

Tuesday, September 17th

7:15 pm-Full Moon Hike- Meet the Naturalist at 7:15 p.m. in front of the 18 Hole Golf Pro Shop for a Full Moon Hike. The September 2024 Harvest Moon will occur on Tuesday, September 17 @ 7:24 p.m. The Harvest Moon will appear orange as it rises above the golf course. In North America, it is so named because it is the moon closest to Autumn equinox and time to harvest crops. This walk will follow the paved golf cart along holes 1-9. Bring a flashlight and dress appropriately for the weather. The hike will be approximately 2.5 miles, or about 1.5 hours. Hint: There may be times the moon is so bright we won't even need a flashlight! For more information, contact Julie.A.McQuade@wv.gov. YPP

Wednesday, September 18th

10:00 am- Tower Walk - Meet in the tower parking lot for a short walk up the paved path to the Bolar Observation Tower for a great view of the surrounding area and find out just what a MOTUS tower is. **YPP**

1:00 pm- Mammal of the Month - Stop by the Nature Center for a chat about the mammal of the month, the Red Fox and 5 other mammals you may encounter in the park. **YPP** **4:00 pm- Wildlife Game -** Meet at the Nature Center for a quiz game about North American wildlife. **YPP**

Thursday, September 19th

2:00 pm- Nature Hunt - Meet at the Nature Center to hunt for objects that can be found in nature and receive a prize. **YPP**

Friday, September 20th

1:00 pm- Fishing Frenzy- Come by the Nature Center to practice your cast with fishing poles while learning about fish in our local area. **YPP**

6:00 pm- Gaga Tournament- Meet at the Gaga Pit at the campground for a chance to win a prize.

7:00 pm- Char Cloth and Fire

Starting- Meet at the fire pit swings at the campground to learn how to make char cloth, a very helpful item for starting a fire. Practice your skills making a "bird nest" and using a primitive fire striker. Afterward enjoy "Pipestem style" s'mores. **YPP**

Saturday, September 21st

10:30 am- Bird Bingo - Come by the Nature Center for Bird Bingo and learn some interesting bird facts. **YPP**

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3:00 pm- Reptile Relay Race- Come by the Nature Center to see and touch a real live snake. Then play a fun game learning how reptiles move. **YPP**

5:00pm- 2024 Farm to Table Dinner Event Series – Pipestem Resort State

Park- Join us at Pipestem Resort State Park for the 2024 Farm to Table Dinner Event Series, highlighted by the panoramic view of the Bluestone Gorge from Pipestem's Bluestone Dining Room. Enjoy locally sourced and prepared food, served buffet style. Adults: \$42.83 per person Children: (4-10) \$21.42 per child

6:00 pm- Volleyball Tournament-

Think you have what it takes? Come to the volleyball court behind the campground store and test your luck. Winning team will receive a prize.

Sunday, September 22nd

8:30 am- Sunday Service - Join us at the Amphitheater for Sunday Service.

11:00 am- An Extraordinary Ordinary Moth- Meet in the Nature Center to hear a storybook story about a moth. Then color a picture of a moth any color you want. A great activity for kids or adults who love moths.

Sunday, September 22nd

2:00 pm-Herps Alive! Join us in the Conference Room at McKeever Lodge

for Herps Alive!, an interactive reptile experience, featuring nearly 20 different reptiles which attendees get to touch and hold. Award winning herpetologist Keith Gisser has been presenting reptile programs across the country for over 40 years. He is the founder and Executive Director of the Herps Alive Foundation, a reptile rescue organization. All the animals in the program are rescues.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Julie.A.McQuade@wv.gov.

5:30 pm- Bat and Moth Echolocation

Game - Meet beside the Gaga Pit at the Campground to explore the adaptations bats use to find their prey and the strategies moths use to avoid being captured and eaten in this active game. **YPP**

6:30 pm- Hummingbirds: Magic in the

Air - Summer is almost here and the hummingbirds are beginning to come back! Come by the Nature Center to learn how they look, how they fly, the way they are built for survival. **YPP**

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Wednesday, September 25th

10:00 am- Tower Walk - Meet in the tower parking lot for a short walk up the paved path to the Bolar Observation Tower for a great view of the surrounding area and find out just what a MOTUS tower is. **YPP**

1:00 pm- Mammal of the Month - Stop by the Nature Center for a chat about the mammal of the month, the Red Fox and 5 other mammals you may encounter in the park. **YPP**

4:00 pm- Wildlife Game - Meet at the Nature Center for a quiz game about North American wildlife. **YPP**

Thursday, September 26th

9:30 am- Bird Walk and Bird of the

Month - Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for a stroll to look for our feathered friends. A few pairs of binoculars will be available to borrow or bring your own if you have them. We will also look for the bird of the month, the Pileated Woodpecker. **YPP**

10:30 am- Bird Bingo - Come by the Nature Center for Bird Bingo and learn some interesting bird facts. **YPP**

Friday, September 27th

1:00 pm- Fishing Frenzy- Come by the Nature Center to practice your cast with fishing poles while learning about fish in our local area. **YPP**

6:00 pm- Gaga Tournament- Meet at the Gaga Pit at the campground for a chance to win a prize.

7:00 pm- Char Cloth and Fire

Starting- Meet at the fire pit swings at the campground to learn how to make char cloth, a very helpful item for starting a fire. Practice your skills making a "bird nest" and using a primitive fire striker. Afterward enjoy "Pipestem style" s'mores. **YPP**

Saturday, September 28th

10:00 am- Birds and Bugs - Come by the Nature Center to learn about camouflage and adaptation and play a game where you get to be the bird. **YPP**

2:00 pm- Snakes of West Virginia-

Come by the Activity Shelter at the Nature Center To learn about snakes of West Virginia and have the chance to touch a real live snake. **YPP**

3:00 pm- Nature Hunt - Meet at the Nature Center to hunt for objects that can be found in nature and receive a prize. **YPP**

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Saturday, September 28th

5:00 pm- Bat and Moth Echolocation

Game - Meet beside the Gaga Pit at the Campground to explore the adaptations bats use to find their prey and the strategies moths use to avoid being captured and eaten in this active game. **YPP**

6:00 pm- Volleyball Tournament-

Think you have what it takes? Come to the volleyball court behind the campground store and test your luck. Winning team will receive a prize.

Sunday, September 29th

8:30 am- Sunday Service - Join us at the Amphitheater for Sunday Service.

10:00 am- Pipestem History - Stop by the lobby in McKeever Lodge. We will discuss the history of the park, and just what is that when you look at the scenic view across the gorge? Historic pictures from the Pipestem area will be shared. **YPP**

11:00 am- Reptile Relay Race- Come by the Nature Center to see and touch a real live snake. Then play a fun game learning how reptiles move. **YPP**

Sunday, September 29th

4:00 pm- Hummingbirds: Magic in the

Air - Summer is almost gone but the hummingbirds are still here! Come by the Nature Center to learn how they look, how they fly, the way they are built for survival and why it's important to still keep those feeders up. **YPP**

Migration Fact

Every spring and fall, billions of birds migrate through the US, mostly under the cover of darkness. This mass movement of birds must contend with a dramatically increasing but still largely unrecognized threat: light pollution.

Light pollution harms birds, but you can help!

Turn off or dim non-essential lighting during critical migration periods! Turning off lights dramatically reduces hazards from attraction to and disorientation by light, allowing birds to safely proceed with their migratory journeys.

Lights Out does more than save birds, it saves energy and money!

Young People for Parks

YPP is an environmental education program for children ages 6-16. Participants attend three activities specified as "YPP" during their stay to receive a certificate.

For more information inquire at the Nature Center.

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