from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$12 per child. For more information about the program, call 703-768-2525.



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## Thursday, March 23

### *Junior Farmer Fun*

**(2-12 yrs.)** This family program goes behind the scenes to help the farmers at Frying Pan Farm Park. Come help with chores, such as milking the cows and collecting eggs, and play old-fashioned games from 4 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$7 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-437-9101.

## Friday, March 24

### *Winter Crafts at Sully*

**(8-12 yrs.)** Drop your child off for a fun afternoon of arts and crafts in an historic setting at Sully Historic Site. Children make crafts reminiscent of the past and enjoy hot cider from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$8 per child. For more information about the program, call 703-437-1794.

### *Amphibians After Dark*

**(8-Adult)** Assist park naturalists with a calling amphibian survey at Burke Lake Park. Learn how to identify frogs and toads by their calls as we explore pools and ponds from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information, about the survey, call 703-323-6600.

### *Hot Dog, S'mores! Wagon Ride & Campfire*

**(2-Adult)** Enjoy a turkey hot dog supper roasted over the campfire and a brisk wagon ride through the Rocky Run stream valley at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Discover who Ellanor C. Lawrence was and learn about the area's local and natural history from 5:30 to 7 p.m. We provide hot dogs, buns, condiments and s'mores. Feel free to bring your own drinks and sides. The cost is \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Meet at Cabell's Mill. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

### *Forest Friends*

**(2-6 yrs.)** Who is in the forest? Scan the trees and roll over logs to search for forest critters at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. Meet live animals and create a salamander craft from 10 to 10:45 a.m. The cost is \$7 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

### *Campfire Friday - Spring Changes*

**(3-Adult)** The seasons are changing. Join the naturalists at Riverbend Park and embark on an exploration of the park in a search for signs of spring. Finish up the evening with a campfire and s'mores. This event from 6 to 7 p.m. costs \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

## Saturday, March 25

### *Summer Campler*

**(3-Adult)** Get ready for summer camp this spring at Frying Pan Park with this free event. Try out activities featured in our brand new Adventure Camps and Farm Tech Camp. Also get a sneak peek at activities from our classic camps, such as Farm Zoology and Farm Hand Camp. After sampling this program, stop by the visitor center to sign up for our camps and secure your spot for summer. This summer camp sampler program runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 703-437-9101.

### *Garden Program: Can't Fail Containers*

**(Adults)** Washington Gardener Editor/Publisher Kathy Jentz shares tips at Green Spring Gardens on how you can grow beautiful garden containers. Learn what soil types to use, hear pros and cons of different containers, and get to know plants that perform well in our region. We show you the basics and go into the details of growing ornamental and edible containers while showing you styles and fashions in container gardening. The program runs 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

### *Workshop: Kokedama String Gardens*

**(16-Adult)** Learn the hot new trend in gardening: the Japanese art of Kokedama string gardens. Come to Green Spring Gardens as Green Spring's own horticulturalist and trend setter Nancy Olney leads you through crafting and planting these hanging moss globes that will wow your friends. Materials, plants, and care instructions included. The workshop runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m., and the cost is \$35 per person. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

### *Family Fun: Women's History Tea Party*

**(5-Adult)** Women have played an important role in the history of Green Spring Gardens -- from women settlers, to a famous landscape architect, to the women who currently design the gardens. Celebrate Women's History Month at Green Spring Gardens with a family tea party. Get a close look at the Historic House and some special gardens, which would not be here without some important Green Spring women. This tea program for children and families runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and the cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

### *Build Your Own Bee House*

**(3-Adult)** Come to Riverbend Park and have fun learning about local pollinators. You'll use some invasive plants to build homes for these native pollinators. The bees this house will attract are mason bees, pollinators and solitary bees, which rarely sting. The program from 10 to 11 a.m. costs \$8 per person. For more information about the workshop, call 703-759-9018.

## Saturday, March 25

### *Powhatan's People*

**(3-Adult)** The Virginia Indians profoundly affected our history. In this program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, discover some elements of the Algonquian culture of the Powhatans and Tauxenent such as crafting stone tools, hunting, and farming. Play a game and enjoy a campfire. The program from 2:30 to 4 p.m. costs \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

### *Evening Woodcock Walk*

**(Adults)** Take an evening stroll through the forest to one of Huntley Meadow's largest meadows. We listen for the call of the male woodcock and hopefully see his amazing courtship dance and flight. The program runs from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. and includes an approximately 1.5-mile walk on uneven terrain. The walk will be canceled if it rains. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. The cost is \$7 per person. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

### *Evening Stroll*

**(Adults)** A naturalist takes you on a relaxing stroll through Huntley Meadows Park at dusk for a tour of the woods and wetlands to watch and listen for beavers, owls and other nocturnal residents. This program from 7 to 9 p.m. costs \$8 per person. For more information about the stroll, call 703-768-2525.

### *Intro to Sundials I*

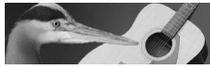
**(16-Adult)** Learn about the world's oldest clocks at Turner Farm Park. Explore the history of sundials and solar alignments from Newgrange to modern to digital sundials. Learn about Pythagoras and the beauty of triangles and proportions which led to basic trigonometry. Use simple trigonometry to draw a horizontal sundial. The class from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. includes a half-hour break. The cost is \$18 per person. For more information, call 703-324-8618.

## Sunday, March 26

### *Walney History Dog Walk*

**(3-Adult)** We have many animals at Walney Visitor Center today, but did you know the past residents of Walney kept animals? In this guided hike at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, participants and their pets walk the Historic Loop and then from Walney to Middlegate, all the while learning about the animals that lived at Ellanor C. Lawrence in the past. Participants (and their dogs) must be able to walk a half-mile. The guided program from 2 to 3 p.m. costs \$6 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.





## Sundays, beginning March 26

### Geocaching

**(6-12 yrs.)** Students learn to use hand-held GPS units to locate hidden treasure caches at Lake Fairfax Park. After learning how to enter latitude and longitude coordinates into a GPS, students follow the coordinates to find a hidden object, container or unique geological feature. We visit established caches within the park and find new class-specific caches that are made available only to registered students. This program from 4 to 5 p.m. meets for five weeks. The cost is \$69. Bring your own GPS; a limited number are available to borrow from instructor at class. For more information, call 703-471-5414.

## Mondays, beginning March 27

### Science for Homeschoolers

**(6-9 yrs.)** At Huntley Meadows Park, students explore marsh, meadow and forest to learn about change patterns, plant characteristics, animal life needs and observation. Basic reading and writing skills are required, and students must be comfortable working in a group. This series of eight classes meets from 1 to 2:55 p.m. The cost is \$121 for the series. For more information about this series, call 703-768-2525.

### Yoga for Gardeners

**(Adults)** This class at Green Spring Gardens features a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method of yoga which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. Sessions will run from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Mondays. The 11 classes in this session are held indoors, and the cost of the series is \$121 per person. For more information about the program, call 703-642-8252.

## Monday, March 27

### History for Small Fries

**(1-5 yrs.)** Bring your toddler to Sully Historic Site for a story and craft to discover how things were in the olden days. Through their senses, children can experience how different things smelled, looked or worked from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$5 per child. For more information, about this program call 703-437-1794.



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## Monday, March 27

### Little Acorns- Spring

**(2-4 yrs.)** Preschoolers and their accompanying adult share nature's wonders in this interactive class at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. Activities include finger plays, stories, and an outdoor exploration, weather permitting. The topic will be mammals. Dress for the weather. Quiet younger siblings welcomed. Sessions run from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and from 11 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$6 per child. For more, call 703-941-1065.

## Tuesday, March 28

### Family Trivia Tuesdays

**(5-Adult)** Join us at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park for family fun, pizza and friendly competition at Cabell's Mill to see who becomes the Ellanor C. Lawrence trivia champion. Topics vary each month. Register as an individual for \$7 or bring a group of four for \$22. Trivia time is 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

### Animal Feeding at the Nature Center

**(3-Adult)** It's dinner time at Hidden Pond Nature Center and worms and insects are on the menu. Help our naturalist care for and feed the nature center's animals from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person. For more, call 703-451-9588.

### Intro to Telescopes

**(16-Adult)** This class at Observatory Park at Turner Farm covers astronomy basics as well as how to set up and use your telescope. The course content depends on telescope type, so bring your telescope to class. The one-hour program begins at 7:30 p.m., and the cost is \$8. For more information, call 703-324-8618.

## Wednesdays, beginning March 29

### Science for Homeschoolers

**(9-12 yrs.)** At Huntley Meadows Park, students investigate the interrelation between earth cycles, ecosystems, and plant and animal functions and processes at the cell level. They also examine human impact on ecosystem health. Basic reading and writing skills are required, and students must be comfortable working in a group. This series of eight classes meets from 2 to 3:55 p.m. The cost is \$121 for the series. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

### Science for Homeschoolers

**(12-14 yrs.)** This course at Huntley Meadows Park involves lecture with an emphasis on hands-on field work in natural sciences. Learn about aquatic ecosystems, energy and matter in the ecosystems, how humans impact the natural world, and the interactions of living things from microbes to large mammals. Students participate in field work related to soil, biodiversity, plants, animals and wetlands. This series of eight classes meets from 4:30 to 5:55 p.m. The cost is \$108 for the series. For more, call 703-768-2525.

## Wednesday, March 29

### Pohick Puddle Jumpers

**(3-7 yrs.)** The youngest nature lovers can become part of this season's exploration of the natural world with hands-on and up-close indoor and outdoor activities at Hidden Pond Nature Center. The program runs from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 per child. Call 703-451-9588.

## Thursday, March 30

### Spring Wildflowers of Scott's Run

**(13-Adult)** Meet at Scott's Run Nature Preserve and walk the trails from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in search of Dutchman's breeches and other spring ephemerals in these rich woods. Meet in the west parking lot, and wear sturdy hiking shoes. The hike will be canceled if it rains. The cost is \$8 per person. Call 703-759-9018.

## Friday, March 31

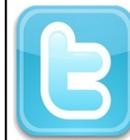
### Riverside Campfire - Night Wings

**(2-Adult)** Hoot like an owl, swoop like a bat, and flutter like a moth as we learn about the creatures that fly through our night skies at Riverbend Park. Bring a toasting stick; s'mores are provided. The one-hour program begins at 6 p.m., but come early if you'd like to bring a picnic or hot dogs to toast. The cost is \$6 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

## April-October

### 2017 Jefferson Cup Tournament Series

**(All Ages)** Ever wonder what it's like to compete in the PGA Tour FedEx Cup? Get a taste of the action in the 2017 Jefferson Cup Tournament Series. From April through October, play in multiple events and earn points toward the championship. The tournament series is open to everyone. For more, call 703-573-0444.



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