

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

#### Wednesday, April 2nd

11:00 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

3:00 pm- 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, April 3rd

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

1:00 pm- Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air - Are you getting tired of the cold and looking forward to the return of hummingbirds? Come by the Nature Center to learn when they might be back, and also how they look, how they fly, the way they are built for survival. YPP

**4:00 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** 

#### Friday, April 4th

**10:30 am- Turtle Time-** Come by the Nature Center to visit and learn more about our resident turtles and make a turtle craft to take home.

1:00 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

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, April 5th

10:00 am- Find a Frog - Celebrate one of the most interesting aspects of Nature in the Appalachian Mountains in early Spring, the vernal pool. We will learn just what a vernal pool is and why they are so important to different species of frogs and salamanders. Meet at the Campground store for a short walk through the woods to seek out this special spot. YPP

**1:00 pm- Nature Hunt -** Meet at the Nature Center to hunt objects that can be found in nature and receive a prize. **YPP** 

2:00 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

### Sunday, April 6th

**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- 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. YPP

**3:00 pm- Evergreens in Early Spring -**Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for a stroll around the grounds and learn how to identify five species of evergreen trees commonly found in West Virginia. **YPP** 

#### Wednesday, April 9th

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#### Saturday, April 12th

11:00 am- Nature Hunt - Meet at the Nature Center to hunt objects that can be found in nature and receive a prize. **YPP** 

**4:00 pm- Snake Talk-** Come by the Nature Center to learn about some snakes of West Virginia and for a chance to touch a real snake. **YPP** 

7:30 pm- Full Pink Moon Hike- Meet in the lobby of McKeever Lodge for a Full Moon Hike. The Pink Moon will rise at 7:59 pm, just as the sun begins to set at 8:00 pm. It will reach its brightest illumination around 8:22 pm. 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. In the event of extremely severe weather conditions, this hike may be postponed until another full moon. This is a free event. For more information, contact Julie.A.McQuade@wv.gov.

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