



NATURE CENTER EVENTS SCHEDULE 2/2 - 3/1

Winter Hours: Fridays through Sundays 8a-4p*

Naturalist Jess Blalock will be available Fridays through Sundays to answer questions about the forest, ID photos and found objects, and to chat about your favorite topics!

Volunteer Matt Blalock and members of the Kanawha Valley Master Naturalists will also be in the Nature Center on select weekends to answer questions about the forest and provide general information!

Meet A WV Master Naturalist!

See Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page for dates and times!

Come by the Nature Center to meet a member of the WV Master Naturalists Program! Interested in becoming a WV Master Naturalist? They can answer your questions and help you find the information you need to join!

Storytime With Naturalist Jess!

Bring your little ones to the Nature Center for a story, short video, and coloring activity with Naturalist Jess! Stories are suitable for children K-3. (YPP Program)

- **Saturday, 2/7 12p-1p: "Meet Smokey Bear's Team!"**

Learn more about the special friends who help Smokey Bear protect our public lands and spread the word about fire safety! You already know one of them: YOU! We'll learn the Smokey Bear Song and Smokey's 5 Rules with a short, fun video!

- **Saturday, 2/14 12p-1p: "A Dandelion's Life"**

What is it like to be a Dandelion? We'll look at the life cycle of a Dandelion, from its beginning as a seed, its germination, the insects it meets, and its transformation into a seed head spreading the next generation! We'll watch a time lapse video of a complete Dandelion growth cycle!

Winter Tree ID with Liz Moss!

Saturday, 2/7 1p-3p

****REGISTRATION REQUIRED****

Join Liz Moss of WVSU Extension Service at the Nature Center to learn how to identify trees in Winter! We will begin inside with a lecture and specimens. Participants should prepare for light

hiking on moderate terrain for the second half of the workshop. We will cover basic Winter tree ID clues - leaf scar arrangement, twigs, buds, lenticels, bud scales, etc. - and learn to use a dichotomous key. Go home armed with some confidence, a pocket tree ID guide, and a hand lens! To register, visit the event page on the Kanawha State Forest Foundation's Facebook Page and click the link above the description.

KSF Poop Day!

Sunday, 2/8 ALL DAY!

Monday, 2/9 is National Poop Day, which celebrates the science of poop and what it tells us about health, but we're going to celebrate it early in the Nature Center! Come by all day to visit our Scat Exhibit, where you can learn to recognise different types of scats as well as what they can tell us about the diet and health of different animals! Will you be able to identify all the scats? Play our Scat Matching Game and find out! (YPP Program)

Documentary Days!

On the following Fridays: 2/13, 2/27: 1p-3:45p

We'll be showing documentaries that focus on survival in Winter as well as Arctic and high altitude exploration! Suitable for all ages. (YPP Program)

Black Bears with Barb Koster!

Saturday, 2/28: 10a-11:15p

Join Barb Koster in the Nature Center to learn about WV's Black Bears in this informative and fun presentation, featuring activities for kids! We'll learn some amazing facts about Black Bears and about the unique aspects of their lives. (YPP Program)

Lunar New Year - Year of the Horse!

Saturday, 2/28: 1p-3p

Meet Naturalist Jess in the Nature Center for a fun coloring activity celebrating the Lunar New Year (arrives Tuesday, 2/17), the Year of the Fire Horse! We'll show a documentary about Wild Horses while we color! Not sure which animal is your Year Animal? Naturalist Jess can help you find out! (YPP Program)

Chats With Matt From A Hat!

Sunday, 3/1: 12p-2p

Meet Volunteer Matt in the Nature Center and pick a folded piece of paper from his hat - whatever the topic is, is what you'll get to talk and/or ask questions about! (YPP Program)

NATURE CENTER NOTES!

- **Please visit the Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page** for updates to weekend hours and dates for “Meet A WV Master Naturalist” during the Winter. Due to winter weather impacts and volunteer availability some weekends may have adjusted hours. You can also contact the Forest Office at (304)558-3500 for information on Nature Center hours and days of operation.
- **For updates on Volunteer Matt’s 2026 Programs Survey** please visit the Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page! We will post the link there! Hard copies will be available in the Nature Center and Gift Shop after it officially goes live. Please leave hard copies in the designated envelope when completed! **Survey will run through 3/15!**
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Please mark your calendars for these events, coming soon to the KSF Nature Center and Kanawha State Forest! Additional programs will be announced as they are scheduled on the Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page!
 - **Sunday, 3/8: Natural Dyes with Karen Kelly (1p)**
 - **Saturday, 4/11: Seeing With New Eyes: A Nature Journaling Workshop with Jamie Chambers (1p)**
 - **Friday, 4/24 - Sunday, 4/26: Mary Ingles Trail Association Living History Encampment (All Weekend at Shelters 8 and 9)**
 - **Saturday, 4/25: Medicinal Herb Walk with Becky Linger (1p)**
 - **Saturday, 5/2: Bil Lepp Storyteller (1p)**
 - **Saturday, 9/19: Three Rivers Avian Center (2p)**
 - **Saturday 9/26: Geology ROCKS! with Randy Toth WVGS (time TBA)**
- **West FURginia State Park Ranger Program and YPP (Young People to Parks)** programs are available at KSF! Please see Naturalist Jess for more information!