

# Nature Center Open Daily 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Monday, August 4th

**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** 

**4:00 pm- Fishing Frenzy -** Come by the Nature Center to practice your cast with fishing poles while learning about fish in our local area. **YPP** 

## Tuesday, August 5th

**10:00 am- Shelter Building** - Come to the nature center and learn how to keep yourself protected from the elements if you are lost in the woods. **YPP** 

**11:00 am- Learn to Live -** Stop by the Nature Center to learn different ways to survive in your environment. **YPP** 

## Wednesday, August 6th

**2:00 pm- Wildlife Game -** Meet at the Nature Center for a quiz game about North American wildlife. **YPP** 

**4:00 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** 

## Thursday, August 7th

**10:00 am- Mammals of Pipestem -**Stop by the Nature Center to learn about some mammals you may encounter in our park and other interesting mammal items. **YPP** 

**1:00 pm- Bird Bingo -** Come by the Nature Center for Bird Bingo and learn some interesting bird facts. **YPP** 

## Friday, August 8th

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

**3:30 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.

**6:00 pm- Homegrown Music Series featuring the band Bicycle-** On Friday night August 8, the longtime Pipestem favorite, Princeton based band Bicycle, will take the stage once again at the Black Bear Grill.

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

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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, August 10th

11:00 am- Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air Come by the Nature Center to learn when they migrate, and also how they look, how they fly, the way they are built for survival. YPP

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

3:30 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** 

5:30 pm- Water Rocket - Come by the campground store to see our water rockets blast off. YPP

7:00 pm- Whiskey Blind Band- Whiskey Blind Band taking the stage of the Scenic Amphitheater for the first time.

# 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.

## Saturday, August 10th

8:45 pm- Full Moon Hike - This moon is known as the Sturgeon Moon because sturgeons, a type of fish, are more efficiently caught in August and early September. Or more appropriately for West Virginia, The Fly Up Moon, a Cree term describing the time when young birds are finally ready to take the leap and learn to fly.

The walk will follow the paved golf cart along holes 1 - 9. Bring a flashlight and dress appropriately for the weather. 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.

## Sunday, August 11th

8:30 am- Sunday Service - Join us in the picnic shelter at Park Headquarters for Sunday Service. All denominations are welcome.

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

2:00 pm- Bug Ball - Come by the Nature Center to toss around a beach ball and learn fun facts about insects. 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

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