



### **NATURE CENTER EVENT SCHEDULE**

**Monday April 27th - Thursday April 30th: CLOSED**

**BEGINNING FRIDAY, MAY 1st: OPEN 9a - 5p Wednesdays thru Sundays; closed on  
Monday & Tuesday**

It's Spring, and we're back on our regular seasonal weekday AND weekend operating hours! We will be closed every Monday and Tuesday, so please plan your visits accordingly!

**OSBRA EYE SPRING WALKS ARE SATURDAY, 5/9 at 10a!**

See the Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page for details on hikes offered!

### **Meet A Master Naturalist!**

***See the 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! (YPP Program)

### **Fieldwork Sessions**

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

Join Naturalist Jess and Volunteer Matt for fieldwork sessions in different locations around KSF! We'll be engaging in a variety of activities on different days: wildlife observation, hikes, track and scat hunts, insect observation, documenting different plants and fungi, visiting vernal pool locations (yes, there is activity in the off season), and more! Come prepared for deep woods (tick spray, sturdy shoes, clothes you don't mind getting muddy)! (YPP Program)

### **Bil Lepp Storyteller!**

**Saturday, May 2nd at 1p!**

The Kanawha State Forest Nature Center is thrilled to welcome back Vandalia Award Recipient Bil Lepp for an afternoon of stories, jokes, and tall tales! An award-winning storyteller, author, and recording artist, Bil Lepp is the host of The History Channel's "Man vs. History" series, as well as a host for NPR's Mountain Stage, and a columnist for the West Virginia Gazette-Mail. A five-time champion of the WV Liar's Contest (whose stories *always* contain a morsel of truth!), Bil Lepp's tall tales are a delight for listeners of all ages, his stories presenting universal themes in clever and witty ways! Bil Lepp's 28 books have won awards including PEN Steven Kroll

Award for Children's Book Writing, Parents' Choice Gold Awards, and awards from the National Parenting Publications Association and Public Library Association.

Bring the whole family and all of your friends - just invite your whole neighborhood! - and join us for some tall tales and fun!

**Mining KSF 1881-1909 Presentation & Interpretive Hike with Dale Porter**

**Sunday, May 3rd at 2p!**

Join local historian Dale Porter in the Nature Center for a slide presentation on mining and industrial activities in Kanawha State Forest *before* it was a state forest! Dale will share his research on regional corporate history and the mining techniques which were used from the period 1881-1909. Learn what it was like to be a miner, and about the history of Chilton and some of its residents - now the location of our Campground! Following the slide presentation, there will be an optional interpretive walk led by Dale in which you will be introduced to remnants of mining activities visible on some of our trails. Dale Porter's knowledge of these topics is vast, and his presentation is a must for anyone interested in the pre-CCC history of Kanawha State Forest! Don't miss this fascinating program! (YPP Program)

**Raising Monarchs With Kelley Barnes Berry!**

**Saturday, May 9th at 1p!**

Join citizen scientist Kelley Barnes Berry for a very special presentation at the Nature Center! Kelley will be sharing her experiences raising Monarch Butterflies from caterpillars found in her backyard garden. Kelley will share her research, the techniques she applied, and provide you with tips and information on how you can replicate her techniques. A must see presentation for butterfly enthusiasts, Monarch lovers, and citizen scientists of all ages! (YPP Program)

**NATURE CENTER NOTES!**

- **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!
  - **Saturday, 5/23: Owl Pellets! (1p-3p)**
  - **Saturday, 5/30: Heat Safety with Volunteer Matt (1p-2p)**
  - **Friday, 7/24: Moth Night with Doren Burrell (8p)**
  - **Saturday, 9/12: Margaret Denison Fall Walks (details TBA)**
  - **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!