



Roaring Brook Nature Center

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Nature Center Summer Hours: Mon—Sat 10 AM—5 PM; Sundays 1—5 PM

Trails through Werner's Woods are open daily until dusk

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Programs & Events — Summer 2018



Give your kids a breath of fresh air this summer
RBNC's SUMMER DISCOVERY PROGRAMS

Call the Nature Center to check on class availability



Gardening for Wildlife

Friday, June 1 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Learn how you can create a garden that brings birds, bees, butterflies, and frogs to your yard and that will help sustain our wild areas.

Cost: \$5 per person **Pre-registration required.**

Ask a Naturalist

Tuesday afternoons July & August anytime after 1:30 pm

Have a strange bug, plant, bone, or rock that you would like to know more about? Bring it to Roaring Brook and the Nature Center staff will try their best to figure out what it is. No live animals (except insects) please. Photos welcome.

Cost: Admission to the Nature Center (members free).

Family Wildlife Trivia & Pizza Night

Thursday, June 21 (Summer Solstice) 6 – 7:30 pm

Kick off the summer at the Nature Center and test your nature trivia knowledge. Pizza slices & sodas are available for purchase.

Pre-registration: \$5 per person / \$15 for family of four

At door: \$7 per person / \$20 for family of four



Firefly Fun & Story Time

Thursday, June 28 1:30 – 3 pm

It's firefly season! Learn more about these fascinating creatures and where to find them.

Make a firefly craft and enjoy firefly stories at 2 pm.

Cost: Admission to the Nature Center (members free).



Animal Demonstrations

Selected afternoons beginning at 2:00 pm

These special 45-minute programs feature live and mounted animals and a brief power point presentation. Each program will focus on a different theme, providing an up-close opportunity to learn about various animal groups.

Cost: \$4 children, \$6 adults. Pre-registration not required.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The following programs have been scheduled:

July 3 (Tuesday) – Paws, Claws & Jaws

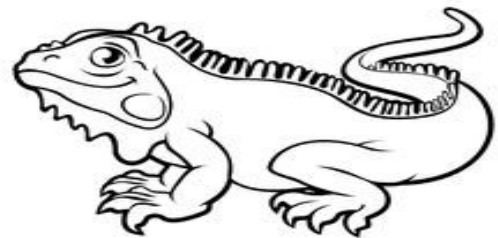
Kick off your 4th of July holiday with our animal demonstration on the many structural adaptations animals have to help them survive. Examine animal skulls & visit with live animals to learn more.

July 18 (Wednesday) – Snakes Alive!

Join Nature Center staff to learn about these fascinating creatures.

August 2 (Thursday) – Turtles BIG & small

Turtles come in many shapes and sizes. Join us as we visit with these ancient animals.

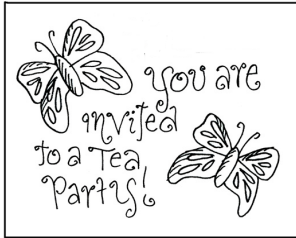


August 23 (Thursday) – Living Dragons

Brian Kleinman of Riverside Reptiles will be on hand with some very special guests for a presentation on lizards.

Butterfly Tea Party & Story Time

Wednesday, July 11 1:30 - 3 pm Story time at 2pm



Dress in your butterfly attire and waltz out to the Butterfly Garden for iced tea, lemonade, & cookies! Look for butterflies & caterpillars, make a butterfly craft, visit with "Maisy" our monarch butterfly and her cousins, and more....

Cost: Admission to the Nature Center (members free).

Farmington Valley Butterfly Count

Saturday, July 21 7:30 am
Meet in Nature Center parking lot

The Nature Center will host the Farmington Valley Butterfly Count, a part of an annual survey sponsored by the North American Butterfly Association.

To take part in the Butterfly Count meet in the Nature Center parking lot at 7:30 am. Participants in the Count should be prepared to travel throughout the Farmington Valley and be in good physical condition. Not geared for young children.

Pre-registration required. No cost to attend Butterfly Count.

Trails @ Twilight

July 25 & August 8, 22 7:30 - 8:45 pm

Many animals become more active in the cooler twilight hours. In past years we've seen and heard a wide range of creatures on our evening walks. What will we find this summer?!

Cost: \$3 members; \$6 nonmembers;
(children: \$2 members, \$3 nonmembers).

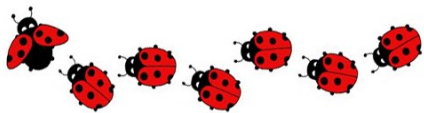
Flashlight & long sleeves recommended (It will be buggy!)

Lady Bug Lunch & Story Time

Friday, July 27 1:30 - 3 pm Story time at 2pm

Bring a bag lunch or snack and enjoy an afternoon at the Nature Center learning about ladybugs and other insect helpers. Lady bug crafts & stories, lemonade and cookies. *Costumes welcome.*

Cost: Admission to the Nature Center (members free).



Teddy Bear Picnic & Story Time

Tuesday, August 7 1:30 - 3 pm Story time at 2pm



Bring your favorite teddy bear & a bagged lunch/snack for a picnic in our butterfly garden — we will supply the lemonade and cookies. Make a bear craft, learn what our local bears are doing this time of the year, and more....

Cost: Admission to the Nature Center (members free).

SUMMER BIRTHDAY PARTIES



Selected weekday
afternoons

July & August

from

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Parties include a live animal demonstration, nature walk, and use of our auditorium for the party.

Cost: \$150 / members, \$175 / nonmembers.

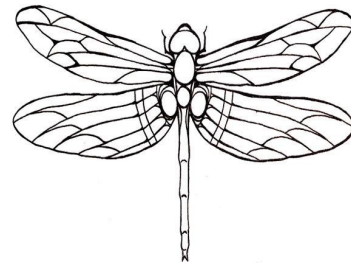
Call early to schedule your party!

Winged Jewels

Wednesday, August 15 1:30 - 3 pm

Celebrate the end of our summer season with an afternoon at the Nature Center. Learn about our beautiful dragonflies and damsel flies. Hike the trail to the pond to find them. Make a dragonfly craft and visit with "Jewel," our Dragonfly.

Cost: Admission to the Nature Center (members free).



Houses & Homes for Fairies & Gnomes

Monday - Saturday, August 20 - 25 10 am - 4 pm

What 'magical' creatures are living in our woods & gardens? Drop in and, using only natural materials (we will provide some but feel free to bring your own) and your imagination, create your own dwelling for the 'wee folk'. Costumes encouraged.

Cost: Admission to the Nature Center (members free).

