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

Friday, December 6th

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- 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

3:30 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.

Young People for Parks

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Participants attend three activities specified as "YPP" during their stay to receive a certificate.

For more information, visit the Nature Center.

Saturday, December 7th

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.

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

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Cookies and Cocoa with Santa! - Come and visit with Santa in the Christmas Shoppe located at the Canyon Rim Center. You can take pictures with Santa and enjoy some delicious cocoa and cookies. Free Event

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

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**



Sunday, December 8th

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

Wednesday, December 11th

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, December 12th

10:00 am- Possums and Us: Living Together - Stop by the Nature Center for a chat about our friendly neighbor, the possum. **YPP**

11:30 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

Friday, December 13th

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- 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

3:30 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.

Saturday, December 14th

10:00 am- 12:00 pm- Santa Claus is coming to Pipestem! - Santa and his friends will be making a stop at the Bluestone Dining Room for breakfast! Enjoy a breakfast buffet, meet Santa and get some pictures with the big guy.

11:00 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.

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

Saturday, December 14th

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm- GVBC Beer Release Special - Join us at the Black Bear Grill and Lounge for a special release party for West Virginia State Park's next private label brew. This sneak peek is to celebrate a tasty little nod to the state park's three rail trails. For a limited time, Three Rail Trails Ale will be available at select West Virginia State Parks restaurants, and this is your opportunity to celebrate the launching. This family friendly event is open to the public, and the Black Bear's full menu will be available. Representatives from Greenbrier Valley Brewing will be on hand, as well as a surprise visit from a special guest!

4:00 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**

5:00 pm- My Way Buffet - Join us in the Bluestone Dining Room at McKeever Lodge for this special buffet, "A salute to Frank Sinatra." \$19.95 per person.

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7:30 pm- Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. Concert - Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. first burst onto the national conscience as the Sinatra-and-Soul singing season six winner of NBC TV's "America's Got Talent" with his incredible voice, undeniable charisma and unparalleled showmanship. This holiday season Landau will bring his holiday show to the Hudkins Conference Center at McKeever Lodge along with special guest Mor Ilderton.

VIP Tickets - \$50.00 General Admission Tickets - \$35.00 For Tickets Go To: WWW.LANDAUMURPHYJR.COM Sponsored by The WV ADULT ED.

Sunday, December 15th

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

Wednesday, December 18th

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, December 19th

10:00 am- Possums and Us: Living Together - Stop by the Nature Center for a chat about our friendly neighbor, the possum. **YPP**

11:30 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

Friday, December 20th

10:30 am- Evergreens in Winter-Meet the Naturalist at the Nature
Center for a stroll around the grounds

Center for a stroll around the grounds and learn how to identify 5 species of evergreen trees commonly found in West Virginia.

2:00 pm- 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

3:30 pm- Naturalist in the Lodge - Keep an eye out for the roaming Naturalist in the lobby of McKeever Lodge.

Saturday, December 21st

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.

11:30 am- Make a Flake- Meet at the Nature Center to cut out paper snowflakes and learn some fun facts about winter weather. You can take

your snowflakes home with you or hang them in the windows of the Nature Center.

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

4:00 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**

Sunday, December 22nd

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
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