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If you have a desire to be involved with people who have a love of nature & a desire to serve, then membership in the ChattPACK is for you!

- REACH OUT!
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The ChattPACK is not just a volunteer organization. It is a vital, committed leadership group that takes the initiative in creating & managing projects that benefit the Chattahoochee Nature Center.

For more information or to join, please call Lynn McIntyre at 770-992-2055, ext. 224, or email at l.mcintyre@chattahoocheenaturecenter.org

Chattahoochee NATURE CENTER

The mission of the Chattahoochee Nature Center is to provide unique learning experiences focused on the Chattahoochee River that connect people to the natural world and empower them to positively impact their local environments.



Kingfisher

MARCH 2009 – MAY 2009

New Resource Gallery Spotlights Chattahoochee River Greenway Corridor

In June 2009, The Chattahoochee Nature Center will open a new and very different Discovery Center. Our staff has worked in partnership with an excellent museum design firm, AldrichPears, to create a unique visitor experience focused on the three habitats...*forest, wetlands, river*... of our own Chattahoochee River watershed.

We are especially excited about a new addition to the Discovery Center, our *Chattahoochee River Resource Gallery*. This new gallery will feature one of Georgia's most important natural resources...the 150-mile greenway corridor that winds along the banks of the Chattahoochee from Helen to Columbus. After decades of work by land conservation groups in partnership with local and federal government officials, the Chattahoochee River greenway corridor offers unprecedented protection of our river and a host of recreational opportunities for our citizens. However, our public knowledge about this unique resource is limited and CNC was challenged to create a place where individuals could learn more about the land along the River and access the many organizations who work to protect this heritage. This challenge came directly from the Chair of our Capital Campaign, Chris Sawyer, past national Chair of the Trust for Public Land and one of the local organizing partners in the Chattahoochee River Land Protection Campaign. After a decade of effort, this coalition has successfully doubled the amount of riverfront land that is protected from development.

Throughout the River corridor, there are a multitude of organizations that work to conserve and restore the River and its surrounding land. There are also a variety of recreational opportunities that get people on or near the river. Our challenge as we have developed the Resource Gallery is to gather this information and make it available to our visitors in one place. In creating this resource, CNC turned to many local and national organizations working in the watershed to capture the full story of the River corridor, both its resources and its limitations. Citizens are encouraged to get involved in the preservation and protection of this valuable resource and to help move our region toward a sustainable future...a future where we all recognize the link between protecting our natural resources and preserving a high quality of life for our citizens.

All this information will be presented through a family of interactive kiosks, each focusing on a different aspect of the River...*conservation...preservation...enjoyment...personal stewardship*. Each kiosk will feature engaging stories, interactive games, computer resources and in-depth information about the many groups that work to keep our River healthy and accessible. As we have developed this new community resource, we have also developed stronger partnerships with other environmental organizations and a deeper appreciation of the challenges facing our community as we work to protect this most important of all natural resources. We hope you will find this new resource center interesting, provocative and personally challenging as well.



A PEACHTREE QUALIFIER!

31st Annual 'Possum Trot!

10k Road Race and Fun Run

Saturday, May 30, 2009

7am FUN RUN,

7:30am 10K Road Race

10K Race:

\$23 to Pre-Register

\$27 Day of Race Registration

1- Mile Fun Run:

\$15 thru Race Day

Fast, Flat and Fun Course that runs along the banks of the Chattahoochee River!

For more information on sponsorship or group participation, please contact DeAnn Fordham at 770-992-2055, ext. 226 or d.fordham@chattnaturecenter.org

Register online at Active.com or in person at Big Peach Running Company!

Chattahoochee

NATURE CENTER
9135 Willeo Road
Roswell, GA 30075
770-992-2055
WWW.CHATTNATURECENTER.ORG

TIME DATED MATERIAL

HOURS:
Mon.-Sat., 9 am -5 pm
Sun., noon - 5 pm

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adults, \$5
seniors 65 and over, \$4
children 3-12, \$2
children 2 and under, free
members, free

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Interactive Kiosk Renderings for the new Resource Gallery

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A Message from the Director

The Chattahoochee Nature Center is changing. With the addition of our new LEED-certified Discovery Center focusing on the Chattahoochee River watershed, we will be entering a new era in the life of CNC. After three decades of being land-rich and building-poor, we will finally offer our members a tangible experience every day that will bring our watershed to life. Over the past 33 years, staff and volunteers of CNC have worked daily to tell the story of the watershed through our educational programs, but access to these programs can be limited by time and availability. Many of the visitors to the Center over the years have been left to interpret our mission on their own without the aid of well-planned and executed exhibits that bring the story to life.

Building a science museum takes time, patience and resources. We have been planning for this new Discovery Center for almost a decade now. We have researched, investigated, explored, developed ideas, discarded ideas, dreamed large and finally turned our dreams into reality. Our Discovery Center is not particularly large at 10,000 square feet, but every inch is packed with experiences and discoveries, all focused on our own Chattahoochee River watershed. With the help of a dedicated group of volunteers, we have successfully raised more than \$9 million dollars to bring this new educational resource to our community.

The centerpiece of the new Discovery Center is the Watershed Gallery, a journey through the forest, wetlands and ultimately to the river. Exhibits in this area will feature many of the creatures that call our watershed home. Interactive exhibits will engage our young visitors in hands-on experiences and encourage their curiosity and desire to learn more about their local environment. Our keystone new program, The Nature Exchange, will give our members a constant resource for learning more about found objects from the natural world and an opportunity to interact with a trained naturalist every day in an environment that encourages curiosity and exploration of the natural world.

Our Resource Gallery will open up a world of opportunities to the individual who wants to learn more about the land along the River and the groups who work to protect and conserve the river. All along the way, visitors will be encouraged to take stock of their own personal habits and to make positive changes to conserve our limited resource, the water of the Chattahoochee.

A series of terrace gardens will connect the Discovery Center to the new Lakeside Pavilion which sits on the site of the original Discovery Center by Kingfisher Pond. This new pavilion will host education programs for large groups as well as serve as a unique rental space for local events.

Roswell is the birthplace of the 30-year conservation effort to save the Chattahoochee River. It is fitting that this is the site for the new Interpretive Center for the Chattahoochee River...here in the place where past generations first embraced the challenge of protecting the river from development. If we are to pass on a better world to our children and grandchildren, we must work together to find new solutions to old challenges. At CNC, we are creating a new community gathering place where citizens learn and work together at the grassroots, demonstrating once again that leadership many times comes from unexpected places.

Ann Bergstrom
Executive Director

Our
17th
Year!

Camp Kingfisher Summer 2009

June 1 – July 31, One and Two week sessions

At Camp Kingfisher our days are filled with nature, discovery, camaraderie & play. Come and be a part of our unforgettable summer adventure. For campers entering grades kindergarten through ninth.

- Live Animal Presentations
- Plant & Insect Identification
- Science Exploration Activities
- Elective Classes
- Guest Performers
- Native American Life
- Swimming
- Arts & Crafts
- Theme Days
- Hiking
- Games
- Canoeing



CAMP K TRAVELERS
Campers entering 8th & 9th grade: hiking, biking, caving, paddling, a CNC overnight, high ropes course & more!

NEW! DRAMA NATURE CAMP
Characters of the Watershed is a specialty camp offered in partnership with the Georgia Ensemble Theater (GET). Campers entering 1st - 5th grade.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING
Students entering 10th, 11th or 12th grade
Instruction and experience in handling animals, leading hikes, playing with kids, & leading canoe lessons. All hours are eligible for volunteer service credits.

For More Information on Camp Kingfisher or Registration visit www.chattnaturecenter.org or call 770.492.2055, x 222



Spring Break Camp!

April 7th – 9th, 2009

Ages: Kindergarten – 7th Grade

Hours: Half Day 9am-12:50pm
Full Day 9am-4pm
Extended Care 8:30-9am & 4-6pm

*There is no charge for extended care.

During spring break, come explore, hike, learn, and discover at CNC! April is the perfect time to investigate amphibians, observe wildlife and practically watch the plants grow! And of course we'll have lots of good ole' camp fun like singing silly songs and creating crafts. This is a GREAT way to try out camp before the summer. See you there!

Fees:
Half Day: \$160 Non-members, \$140 Members
Full Day: \$200 Non-members, \$180 Members

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN – DON'T DELAY!



Saturday, April 18

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

\$5 per person, Children 2 & under FREE
(ride a bike from home & get in for free)



For more information on this exciting event, contact Rebecca Gilbert at 770-992-2055 ext. 236 or r.gilbert@chattnaturecenter.org

- MEET Captain Planet & get EARTH POWER!
- SEE live animal presentations
- PADDLE a canoe on CNC's Beaver Pond
- FIND ways of taking green steps to a new level in your home and business
- ENJOY live musical entertainment with messages about our Mother Earth
- VISIT interactive booths and exhibits from over 25 local groups and environmental organizations!
- EXPLORE environmental themes: clean water & air, wildlife & habitat protection, & recycling!

Featured this year at Earth Day Kids Fest:
ThinkSwiss Climate Trail Exhibition

on display at CNC April 16-27, 2009

How much do you know about climate change? Not so sure where to start? Why not start at the beginning of the ThinkSwiss Climate Trail? This exhibition addresses key global topics such as climate change to better understand trends and arrive at solutions.

"Global Warming is the most pressing environmental challenge today. The ThinkSwiss Climate Trail has become a roadshow in the U.S. traveling to numerous cities from the East Coast to the West Coast. The exhibition explains the causes of global warming as well as its impacts on our planet. It describes how we can reduce CO2 emissions and how Switzerland is addressing the climate change. Public transportation, energy-efficient buildings and the use of renewable energies are effective examples of how to respond to global warming."

- Urs Ziswiler, Swiss Ambassador to the United States of America

Visit www.thinkswiss.org for more information!



Spring Brings Birds to CNC!



Sandhill Crane
(finnertyphoto.com)

The gentle garoo-oo-a call of the Sandhill Crane marks the arrival of spring on the grounds of the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Despite these magnificent birds standing four feet tall and having an almost seven-foot wingspan, they are more commonly heard than seen. While migrating from their wintering grounds in the Okefenokee Swamp and Florida, these flocks, sometimes numbering more than 200 birds, soar high on the thermals, making them difficult to spot. However, they are regularly heard while flying over the property beginning in mid-February and continuing through early April.

Often, they can be found first thing in the morning in the backwaters of the Chattahoochee River along the boardwalk.

Also commonly seen on the river-side of the boardwalk are Northern Rough-winged Swallows and Barn Swallows. These two related species are quite easy to tell apart; the Rough-winged has a slightly forked tail, brown and white body, and is found solitary or in small groups. The Barn Swallow, however, is boldly colored with white, blue and gold, has a deeply-forked tail, and is gregarious. Both species are frequently seen skimming over the surface of the river, catching a multitude of flies, gnats, mosquitoes, and dragonflies.

As you leave the boardwalk, look for a bright black and orange-yellow bird flitting among the branches. This is probably the male Baltimore Oriole. He, along with Orchard Orioles (their calls sound like *look here, what cheer!*) and both Scarlet and Summer Tanagers, are feasting on the caterpillars, grubs, berries and fruits that are abundant in the wetlands this time of year. Next, stroll across the property towards the beaver exhibit.



Scarlet Tanager
(tringa.org)

In the power company right-of-way, you are bound to find the vibrant male Indigo Bunting. These deep bluish-purple birds flit through the wildflowers and shrubs hunting insects, as well as forage on dandelion seeds, grass seeds and small berries. Next, hike up one of the woodland trails and listen out for ka-ka-ka-kow-kow-kow. This is the call of the visiting Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Also known as the "Rain Crow," this bird can be found perching motionless close to the trunks of the trees while it surveys the area for hairy caterpillars, insects and even small frogs.

As spring warms into summer, the grounds quiet down as these visiting migrants begin tending nests or heading farther north to begin their breeding season. Bring your binoculars and keep a field guide handy as you stroll around the grounds of CNC. You will come across all of these birds and many more, ensuring some FOTS (first of the season) sightings, as well as some of your old favorites as they spend a few months with us.

-Kathryn Dudeck
Wildlife Director



Indigo Bunting
(Birds of Oklahoma.net)



Yellow-billed Cuckoo
(AJ Hand)

See the Calendar of Events for special programs on birding at the Chattahoochee Nature Center!

ADVENTURES FOR ADULTS

Programs in Purple:
See Pg. 6 for details

Pre-Registration: 770.992.2055 x 237, Scheduling@chattnaturecenter.org

Registration Information:
(770) 992-2055 x222

Adultprograms@chattnaturecenter.org

For more details on our programs, please visit
www.chattnaturecenter.org

NEW! CUSTOMIZED ADULT PROGRAMS

for company gatherings & retreats, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, group outings, & more!

"The CNC offered a beautiful river setting for our company outing. The guide was extremely knowledgeable and helpful. All in all, it was an excellent way to combine a great team-building experience (two people keeping each canoe afloat), a good amount of education and just a whole lot of fun."
- C. Heery, Director of Communications,
Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany

Once you've been to CNC you know we're a special place. Our knowledgeable staff and spacious resources are at your disposal.

Opportunities Include:

- Guided canoe trips down the Chattahoochee River
- Close encounters with CNC's wildlife!
- Night hikes & camp fires
- Interpretative walks through our Native Butterfly Gardens
- Guided hikes to secret places in north GA
- Education classes about local flora and fauna
- Access to picnic pavilion, field & gymnasium

Don't see what you're looking for?
Give us a call and we'll design a unique program to suit your needs.
770-992-2055 x 222

Box lunch option available for all programs
All group sizes welcome

PLANTS & GARDENING

Vegetable Gardening at Home Classes & Series

Single Class - \$30 non-members/\$25 members
4-Class Series - \$100 non-members/\$80 members



Learn from Farmer D, vice president of GA Organics & Bio-dynamic Farmer, who teaches organic management practices to save money, conserve water, reduce waste, promote sustainability, and create a healthier planet for all.

Part 1 of 4- Planning the Garden

Sunday, February 22, 1:30 – 3:30 PM at CNC

Part 2 of 4- Growing from Seed

Sunday, March 22, 1:30 – 3:30 PM
at Farmer D Retail Store in Toco Hills

Part 3 of 4- Successional Plantings for Continued Harvests

Sunday, April 26, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

at the Farmer D Retail Store in Toco Hills

Part 4 of 4- Planting a Summer Garden

Sunday, May 24, 1:30 – 3:30 PM at the CNC

Native Plant Propagation

Saturday March 28, 10 AM – 4PM, bring your own lunch

\$50 non-members/\$40 members

Learn from Henning von Schmeling how to propagate plants in your home landscape with conventional and innovative ways.

BIRDING IN THE SPRING

Songbird Sightings

Saturdays, March 28, April 11, 25 & May 16, 8 – 10 AM

General Admission/Members FREE

Join us at CNC for a morning bird walk with incredible song bird sightings!

Backyard Birding Basics

Saturday May 2, 9 AM – 12 PM

\$55 non-members/\$45 members

Learn all about the birds that visit your backyard & woods. Learn simple ways to identify them!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Canoe Trips! Sats & Suns in May! 6pm- Dusk, Ages 6 & Up See Pg. 6 for more details! Special Trip on Memorial Day!					1 Animal Encounter	2 Docent Orientation River Canoe Trip Guided Hike Weekend Special Birding Basics Fly Fishing
3 Compost Critters River Canoe Trip Guided Hike Weekend Special	9	5 Meet the Keeper	6 Story Time by the River	7 Animal Encounter	8 Animal Encounter	9 Family Bird Walk Celebrate Birds! River Canoe Trip Guided Hike Weekend Special Photo Class
10 Family Canoe Day River Canoe Trip Guided Hike Weekend Special	11	12 PEE WEE NATURALIST Meet the Keeper	13 PEE WEE NATURALIST	14 Animal Encounter	15 Animal Encounter	16 Adopt-a-Stream Brownie Night Flyers River Canoe Trip Guided Hike Weekend Special Songbird Walk
17 River of Words! River Canoe Trip Guided Hike Weekend Special Flint River trip	18	19 Meet the Keeper	20	21 NATURE EXPLORERS Animal Encounter	22 Animal Encounter	23 Night Hike River Canoe Trip Guided Hike Weekend Special Photo Class Discovery Float
24 STARLAB River Canoe Trip Guided Hike Weekend Special Part 4: Plant Series	25 Exploration Stations River Canoe Trip Animal Encounter	26 Meet the Keeper Animal Encounter	27 INFANT WALK Animal Encounter	28 Animal Encounter	29 Animal Encounter	30 'Possum Trot Backyard Campout River Canoe Trip Guided Hike Weekend Special
31 PEE WEE PLANTERS	River Canoe Trip Guided Hike	Weekend Special				

Weekend Special – Leave it to Beavers
Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 PM, All Ages,
Discover the beaver's adaptations, what they eat,
and how they live!

Docent Orientation

Saturday, May 2,

12:30 – 5PM, Ages 10 – up, Free!

Pre-Registration Required. We will explore the various areas of education volunteering, including leading guided hikes, interpreting, & animal presentations.

Composting Critters:

Create a Worm Compost Bin!

Sunday, May 3, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Ages 5 – Adult,
\$15 Non-Member/\$5 Member Families,
Pre-Registration Required

Learn how worms can turn your leftover produce into soil for your garden & take home a worm bin.

**Story Time by the River:
Bonkers for Birds!**
Wednesday, May 6,
10:00 – 11:00 AM, Ages 3 – 5
See March for Details

NEW - Family Bird Walk
Saturday, May 9, 8:30 – 10AM,
Join Master Birder and wildlife volunteer Zelia Lebeau for a family morning bird walk! The perfect class for birders of any age or level!

Celebrate Urban Birds!

Saturday, May 9,
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM,
All Ages. Partnership with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology!
Come explore birds up close & find who flies around in your backyard!

**Adopt-A-Stream:
Chemical Workshop,**
Saturday, May 16,
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM,
Ages 12 & Up
Become certified for chemical monitoring of your local waterways. Adopt-A-Stream Registration, contact 404-730-8006.

Brownie Night Flyers
Saturday, May 16, 7:00 – 10:00 PM, 1st Year Brownies, \$12 per scout, Pre-Registration Required.
1st Year Brownies earn their Outdoor Adventurer Try-It while enjoying an evening at CNC! Register with Nikki Parker at 770-992-2055 ext. 249.

Night Hike
Saturday, May 23, 8:00 – 10:00 PM, Ages 5 & up,
\$10 Non-Members/\$5 Members.
Journey into STARLAB, then continue the adventure outdoors to see what happens at night at CNC.

Spring STARLAB
Sunday, May 24, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
(Two 25-Minute Sessions)
Ages 5- Adult.
See March for Details!

Backyard Campout
Saturday, May 30 – Sunday,
May 31- June 1,
5:00 PM – 10:00 AM,
\$35 Non-Member/\$20
Member Families, Pre-Registration Required. Sleep out under the stars at CNC!

Programs in Purple:
See Pg. 6 for details

APRIL

Except when noted, featured calendar events are included with admission costs and FREE to CNC Members

Pre-Registration: 770.992.2055 x 237, Scheduling@chattnaturecenter.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Events Highlighted are Adult Programs See Pg. 4 & 5 for Details			1 Story Time by the River	2 Animal Encounter	3 Animal Encounter	4 Family Bird Walk
				Family Bird Walk! Saturday, April 4 8:30-10am		Guided Hike Weekend Special
5 TURTLE TREATS Guided Hike Weekend Special	6	7 Meet the Keeper	8	9 Animal Encounter	10 Exploration Stations Animal Encounter	11 Privet Pull! Guided Hike Weekend Special
SPRING BREAK CAMP						
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ThinkSwiss Climate Trail Exhibiton through April 27						
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Night Hike! Saturday, April 25 8-10pm						
26 PEE WEE PLANTERS Guided Hike Weekend Special Part 3: Plant Series	27	28 Meet the Keeper	29 INFANT WALK	30 TURTLE TREATS Animal Encounter		

Weekend Special – Nocturnal Nature
Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 PM, All Ages
Join a CNC naturalist and uncover what animals come out when the sun goes down and even visit with a nocturnal animal up close and personal!

Story Time by the River: Springtime Flowers!
Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Ages 3 – 5
See March for Details!

NEW - Family Bird Walk
Saturday, April 4, 8:30 – 10:00 AM, All Ages
Join Master Birder and wildlife volunteer Zelia Lebeau for a family morning bird walk! Perfect for birders of any age!

Exploration Stations
Friday, April 10, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Ages 4 - 12
Visit the Classification, Conservation, Observation, Sensation, and Pollination Stations and find out through hands-on activities about each of these exciting areas of our natural world.

Privet Pull
Saturday, April 11, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Ages 10 – Adult
Do something for nature during Earth Month! Help us in eradicating this non-native plant from the wetlands along the river. Bring a shovel and gloves if you have them!

Earth Day Kids Fest, April 18
check out page 10 for more information!

Spring STARLAB
Sunday, May 24, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
(Two 25-Minute Sessions) Ages 5- Adult
See March for Details!

Night Hike
Saturday, April 25, 8:00 – 10:00 PM
Ages 5 and up,
\$10 Non-Members/\$5 Members
Take a journey outdoors to see what happens at night at the CNC. Visit with a nocturnal animal and enjoy a spring campfire!

Nature Merit Badge for Boy Scouts
Saturday, April 25, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Special Price \$12 per Scout* Pre-Registration Required. Scouts discover food webs, discuss the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates & identify a variety of Georgia plants and animals. *This program is sponsored by the Will Alexander Scout Scholarship.

ADVENTURES FOR ADULTS

PHOTOGRAPHY IN NATURE

Marvin Price, a wildlife photographer, has spent many hours at CNC honing his skills & is eager to share those skills with you! Visit him at marvinpricephotography.com



Marvin Price

Capturing Spring Colors with Marvin Price
Saturday, April 25, 2-5pm
\$60 non members/\$50 members
A unique opportunity for digital photographers to visit our gardens & birds of prey.



Advanced Wildlife Photography with Marvin Price
Saturday, May 23, 8 AM – 5 PM,
bring your own lunch,
\$175 non-members/
\$150 members
A unique opportunity to photograph CNC's raptors, reptiles, insects & gardens.



Exclusive Access to CNC – Photographers Only
Saturday, May 9, 6:30 – 9:30 AM,
\$20 non-members/\$15 members
The light will be perfect, you'll have the grounds to yourselves & our staff will bring out our collection of native non-releasable hawks & owls.

FLY FISHING

Chris Scalley, River Through Atlanta guide service, teaches you everything you need to know from techniques to trip planning!

Fly Fishing Workshop
Saturday, April 25, 9 – 11 AM, Ages 12 & up
\$45 non-members/\$35 members – fee includes all rods & equipment

Advanced Fly Fishing Workshop
Saturday, May 2, 8:30 AM – 12 PM.
\$55 non-members/\$45 members, Ages 12 & up
If you wish to get into the river and fish, please provide your own wading equipment; rods & other fishing supplies will be provided.

HIKING AND PADDLING

Explore the diverse ecology of our watershed with Naturalist Jerry Hightower!

East Palisades Spring Wildflowers Hike
Sunday, April 19, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM
\$20 non-members/\$15 members

Views of Trilliums, May Apple, and more as we hike past extraordinary rock outcrops and formations influenced by the Brevard Fault.

Flint River and the Shoals Spider Lilies

Sunday, May 17, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$70 non-members/\$60 members - fee includes canoe, paddles and life vest. Participants must have basic skills. Discover breath-taking scenes on the Flint River!



Chestatee River Discovery Float
Saturday, May 23, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

\$70 non-members/\$60 members - fee includes canoe, paddles and life vest. Participants must have basic skills. An easy 6.3 mile float punctuated with several very mild rapids.

Raft the Chattahoochee River with CNC & High Country Outfitters!

Chattahoochee River Rafting Trip
Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

\$40 non-members/\$35 members

Join CNC & High Country Outfitters for the first trip of the season as we experience the beauty of our river!

HIGHER EDUCATION

Georgia Master Naturalist Certification Class

Thursdays, March 19 - May 21 (excluding April 9)

9 AM – 4 PM, \$240 non-members/\$210 members

The Georgia Master Naturalist program is a hands-on environmental education program that explores habitats and ecosystems in Georgia. This program is a combination of lectures and outside hands-on learning through field studies and relevant resource materials.

For more information on this certification program visit:
<http://warnell.forestry.uga.edu/faculty/html/mengak/gmnp>

CALENDAR

Programs in Purple:
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MARCH

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Naturalist-Led Canoe Trips on the Chattahoochee River!

Saturdays/Sundays in May, 6:00 PM – Dusk;
Ages 6 & up,

Special May Member Pricing:
\$30 Non-Members/\$20 Members

Special trip on Memorial Day!

Experience one of metro Atlanta's best-kept secrets! Trips are led by a CNC naturalist and offer a unique introduction to the ecology of the Chattahoochee River. Participants are expected to be an active part of this program. Registration begins April 1st!

Family Canoe Day!

Sunday, May 10, 12:30 – 2:00 PM, Ages 5 & up,
\$15 Non-Members/\$10 Members

Join us to discover the basics of canoeing. Learn about canoes & how to paddle them. Then, practice safely on the CNC pond. Registration begins April 1st.

Weekly Happenings!

Naturalist-Led Guided Hikes
Saturdays & Sundays, 1pm & 3pm

Animal Encounter
Thursdays & Fridays, 4pm

Meet the Keeper!
Tuesdays & Saturdays, 12pm

Jr. Naturalist Home School Program, Spring 2009

Thursdays March 12 – April 23 (six weeks – skipping April 9th for Spring Break), Students will research & focus on one of our non-releasable birds of prey while learning professional techniques on sharing information in a fun & engaging way. Questions? Contact Jamie Gilkison, at 770-992-2055 x245 or schoolprograms@chattnaturecenter.org

Spring into Family Fun!

NEW! Turtle Treats

Wednesday, March 11, Sunday, March 22, Sunday April 5, or Thursday April 30,
Weekday 9:45 - 11:00,
Weekends 12:30- 1:45 PM,
\$25 Non-Members, \$15 Members,
Pre-Registration Required
Explore the world of turtles! Create a wearable turtle shell, play turtle games, & see what our turtles and tortoises eat while enjoying healthy & tasty turtle treats!



NEW! Batsongs with Musical Mark – A Family Musical Show!

Sunday, March 29, 1:30 – 2:45 PM
All Ages, General Admission
The coolest kids show around featuring special effects, far out lighting, & a free gift for every child! Songs like “Got Guano?” & “The Bat Bop Boogie” will keep your toes tapping!



Early Childhood Programs

Pee-Wee Naturalist Spring Series

(Ages 3 & 4)
Tuesday: March 17, April 14, and May 12 OR
Wednesday: March 18, April 15, and May 13,
9:45 AM – 11 AM
Classes include animal presentations, art projects, natural world investigations, trail walks and interactive activities.
Program topics cover: Five Senses in Nature, A Plant's Life, & Water Works!

Pee-Wee Planters

(Ages 3 – 6) Saturday, March 14, 9:45 – 11AM, Sunday April 26, or Sunday May 31, 12:45 – 2PM,
\$15 Non-Members/\$10 Members (price per session, adult helper required & admitted free),
Pre-Registration Required
You and your young child will have fun with Seeds and Roots, We Love Trees, and Spring Flowers!

Nature Explorers

(Ages 5 & 6)
Thursday, March 26, April 23, and May 21,
3:30 – 4:45 PM
Your budding naturalist explores the out-of-doors here at CNC. We will have fun doing nature experiments with the topics of *The Air All Around Us*, *Let's Visit a Pond* & *Wacky Weather!*
Pee-Wee Naturalist & Nature Explorers: \$50 Non-Members/\$35 Members -price per 3-session class (adult helper required, admitted free)

Infant Walk

Wednesday, March 25, April 29, May 27, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Ages Birth – 2 years, \$15 Non-Members/\$5 Members (price per family),
Pre-Registration Required.
Discover ways you can connect your infant and young child to the wonders of nature. Program topics: *Baby Animals*, *Spring Colors*, & *Turtles and Lizards!*

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8 Guided Hike Weekend Special	9	10 Meet the Keeper	11 TURTLE TREATS	12 Animal Encounter	13 Meet the Keeper Exploration Stations Animal Encounter	14 PEE WEE PLANTERS Guided Hike Weekend Special
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22 TURTLE TREATS Guided Hike Weekend Special Part 2: Plant Series	23	24 Meet the Keeper	25 INFANT WALK Exploration Stations	26 NATURE EXPLORERS Animal Encounter	27 Animal Encounter	28 What's All the HUM About? Guided Hike Weekend Special Songbird Walk Native Plant Class
29 MUSICAL MARK: BAT PROGRAM Cadette Interest Project Patch Guided Hike Weekend Special	30	31 Meet the Keeper	What's All the Hum About? Saturday, March 28 10am-12pm			

Weekend Special:

Animal Babies ... What Do I Do With Them?
Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 PM, All Ages
Learn what you can do to help orphaned animals make it safely back to their parents in this program led by a CNC naturalist and our wildlife department.

Exploration Stations
Tuesday, March 3, Friday, March 13, and Wednesday, March 25, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Ages 4 - 12
Visit the Classification, Conservation, Observation, Sensation, & Pollination Stations. Find out through hands-on activities about each of these exciting areas of our natural world!

Bear Scout Overnight
Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, 6:45 PM – 10:00 AM, \$32 per scout, Pre-Registration Required. Bear Cub Scouts earn their Space Elective and Astronomy Belt Loop in an overnight adventure at CNC! We sleep indoors, so this is a rain or shine event! Contact Nikki Parker with questions & to register at 770-992-2055 ext. 249.

Story Time by the River: Wacky Weather!
Wednesday, March 4, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Ages 3 – 5. Using books, finger-plays, or crafts, our volunteer storytellers share stories about each month's topic!

Fine Feathered Friends
Sunday, March 15, 12:30 – 1:30 PM, Ages 3 – 6
Join volunteer Heather Gilbert to learn all about our feathery friends! Join in as we read a book, make a fun craft and listen to different bird calls!

Spring STARLAB
Saturday, March 21, 10:00 – 11:00 AM (Two, 25-Minute Sessions); Ages 5 – adult
A naturalist will guide you as you learn about the stars, constellations, and planets that are prominent in the spring night sky in our STARLAB planetarium.

What's All the Hum About?
Saturday, March 28, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Ages 7 – 12, \$10 Non-Members/\$5 Members, Pre-Registration Required
Uncover the speedy world of hummingbirds! Learn about these feathered friends & take home a simple hummingbird feeder!

All About Birds Interest Project for Girl Scouts 11-17
Sunday, March 29, 12:30-5:00PM, \$20 Non-Members/\$15 Members, Pre-Registration Required
With binoculars, learn to identify birds by appearance and song. Discussion on bird feeders & diets of many local birds. Scouts will interview a CNC Naturalist during a career exploration!