

Nature Center Open Wednesday, and Friday - Sunday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, November 27th

10:00 am- It's for the Birds - Stop by the Nature Center to check out the bird feeder area and discuss topics on different types of feeders and foods, tips on identification, and for suggestions about different digital birding media and books. **YPP**

11:00 am- Mammals of Pipestem - Stop by the Nature Center to learn about some mammals you may encounter in our park. Examine pelts, tracks and other interesting mammal items. **YPP**

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

Thursday, November 28th



**Join us in the Bluestone Dining
Room for our Thanksgiving Buffet
11 am - 8 pm
Reservations Recommended
Contact Ext. 368**

6:00 pm- Holiday Magic Annual Event - Join us in the lobby of McKeever Lodge 6:00pm - 8:00pm. The Moon King family and Santa will make the lobby come alive for our annual Holiday Magic Event! The collection of spectacular activities and artisan crafts will include wood slice ornaments, snowy owl pinecone ornaments, card making, gingerbread cookie decorating, storybook reading of "Bear Stays Up for Christmas" and live holiday music. Then at 7:30PM, Santa will join the party for an extra special Christmas visit! A must attend event for the kids, and visitors of all ages. Fresh baked cookies and hot cocoa will be served.

Friday, November 29th

9:30 am- Bird Walk - 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. **YPP**

2:00 pm- Pinecone Bird Feeder Activity - Make a complementary pinecone bird feeder at the Pipestem Nature Center and enjoy a leisurely walk in the park, bird watching and identifying the West Virginia bird species with Pipestem naturalists. The event will begin with a short introduction on birds of West Virginia, followed by identification and discussing traits and habits of the birds observed. Bring binoculars if you have them! Free event for adults and kids!

4:00 pm- Naturalist in the Lodge - Keep an eye out for the roaming Naturalist in the lobby of McKeever Lodge. You can ask questions, receive information about the trails and maps or just visit.

5:00 pm- Snakes of West Virginia - Come by the Nature Center to learn about snakes of West Virginia and have the chance to touch a real live snake. **YPP**

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, visit the Nature Center

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Saturday, November 30th

10:30 am- Char Cloth and Fire Starting - Meet at the Nature Center 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.

11:00 am- Bird Bingo - Come by the Nature Center for Bird Bingo and learn some interesting bird facts. **YPP**

2:00 pm- 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**

4:00 pm- Nature Hunt - Meet at the Nature Center to hunt objects that can be found in nature and receive a prize. **YPP**

Sunday, December 1st

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.

12:00 pm- Project FeederWatch - Stop by the Nature Center to observe and count the birds at the feeders. We will count the highest number of each species seen at a time. Data collected will be submitted to Project FeederWatch for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. No experience necessary. **YPP**

2:00 pm- Nature Journaling - Come by the Nature Center to learn how to express your love of nature through guided worksheets. Make your own take-home journal so you can continue to express your love of nature in your own way. **YPP**