

Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center Community Programs 2011-2012



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 717-484-0327 or by e-mail: rff4848@dejazzd.com.

Your interest and participation are welcome.

Annual Dues (Calendar Year)

\$10.00 Individual

\$25.00 Family

Checks payable to: PFFF

(PA Parks and Forests Foundation)

Write "Friends of Nolde Forest"

on memo line and mail to:

P.O. Box 928

Adamstown, PA 19501

Sat. October 1 10:00a.m to 3:00p.m

Berks County Solar Tour

Annual self-guided tour introducing Berks County residents to solar technologies in use at area homes. Details

<https://sites.google.com/site/berkscountysolartour2> or
www.NationalSolarTour.org

Address: 2910 New Holland Rd. Reading, PA 19607

All programs are free and held in the Nolde Center's C. H. McConnell Hall, unless otherwise noted. Please register for Nolde Forest programs by calling 610-796-3699, or email noldeforestsp@pa.gov.

Organized groups may participate in appropriate community programs. However, the Nolde Center does not accept group reservations for Community Programs. Individuals and families must call the center to register.

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) - Recreational opportunities available in Pennsylvania State Parks.

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/getoutdoorspa

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

www.iconservepa.org

Nolde Mansion Open House Schedule

Hosted by the Friends of Nolde Forest

First Sundays from 1-4PM 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. No registration needed.

Special programs listed below are offered at 2:00PM.

September 4	Butterfly Walk
October 2	Stream Study & make a fish print shirt- bring t-shirt
November 6	Fall Foliage with James Smoker
December 4	Critter Creations natural materials craft activity
January 1	First Day Hike
February 5	Nature Photography
March 4	Geocaching
April 1	Eggstra-Special Eggs!
May 6	Native Plants Walk and Native Plant Sale

Sat. October 1, 6:30–8:30p.m.

Star Watch Family Program

Join the Berks County Astronomy Club to learn about and enjoy the night sky. Indoor program followed by outdoor observation. Registration required/ No fee.

Sat. October 15

Juniors: 9:00-11:00a.m. Brownies: 12:00-2:00p.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 888-664-9770 xt.1603 or mbement@gsep.org. Fees charged.

Fri. October 21, 6:30-8:00p.m.

State Park in The Dark

Family Program

Explore the residents that are active at the park after dark. Use your ears and other senses to experience a fall night walk. Registration required/No fee. Bring a flashlight.



Sat. October 22, 10:00-11:30a.m.

Orienteering with DVOA

Family Program

Introduction to orienteering for beginners. Hosted by Delaware Valley Orienteering Association. Indoor overview followed by outdoor beginner course. Small fee for orienteering map collected at event. No registration required. For more information go to www.dvoa.org

Sat. November 5, 2:00-3:30p.m.

Shadows in the Stream

Family Program

Shadow puppet show exploring the Angelica Creek and watershed. Fun and informative for all-ages. Registration required / No fee.

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. The McConnell Hall is open 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. on the following days for bird observation and data collection. You may arrive & depart at any time. If you are interested please call the Nolde Center for more information or visit on any of the count dates. *iConserve PA*

Bird Count date's are Mondays and Tuesdays:

November 21 & 22 February 13 & 14

December 5 & 6 February 27 & 28

December 19 & 20 March 12 & 13

January 2 & 3 March 26 & 27

January 17

January 30 & 31



Tues. December 20, 2:00-4:00p.m.

Botany Walk - Evergreens

Explore the forest and learn evergreen ID skills. The walk is led by Dr. Susan Munch of Albright College and author of *Outstanding Mosses & Liverworts of Pennsylvania and Nearby States*. Call to register or contact the leader at susanm@alb.edu.

Volunteer Workdays

iConserve PA

Saturdays: Sept. 24, Nov. 5, Mar. 17, & Apr. 21

9:00a.m. -12:30p.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. All abilities welcome and all skills appreciated. Pre-Registration for you or your group assures that we have an appropriate project for you. Call for details. More information at www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us/index.aspx

First Monday "Books 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 and get current book titles. Program is held the first Monday of every month October through May from 9:30-11:30a.m. *Meet in the Mansion Library*

October 3

February 6

November 7

March 5

December 5

April 2

January 2

May 7



GOPA PROGRAMS

BARK IN THE PARK – Dog Walk

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. Tic preventative treatment recommended for participating dogs. Meet in Mansion parking area.

Second Saturday's October through May 10:00-11:00a.m.

10/8, 11/12 (Special Vets and their Pets walk)

12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12

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. Meet in Mansion parking area.

Wednesdays Fall and Spring

5:30-6:30p.m.

Fall - 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

Spring - 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25

SATURDAY FAMILY HIKES

Easy seasonal hike for the whole family to enjoy. Walks will be approximately a mile. Meet in Mansion parking area.

1:00-2:00p.m.

11/12 Fall Foliage Walk

1/14 Winter Wonderland Walk

5/12 Spring Wildflower Walk

Discover E for ages 4-17

Explore, Experience, Enjoy

DiscoverE is a series of exciting outdoor programs for young people 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 day and overnight camps.



HIDE N SEEKERS

Preschool children with Accompanying Adults

Saturdays: October 8, December 10,
February 11, and April 14

1:00-2:30p.m.

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.*

Fall Naturalist After-School Camp 2011

For Outdoor Explorers - ages 6-8

And Penn's Adventurers - ages 9-13

Thursdays: October 13, 20, & 27
3:30-5:45p.m.

Pre-registration is required. The registration fee is \$25.00 per participant for the 3-session program. Learn about Nolde Forest and its' inhabitants using themes from folk tales around the world. Story and snack followed by outdoor exploration and craft. Registration is required and limited

State Park In The Dark Camps 2011

For Outdoor Explorers - ages 6-8

And Penn's Adventurers - ages 9-13

Friday November 4- Spiders and Eye Shine
Friday December 2- Owl Prowl
6:00 – 8:15p.m.

Activities include eco-games, hiking, crafts. Each session is \$10 per participant. Registration is required and limited.

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 overnight program. Call for brochure, cost, and registration details. Participants housed at Alvernia University.
June 25 - 29, 2012

Sun. January 1, 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Annual Winter Bird Count

Volunteers Needed

Nolde is seeking volunteers to assist with the annual winter bird count; now in its 31st 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. *iConserve PA*

Sat. February 18, 9:00a.m.-1:00p.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 available. No need to register. *iConserve PA* Beginner Bird Watching program for adults and children at 11:00a.m.

Sat. March 3, 10:00–11:30a.m.

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Thurs. March 8, 4:00-7:30p.m.

Middle Creek Wildlife Reserve Field Trip

Join Nolde Forest staff at 4:00p.m. for a field trip to Middle Creek Wildlife Reserve. Call for carpooling opportunities. At 4:45p.m. meet with Middle Creek educator for highlight tour of the Reserve. Witness the amazing migration of thousands of Snow Geese. Nolde Staff has several spaces available to transport adults. Registration required/ No fee

Sat. March 10, 1:00–3:00p.m.

History of Nolde Forest

Family Program

Come explore the history of Nolde Forest and the family that once lived here.

Shadow Puppet Show 1:00p.m. Fun for the whole family!
Walking Tour 2:00p.m.

Sat. March 24, 10:00a.m.–2:00p.m.

Nolde Forest Pottery Spring Show

Nolde Forest Pottery is a neighbor to Nolde Forest. Formed in 1994 by local potters, Greg Zieber and Wes Muckey, they create quality redware decorative and functional pieces using traditional 18th century methods. A series of limited edition 7" plates are being produced for the *Friends of Nolde Forest*. The 2012 plate will be available for order at this show. The 2011 plate, #5 in series, featuring the Saw Whet Owl is available for order until December.

Sat. March 31, 9:00a.m.-3:15p.m.

Innovations in Energy Conservation Tour

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

Tues. April 17, 2:00-4:00p.m.

Botany Walk - Wildflowers

Explore the forest and learn wildflower ID skills. The walk is led by Dr. Susan Munch of Albright College and author of *Outstanding Mosses & Liverworts of Pennsylvania and Nearby States*. Call to register or contact the leader at susanm@alb.edu. Find more of Dr. Munch's free botany walks throughout Berks County at <http://home.dejazzd.com/kgard/bcn/index.html>

Sat. April 28

Brownies: 9-11a.m. Juniors: 12-2p.m.

Girl Scout Day

Activities are outdoors and correlated to scout program needs. Pre-registration and fee required. Troops must register through Girl Scout Council; Michele Bement 888-664-9770 xt.1603 or mbement@gsep.org. Fees charged.

Fri. May 4, 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/ no fee.

Sat. May 12, 8:00-11:00a.m.

IMBD Spring Bird Count

Join Bill Uhrich, Baird Ornithological Club, on this annual International Migratory Bird Day count. Resident and neo-tropical migratory birds are tallied for this worldwide event. *iConserve PA*

May 11-13

Spring Migrants Birding Weekend at The Nature Inn at Bald Eagle State Park

All Inclusive package – call or email for flyer and cost.

Sat. June 2, 10:00-11:00a.m.

Who Lives in Turtle Pond?

Family Program

Help Nolde staff scoop and strain to discover the animals that call Turtle Pond home. Meet at Mansion parking area. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the program. Registration required/ no fee.

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 March, 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 2011-2012 field trips.

All programs below start at 7:30PM in C.H. McConnell Hall
September 23 "Blue Marsh Management Plan" by Kathy Grim

October 28 "Dragonflies" by Ken Lebo

December 9 "The Science of Sky Color" by Dr. Susan Marshall

January 27 "Members Night" variety of presentations

February 24 "Panama Summer - Wildlife" by Linda Ingram

March 23 "Isla Espiritu Santo by Kayak" by Richard Bonnett

April 27 Native Wildflower exchange/giveaway and lecture

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. Visit <http://home.dejazzd.com/kgard/bcn/index.html> or call 610-689-9073 for more detailed information on programming and 2011-2012 field trips.

All programs below start at 7:30PM in C.H. McConnell Hall

October 14 "Tales with Tails" by Adrian Binns

November 11 "Choosing Natives" by Linda Ingram

December 9 "The Science of Sky Color" by Dr. Susan Marshall

January 13 "Vulture Banding Program" by Dave Barber

February 10 "Middle Creek Waterfowl" by Burt Meyers

March 9 "Members Night Bird Calls and Identification"

April 13 "Hans Wilkens, Berks Botanist" by Matt Spence

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



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