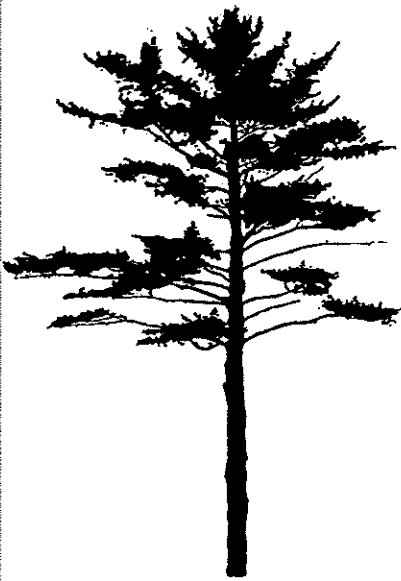


# Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center Community Programs 2010-2011



## *Friends of Nolde Forest*

The *Friends of Nolde Forest* seeks to assist the Center in resource management, programming, publicity, and funding. For more information about the *Friends of Nolde Forest* contact Bob Frey at 717-484-032 or by e-mail: [rff4848@dejazzd.com](mailto:rff4848@dejazzd.com). Your interest and participation are welcome.

Annual Dues (Calendar Year)  
\$10.00 Individual  
\$25.00 Family  
Checks payable to: PPF  
(PA Parks and Forests Foundation)

Write "Friends of Nolde Forest"  
on memo line and mail to:  
P.O. Box 928  
Adamstown, PA 19501

## **Programs**

*Please register for Nolde Forest programs by calling 610-796-3699, or email [noldeforestsp@state.pa.us](mailto:noldeforestsp@state.pa.us). All organized groups may participate in appropriate community programs. However, the Nolde Center does not accept group reservations. Individuals and families must call the center to register.*

*All programs are free and held in the Nolde Center's C. H. McConnell Hall, unless otherwise noted.*

The **Family Program** designation accompanies those programs designed for intermediate and older school age children and adults. The program format and content are structured to engage adults and children, often including active participation.

**Get Outdoors PA (GOPA)** "Pennsylvania is just brimming with outdoor activities of every size and shape. Let us connect you with your passion or satisfy your curiosity."

[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/getoutdoorspa](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/getoutdoorspa)

**iConserve PA** - Featured programs that promote the conservation of Pennsylvania's natural resources.

[www.iconservepa.org](http://www.iconservepa.org)

## ***Mansion Open House***

### ***Hosted by the Friends of Nolde Forest***

#### **First Sundays from 1-4p.m. as listed below**

Now serving as the administrative center for an extensive environmental education program, the Nolde property was once the home of a wealthy Reading manufacturer. See our story in video, tour the mansion, and enjoy a special event.

Special programs listed below are offered at 2:00p.m. No registration needed.

Sunday, September 5; Butterfly Walk

Sunday, October 3; Stream Study & make a fish print shirt- bring t-shirt

Sunday, November 7; Fall Foliage Walk

Sunday, December 5; Critter Creations natural materials craft activity

Sunday, January 2; Winter Walk

Sunday, February 6; Snowflakes

Sunday, March 6; Geocaching

Sunday, April 3; Eggstra-Special Eggs!

Sunday, May 1; Native Plants Walk and Native Plant Sale

## Project Feederwatch

The Center participates in the winter bird feeder counts sponsored through Cornell University Lab of Ornithology. Volunteers observe and identify birds at the McConnell Hall feeders during two-day periods every two weeks beginning in November. The McConnell Hall is open 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. on count days for bird observation and data collection. If you are interested in birds and assisting in this project please call the Nolde Center for more information or visit on any of the count dates. *iConserve PA* Count dates are:

Mon & Tues, January 24 & 25      Mon & Tues, February 7 & 8  
Mon & Tues, February 21 & 22      Mon & Tues, March 7 & 8  
Mon & Tues, March 21 & 22      Mon & Tues, April 4 & 5

Sun. December 12, 2:00-7:00p.m.

## Nolde Forest History and Holiday Fun

Join Nolde staff to discover the rich history of the forest and learn about the families that lived on the grounds. Enjoy holiday shopping and treats by local vendors. Watch a shadow puppet show. Don't miss it! Bring the whole family! The Nolde garden and mansion make a great backdrop for family photos, so be sure to bring your camera.

Recycled, organic, nature-themed, and local crafts for sale!

### Holiday Treats

Forester's House Open to the Public

Sounds of the season by The Antietam Stony Creek Chorale

Shadow puppet show and history tours

Sun. December 19, 9:00a.m.-Noon

## Annual Winter Bird Count

### Volunteers Needed

Nolde is seeking volunteers to assist with the annual winter bird count; now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year. The count is designed to keep track of our changing bird populations. Volunteers will walk the Nolde Forest trails in an attempt to list as many bird species and individuals as possible. Experienced and novice birders are always needed for the count. The Nolde count is in conjunction with the Reading Christmas Bird Count, part of the National Audubon Society's efforts to hold the largest wildlife survey in the world. Bring your binoculars! Trail maps, survey sheets, and hot drinks provided. Meet in C.H. McConnell Hall.

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Thurs. December 30, 1:00-2:00p.m.

## Hide and Seekers

with Accompanying Adults

This preschooler program begins with a seasonally appropriate story followed by an outdoor activity. Accompanying adults participate with their child. Registration is required and limited.

Thurs. Feb.24, Tues. Mar.22, Thurs. Apr.7; 9:30-10:30a.m.

## Senior Stroll

Seasonal indoor nature program; followed by a leisurely stroll around the paved mansion path. Meet in C.H. McConnell Hall. Organized senior groups welcome.

Sat. Feb. 19, 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

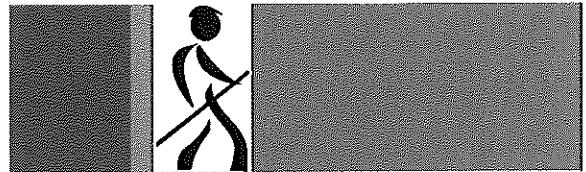
## The Great Backyard Bird Count

This project of National Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology has become a major effort in citizen science producing a valuable body of information about North American bird populations. All ages and all skills are welcome. Stay as long as you want and help Nolde staff count birds at the feeders or outside around the park. Child friendly activities. Beginner Bird Watching programs offered for adults and children at 10:00a.m and 2:00p.m. *iConserve PA*

## Books, Breakfast, and Boots

Join our staff librarian for a morning of mind exercising discussion, followed by a body-exercising walk in Nolde Forest. Books are selected by the group. Bring your own nature/environment themed recommendations to share. Bringing a breakfast item is optional. Please call to register. Program is held the first Monday of every month September through May from 9:30-11:30a.m. in the Mansion Library.

Monday, September 6      Monday, February 7  
Monday, October 4      Monday, March 7  
Monday, November 1      Monday, April 4  
Monday, December 6      Monday, May 2  
Monday, January 3



## GOPA PROGRAMS

### TIP- Teens In Parks

Seasonal environmental program for students grade 9-12 followed by a 2 mile hike through the park. Nolde staff and teen organizer Sara Weaver will provide program. Opportunity for outdoor recreation and to meet other teens interested in the outdoors and the environment. Second Saturday of the month; December through May.

Opportunities for visiting other field sites may be available. Meet in C.H. McConnell Hall 1:00-2:30p.m.

12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14

### BARKS Along The Boulevard

Hike the forest trails with your furry best friend. Nolde staff will provide seasonal points of interest along the hike. One dog per adult hiker, dogs must be on leash. Medium difficulty - 2 miles. Second Saturday of the month; January through May. Meet in Mansion parking area.

10:00-11:00a.m.

1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14

### Hike Over The Hump

After work hiking group. Explore the wonders of Nolde Forest. Nolde staff will provide seasonal points of interest. Medium difficulty - 2 miles. Wednesdays March through second week of May. Meet in Mansion parking area.

5:30-6:30p.m.

3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/11

## **Discover E**

### **Explore, Experience, Enjoy**

DiscoverE is a series of exciting outdoor programs for young people ages 4-17 provided by Pennsylvania State Parks. Activities meet developmental levels and social skills of different age groups. Participants can fulfill select PDE requirements for Home School students and objectives for a variety of Scout Badges. Call for brochures and required registration forms. Fees charged for camps.

Thurs. December 30, 1:00-2:00p.m.  
& Wed. April 27, 1:00-2:00p.m.

### **Hide and Seekers**

**Preschool children with Accompanying Adults**  
This preschooler program begins with a seasonally appropriate story followed by an outdoor activity. Accompanying adults participate with their child. Registration is required and limited. No fee.

### **Winter Explore Day Camp 2010**

For Outdoor Explorers - ages 6-8  
And Penn's Adventurers - ages 9-12

Wed. December 29, 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.  
The program introduces children to the winter forest and the creatures that live there. Activities include eco-games, hiking, crafts, a movie, and more. Pre-registration is required. The registration fee is \$15.00 per participant. An optional Stay and Play will be offered, for an additional fee of \$10.00, from 2:00-5:30 PM for parents who require extended childcare. Call for registration.

### **Summer Day Camp 2011**

For Outdoor Explorers - ages 6-8  
And Penn's Adventurers - ages 9-12  
Mon. July 18 - Fri. July 22, 1:00 - 4:00p.m.  
Activities include eco-games, hiking, crafts, and water exploration. Pre-registration is required. The registration fee is \$40.00 per participant for this week-long program.

### **Conservation Leaders: Don Hartman Conservation Leadership School - ages**

**14-17** Conservation Leaders work with environmental professionals developing a sense of stewardship for their natural heritage toward the conservation of public lands. Developing outdoor recreation skills is part of this weeklong residential program. Call for brochure, cost, and registration details.

**Early Summer 2011**

Sat. Mar. 5, 10:00-11:30a.m.

### **Orienteering**

#### **Family Program**

Individuals, groups, and families participate in an outdoor adventure by navigating a pre-determined course. No experience is necessary. The Delaware Valley Orienteering Club provides all the instruction you need. Bring your sense of adventure!

Sat. Mar. 19, 1:00-2:00p.m.

### **Pennsylvania's Native Plants and Pollinators**

Discover the beauty and variety of PA's native flowers. Learn how they provide habitat, food sources, and nests for PA's native bees and other wildlife. You can increase pollinators by choosing native plants and hanging simple nesting boxes. *iConserve PA*

Sat. Mar. 26, 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

### **Nolde Forest Pottery Spring Show**

Nolde Forest Pottery, formed in 1994 by local potters Greg Zieber and Wes Muckey, are neighbors to Nolde Forest. They create quality redware decorative and functional pieces using traditional 18<sup>th</sup> century methods. A series of limited edition 7" plates are being produced for the *Friends of Nolde Forest*. The 2011 plate will be available for order at this show and sale. The 2010 plate, #4 in series, featuring the Downy Woodpecker is available for order only until Dec. 31, 2010.

Sat. Apr. 16, Juniors: 9:00-11:30a.m. Brownies: 12:30-3:00p.m.

### **Girl Scout Day**

Activities are outdoors and correlated to scout program needs. Pre-registration is required. Troops must register through Girl Scout Council; Michele Bement 866-664-9770 ext.1603. Fees charged.

Sat. Apr. 16, 8:45a.m.-3:15p.m.

### **Innovations in Energy Conservation Tour**

The Nolde Center's Sustainable Energy Committee's annual tour focuses on homes, businesses, or public buildings utilizing creativity and technology to achieve the maximum in energy efficiency. Call for this year's schedule, cost, and registration. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. *iConserve PA*

Fri. April 29, 7:30-9:00p.m.

### **Sounds of Spring Night Hike**

#### **Family Program**

Spring is an especially busy time for many amphibians as they persistently call to advertise their presence. Use your ears and other senses to experience the enchantment of a spring night walk. Registration is required and limited. Bring a flashlight

### **Volunteer Workdays**

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**Saturdays: Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Mar. 12, & Apr. 9  
9:00a.m.-3:00p.m**

If you and/or your group are available for a service project, join the Nolde staff for an outdoor clean-up and project day. For teenagers to adults all abilities welcome and all skills appreciated. Registration for you or your group assures that we have an appropriate project for you. You are welcome for a morning, afternoon, or all day.



Sat. April 30, 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m.  
**The Great American Clean-Up**  
**Volunteers Needed**

Join Reading Beatification Inc. and Nolde Forest staff to clean-up and green-up the City of Reading. Supplies provided, meet at RACC. Call 610-796-3692 for more information.  
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Sat. May 7, 10:00-11:30a.m.  
**Who Lives in North Pond?**

**Family Program**  
Help Nolde staff scoop and strain to discover the animals that call North Pond home. Meet at North Pond parking area. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the dock following the program.

Sat. May 7, 2:00-4:00p.m.  
**Mother's Day Tea Party for the birds**

Celebrate Mother's Day in the Nolde garden. This special program features a presentation on choosing native plants that create a wildlife friendly garden. Enjoy a mid-afternoon tea and treats. Take home a unique bird feeder you create. Program costs \$10 per person. Registration is required and limited.

Sat. May 14, 8:00-11:00a.m.  
**IMBD Spring Bird Count**

Join Bill Ulrich, Baird Ornithological Club, on this annual International Migratory Bird Day count. Resident and neo-tropical migratory birds are tallied for this worldwide event. Meet in the Mansion Parking Area. *iConserve PA*

Fri. May 20 – Sun. May 22  
**Neotropical Birding Weekend**

Co-sponsored with Jacobsburg EE Center and Baird Ornithological Club.  
Travel to Bald Eagle State Park and other sites for birding and mist netting. Call for brochure.

Sat. June 18, 10:00-11:00a.m.  
**What's Bugging You?**

**Family Program**  
Discover the insects that live in Nolde Forest. Are they friend or foe? The forest is filled with a great diversity of insects. See what you can discover under the rotting logs!

Sat. June 18, 2:00-4:00p.m.  
**Father's Day: Field and Stream**

Celebrate Father's Day at Nolde Forest. Explore the field and stream while learning about the special animals that call them home. Enjoy root beer and pretzels. Take home a special wildlife craft. Program costs \$10 per person. Registration is required and limited.

**Mengel Natural History Society**

"The purposes of the Society are the stimulation of interests and study in natural history in all its branches, the promotion and diffusion of scientific knowledge, and the creation of scientific spirit."

The Society meets for a program each month, usually the fourth Friday, September through April, in the C. H. McConnell Hall. The public is welcome to all activities. Call 610-582-8656 or visit <http://home.dejazzd.com/kgard/bcn/index.html> for more detailed information on programming and 2010-2011 field trips.

**All programs below start at 7:30p.m. in C.H. McConnell Hall**  
Friday, December 10; Sam Gundy and other mentors  
Friday, January 28; Member's Night  
Friday, February 25; Private Landowner's Assistance Program  
Friday, March 25; Timber Rattlesnake  
Friday, April 22; "Natural Vacation" Western Washington State  
Saturday, July 9; Moth Night (bring picnic dinner)

**Baird Ornithological Club**

"The purpose of the Club is to study birds and nature and through that study acquaint others with birds and the environment and to help preserve wildlife and promote conservation and retention of natural areas."

The Club meets for a program each month, usually the second Friday, October through April, in the C. H. McConnell Hall. The public is welcome to all activities. Call 610-689-9073 or visit <http://home.dejazzd.com/kgard/bcn/index.html> for more detailed information on programming and 2010-2011 field trips.

**All programs below start at 7:30p.m. in C.H. McConnell Hall**  
Friday, December 10; Sam Gundy and other mentors  
Friday, January 14; Brazil's Pantanal  
Friday, February 11; Honeyeaters, Rosellas and Wattlebirds  
Friday, March 11; Member's Night  
Friday, April 8; Birding Around the World

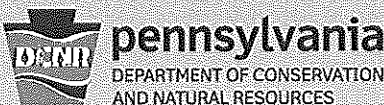
For More Information

**Berks County Nature Website**

Visit this site for listings of all nature related programs in the Reading-Berks area including; Nolde Center, Mengel Natural History Society, and Baird Ornithological Club. <http://home.dejazzd.com/kgard/bcn/>

**PA Bureau of State Parks Website**

For a complete list of programs, including those at Nolde Forest EE Center. [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/calendar](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/calendar)



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