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adults, \$8
seniors 65 and over, \$6
children 3-12, \$5
children 2 and under, free
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Back By Popular Demand! Spring Native Plant Sale March 27 & March 28

Since its humble beginnings in 1986, the Native Plant Sale has been one of the most popular ongoing events held at the Nature Center. In 2007, the sales were put on hold so we could focus on the development of the new Discovery Center and its surrounding gardens. Since this time, there have been many inquiries by members, volunteers, and visitors alike regarding the Native Plant Sale. This spring, we are proud to announce the return of this special event!

Have you had a chance to walk through and enjoy the gardens? Many of the plants you see there will be available for purchase during this Native Plant Sale. Some of these plants include:



Henning von Schmelting

Georgia Aster (*Symphyotrichum georgianum*) - Georgia Aster opens with a display of brilliant blooms just as the garden is slowing down in early fall. Flowers are two inches across with many blooms that form a sea of purple. They are a great addition to the garden and cannot be found at the corner nursery. Georgia Aster is currently under consideration for protection due to its rarity throughout its range.



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Royal Catchfly (*Silene regia*) - This plant is currently under protection in Georgia as an endangered species. Bright red star-shaped flowers sit in clusters atop stalks that can grow to 5 feet tall - an excellent addition to the butterfly garden! Their nectar is also a favorite for hummingbirds. Royal Catchfly performs best in full sun, reseeds itself, and also forms small colonies. Royal Catchfly blooms in middle to late summer.



Wild Indigo (*Baptisia australis*): 2010 Perennial Plant Association winner for excellence in the native wildflower garden - This hardy, easy-to-grow plant is a member of the legume family, and has pea-like leaves and flowers. The unusual blue-green foliage and upright spikes of indigo flowers demand attention in the garden. Wild Indigo is a beautiful addition to the Georgia garden. *Bonus:* Inflated seed pods emerge in fall and are attractive in the garden and in floral arrangements.

Many of the plants we offer were grown from the Nature Center's naturally occurring population. Other plants available at the Spring Native Plant Sale include: Native azaleas in full bloom, flowering trees and shrubs, groundcovers and grasses, blooming perennials and sun and shade lovers!

Saturday, March 27 from 9 AM - 5 PM and Sunday, March 28 from Noon - 5 PM

Master Gardeners will be onsite for advice and plant questions. The sale is free to the public. Admission to grounds not included. For further information, please contact Lisa at l.cole@chattnaturecenter.org or call (770) 992-2055 x 253.

Why Go Native?



- Save time and money through low-maintenance choices
- Minimize usage of water, fertilizers, and pesticides in the environment
- Diversify your gardens with plants otherwise unavailable in the market
- Support native wildlife that depend on these plants for survival



Lisa Cole, Horticulturist
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Join us for a full day of fun while connecting with nature and learning how to help the planet!

Saturday, April 17,
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
\$8 Adults, \$6 Seniors, \$5 Children,
Children 2 and under FREE
(ride your bike from home to CNC and get in for free)

Presenting Sponsor:



Media Presenting Sponsor:



- Meet Captain Planet who will give you the power!
- Enjoy live musical entertainment from Billy Jonas with messages about our Mother Earth!
- Visit interactive booths and exhibits from local groups and environmental organizations!
- Explore environmental themes such as clean water and air, wildlife and habitat protection, water conservation, and recycling while finding ways of taking green steps to a new level!
- See live animal presentations
- Paddle a canoe on CNC's Beaver Pond!

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

The Kingfisher

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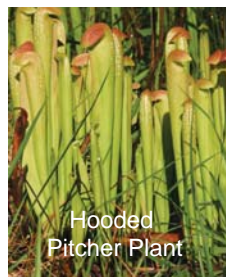
The time of year has come again when the chill and stillness of winter melt steadily away into the warmth and cheer of spring. Nature seems to overflow with life and vigor once again as birds begin their chatter, insects take to the air, and flowers and leaves unfurl against the blue sky.

What better place to enjoy this than among the gardens at the Chattahoochee Nature Center? Georgia is home to over 4000 species of plants, thanks to a great diversity in physiographic regions, from the Blue Ridge Mountains in the north, to the islands of the southeast. Native plants provide food and shelter to wildlife, control erosion during periods of heavy rain, and withstand hot, cold, and dry weather.

In Georgia, you never know what the weather will be! These plants are specially adapted to the unpredictability of the seasons. This spring, we encourage you to take time to walk through these gardens and experience what Mother Nature has to offer, and to get acquainted with our state's wide diversity of flora!



New Discovery Center Gardens - These gardens are filled with an extensive palette of native plants that bloom throughout the year. In the early weeks of spring, look for the delicate white blooms of Serviceberry and Flowering Dogwood that line the entryway to the Discovery Center. Bright pink flowers of our native Eastern Redbud light up the walkway as well. Wild Indigo pops in late spring with purple and white spikes of flowers. As you follow the pathways to the Pavilion, keep your eyes out for the Fringe trees and various Magnolias; these trees fill the air with the heavy scent of their beautiful clusters of flowers. Foamflower, Wild Columbine, and Wild Geranium are spring bloomers that are found throughout these gardens. These relatively low growing herbaceous plants have delicate blooms and are widespread in Georgia. They are intermixed with luscious greens of ferns and various groundcovers that adorn the Discovery Center grounds.



Georgia's Living Wetland Gardens - These gardens showcase the 5 types of wetland habitats found in Georgia and are a special place of learning and discovery. Ironically, the heavy rains and flooding of September 2009 devastated these gardens. Beginning in March, we are revamping these special wetlands with a wide variety of plants, including pitcher plants and other carnivorous plants, St. John's Wort, Stokes' Asters, and more! *This exciting project will require the hard work of many staff and volunteers. Are you interested in lending a helping hand? We welcome all who would like to help! Please contact the Horticulture Department at extension 253 for further information!*

Green Rooftop Garden - The garden situated atop the Discovery Center is home to a unique collection of plants indigenous to granite rock outcroppings found throughout Georgia. In the spring months, the rooftop is carpeted in the unique red foliage and white flowers of Small's Stonecrop. The blooms of Flatrock Onion rise in pale pink star clusters above green stalks. Delicate white cups of Sandwort and pincushion flowers of Georgia Rush are abundant this time of year as well. Be sure to pick up a new self-guided brochure to this unique garden and take a few minutes to enjoy and learn about some of the rarer spring blooms of Georgia.

Lisa Cole, Horticulturist

Photo Credit: Henning von Schmeling

Welcome to Our New Board Members!



Lisa Hyde: Mrs. Hyde is a native of Atlanta, graduated from the University of Georgia with a BBA in Accounting and holds a CPA license in the State of Georgia. She is employed at Veracity Payment Solutions as Senior Vice President, Controller. She is a past board member of the Alumni Association of the University of Georgia, sits on the Atlanta programming committee of the Women of UGA and is an active participant in the electronic transactions networking group - W-NET. Lisa enjoys Georgia football, exercise and golf. She resides in east Cobb with her husband, Warner Head.



Dario Lizcano: Mr. Lizcano is one of the founders of the bilingual graphic design and marketing firm yellobee studio. Mr. Lizcano graduated Valedictorian from the business school at the American Intercontinental University and holds an MBA from Kennesaw University with a concentration in marketing. He has worked as a marketing consultant for The Coca Cola Company as well as Hewlett Packard. He has conducted different seminars on branding and how to market to Hispanics at Kennesaw University.



Jay Sutton: Mr. Sutton was named vice president, Engineering and Supply Chain Services, for AGL Resources in March 2009. He leads several departments including engineering, construction, supply chain management, occupational health, crisis management and business continuity planning. Mr. Sutton was also responsible for managing the pipeline replacement program in Georgia - one of the most aggressive pipeline replacement programs in the country. He received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Clemson University and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Georgia.

Get to Know Our Staff!



Alicia Evans - Outreach and Partnerships Coordinator: I am so happy to be a part of the inspirational staff we have here. Nature has always been a part of me - from my lifetime with Girl Scouting to guiding canoe trips in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota to watching birds with my grandmother. In 2007 I graduated from the University of Georgia with a BSFR in Wildlife, and right after graduation I began working at the Chattahoochee Nature Center at Camp Kingfisher as a Travel Program counselor. I began teaching programs as a part time naturalist and realized that environmental education was a huge need for the future. I look forward to sharing my passion for nature with you all and appreciate the opportunity to work at this wonderful place!



Karen Kuhlke - Membership and Facility Coordinator: As Macy's Employee Volunteer Manager, there were numerous times I led volunteer groups at the Nature Center, from the Butterfly Festival to privet pulls to Earth Day Kids Fest! So when the opportunity came along, I jumped at the chance to join the team! Having grown up in the Catskill Mountains, I spent my youth in the woods and the Esopus Creek. I am thrilled at the chance to get "Back to Nature" and share that love with CNC's members.

A Special Thank You!

Thank you to all the donors that generously responded to our 2009 "Save Our Wildlife" annual appeal!

Because of you, we were able to reach our goal of \$75,000 in just a few short months!

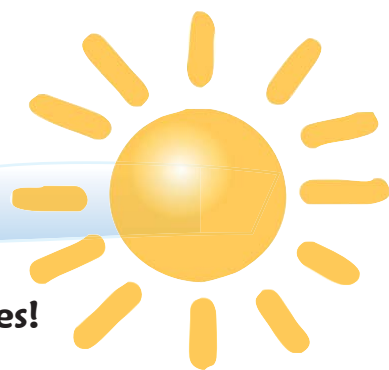
These funds are critical to the operating success of CNC and come at very critical period in our growth.

Many thanks to everyone for their continued support and belief in our mission!

Camp Kingfisher

Summer 2010

It's our 18th year!



A Summer of Fun with Nature!

June 1 – August 20 – new extended dates!

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.

Camp Kingfisher offers a summer of fun with nature for campers entering grades kindergarten through ninth. Each session focuses on a specific topic and is full of hands-on nature activities.

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



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

for students entering
10th, 11th or 12th grade

CAMP K TRAVELERS

for campers entering
8th & 9th grade

NEW! DRAMA NATURE CAMP

Characters of the Watershed
offered in partnership with the
Georgia Ensemble Theater (GET)

June 21 – 25, campers entering grades 2 – 5
Students spend half a day with a naturalist getting to know the inhabitants of the Chattahoochee River watershed. The other half of the day is spent with a theater teaching artist using creative drama to explore ways to be those characters and recreate their habitats.

It's a tough economy and we want you to be able to come to camp!
Sign up for camp with a new family (did not attend in summer 2009)
& both families will receive \$75 off per full day week.
Already signed up for camp?
Recruit a new family! Once they sign up, and mention your name, they'll receive the discount and you'll receive a refund!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER - (770) 992-2055, ext 222
campkingfisher@chattnaturecenter.org - www.chattnaturecenter.org/camp-kingfisher

Spring Break Camp 2010

April 6th - 8th

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN – DON'T DELAY

New Reduced Prices!

Don't sit indoors during spring break: come explore, hike, learn, and discover! April is the perfect time to investigate amphibians, squish in the mud, 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.

Ages: Kindergarten – 7th Grade

Hours:

Half Day 9 AM -12:50 PM

Full Day 9 AM - 4 PM

Extended Care 8:30 -9 AM & 4-6:15 PM

Fees:

Half Day: \$140 Non-members, \$120 Members

Full Day: \$180 Non-members, \$160 Members

There is no charge for extended care.

To register, call (770) 992-2055 x222 or download a form from www.chattnaturecenter.org.

Coexisting with the Other Canines: Foxes and Coyotes



The Wildlife Department often receives phone calls and emails regarding coyotes and foxes in residential areas. Many times, the callers want the animals trapped and removed, not realizing that they can be quite beneficial to both humans and their neighborhoods. Unlike their domestic dog relatives, coyotes and foxes have varied diets. They are omnivorous, eating whatever they come across in their travels. Because approximately 80% of their diet is rodents, including rats, mice, chipmunks and squirrels, they play an important role in controlling small pests. The remainder of their diet is rabbits (a favorite of the red fox), snakes, birds, carrion, and fruits, nuts and berries. Additionally, merely seeing a coyote or fox does not mean they necessarily live in your area – a coyote's average home range is 25 miles in diameter, while red foxes travel up to 20 miles each night in search of food and grey foxes hunt over 3-4 miles nightly.

There is much debate as to whether or not coyotes are native to the Southeast; fossil records show that they lived in the region 2 million years ago, but disappeared during the last glacial age 12,000 years ago. In the 1920s the only wild canine in the area was the red wolf (now listed as federally endangered), which was nearly driven to extinction through habitat loss and bounty hunting. Once the red wolf was eradicated, coyotes expanded to fill the newly-opened ecological niche and can now be found in every county in Georgia. Southeastern coyotes are solitary and do not pack-hunt, a common misconception. However, you may see several coyotes together, forming a family group of adults and pups, including juveniles born the previous year. While they are known to kill housecats, in the majority of cases, the cat is hunting the prey items of the coyote, which then attacks in an effort to remove the competition for food.

Red and gray fox sightings are becoming more prevalent in the Atlanta area due to encroaching development into previously rural areas. Quite adept at living in urban environs, a den of red foxes was discovered in 1997 living under Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium as it was being prepared for demolition to make way for Turner Field. These clever canines had been feeding on the leftover hamburgers, hot dogs and other game day foods, as well as the rats and mice of the sewers. Gray foxes are quite shy and attempt to avoid humans if at all possible. The red fox will hold its ground until a perceived threat comes too close, then run away at speeds up to 30 mph! Gray foxes however are slow runners (a mere 20 mph!), and instead are the only canines that can climb trees, both to escape predators as well as to bask in the sun for warmth.

Because all three of these interesting canines are highly adaptable to urban life, it is important to coexist with them and allow them to remain wild animals. To lessen wild canine/human interactions, don't leave pet food out overnight. This not only attracts the foxes and coyotes, but also the rats, mice, squirrels and their other prey items. Ensure that garbage can lids are secured (a splash of ammonia on the top of the bag deters even the most determined scavenger), and never attempt to feed coyotes or foxes. Remove spilled birdseed under feeders, as this attracts prey items at night. Also, trim any low-growing shrubs or bushes near houses that could be used for cover. Perimeter fencing 6'-8' high and 18" underground will prevent the majority of unwanted visitors. Trapping is a last resort, as adult coyotes and foxes cannot be legally relocated in Georgia and must be destroyed. Additionally, studies show that removing coyotes prompts the remaining females to produce more offspring each year. It is only through the understanding of natural histories and behaviors that the relationship between humans and foxes and coyotes can improve.

Kathryn Dudeck, Wildlife Director

Gray Foxes



- 8-10 lbs.
- Peppered gray coats
- Rusty legs, feet, sides and neck
- Bushy gray tail with black center stripe, always tipped in black

Red Foxes



- 8-12 lbs.
- Rusty brown coats
- Black legs, feet and ears
- Bushy red and black tail, always tipped in white
- Tail almost the length of body

Coyotes



- 20-35 lbs.
- Gray, brown or tan coats with whitish chest
- Reddish tail, always tipped in black
- Tail carried downwards or straight out, never up or over back like a dog

March



Spring Film Series in the Cowie Weiss Theater

These entertaining and informative films and documentaries take you to far away places and challenge you to look at our environment in new ways.

Crane Song

Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7, 1:00 & 3:00 PM, All Ages, 60 Minutes

Follow the journey of the Sandhill crane's migration with the stories and insights of the individuals who observe these creatures, as well as landowners endeavoring to ensure a habitat that is welcoming to the cranes.

Food Inc.

Saturday and Sunday, March 27 & 28, 1:00 & 3:00 PM, Ages 10 - Adult, 90 Minutes
Academy Award Nominated *Food Inc.* lifts the veil on our nation's food industry, exposing the highly mechanized underbelly that has been hidden from the American consumer with the consent of our government's regulatory agencies.

Family Bird Walk

Saturday, March 27, 8:30 - 10:00 AM, All Ages
Join Master Birder and wildlife volunteer Zelia Lebeau for a family morning bird walk! This is the perfect class for the beginner birder of any age.

Adult Bird Walk

Saturday, March 20, 8 - 10 AM
Join CNC wildlife volunteer and Master Birder, Stacy Zarpentine, for a morning bird walk to discover what feathered friends you will find around the grounds.

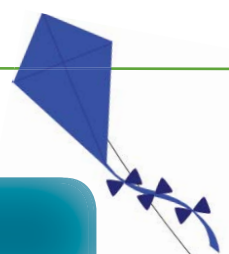


LIVE PERFORMANCE!

Nella Rigell - Lyres, Kings & Gaelic Strings

Sunday, March 14, 1 PM and 2 PM

Nella entrances audiences with this enchanting instrument as she traces the harp's history from an ordinary hunter's bow to the magnificent grand harp. Get an opportunity to try out different types of harps in an unusual jam session.



Night Hike

Saturday, March 13, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Ages 5 - adult, \$10 Non-Members/\$5 Members
Join a naturalist on a journey outdoors to see what happens at night at the Chattahoochee Nature Center, visit with a nocturnal animal and enjoy a spring campfire!



Let's Go Fly A Kite

Sunday, March 21, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Ages 7 and up, \$10 Non-Members/\$5 Members, Pre-registration Required
Celebrate spring by making your own kite! Use provided materials to make a simple kite, learn how it flies and head outside to test your creation!

Bio-Buggies

Wednesday, March 10, Friday, March 12, and Wednesday, March 24, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Ages 4 - 12
Visit the CNC Bio-Buggies to learn about the birds and bugs you may see this spring! A CNC docent will share activities and games or explore on your own!

NEW at the Nature Exchange!

Ask an Expert Series

Each month features a different expert to answer your nature and outdoor questions.

March's Expert:

Ask A Master Gardener

Saturday, March 13, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, All Ages
Get your garden going by asking expert gardeners your gardening questions.

Adult Education

Wilderness First Aid

Saturday, March 6th and Sunday, March 7th, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, \$149 Members & Non-Members
This course, in partnership with Solo Schools, provides entry-level training for outdoor enthusiasts to prepare themselves for outdoor trips. Topics covered range from preparation and prevention to assessment and treatment. *WFA is a two-year certification that does not include CPR. American Heart Association (AHA) HeartSaver CPR is an optional extra that can be taken on the evening of day one. Ages 16 to Adult, Pre-Registration Required*

May

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CANOE TRIPS! Saturdays and Sundays at 6:00 PM! Special Canoe Trip on Memorial Day!						
2 Wildlife Patch Start Collecting! Green Building Tour Guided Hike Creature Feature	3	4	5 Story Time by the River	6 Creature Feature	7 Creature Feature	1 Pee Wee Planters Guided Hike Feeding Time Creature Feature
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30 Wildlife Origami Green Building Tour Guided Hike Creature Feature	31 Special Canoe Trip	GO WILD IN ROSWELL • May 20 - June 6 • See Brochure For Details				

Join CNC during our weekly scheduled programs!

Wildlife Feeding Time

Tuesdays & Saturdays at 4 PM

Guided Nature Hike

Saturdays & Sundays at 1 & 3 PM

Green Building Tour

Sundays at 4 PM

Creature Feature - Rockin' Reptiles

Thursdays & Fridays, 4 PM, Saturdays & Sundays, 2 PM
A CNC naturalist will help you uncover what kind of scaly creatures you can find in your own backyard! Visit with one of CNC's non-releasable reptiles up close and personal!

Pee-Wee Planters

Saturday, May 1, 12:45 - 2:00 PM, Ages 3 - 6, \$15 Non-Members/\$10 Members (price per session, adult helper required and admitted free), Pre-Registration Required
You will be exploring nature at its finest - Springtime! You and your young child will have fun discovering about Water Plants!

Book Online!

Wildlife Interest Project Patch for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts

Sunday, May 2, 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM, \$20 Non-member/\$15 Member, Pre-Registration Required
Observe native Georgia wildlife in their natural habitat. Learn how to keep a scientific nature journal and record evidence of the animals at the CNC. Don't forget about plants and their importance to wildlife. Register at 770-992-2055 ext. 249 or email scouts@chattnaturecenter.org.

Story Time by the River

Wednesday, May 5, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Ages 3 - 5
Join volunteers for a fun story time at CNC. Using books, puppets, and other props, they tell stories about the wild outdoors

Nature Exchange Homeschool Afternoon

Monday, May 10, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, All Ages
Calling all homeschool families and students! The Nature Exchange invites you to join us each month for special homeschool hours in the Nature Exchange. Naturalists will help you with biology and geology questions!

History of CNC Hike

Sunday, May 16, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Ages 12 - Adult, Pre-Registration Required
Ever wondered how CNC got its land and what was here before? Come get ready to Go Wild in Roswell with this insight into the CNC's past.

Venomous Snakes of Georgia

Saturday, May 22, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Come view the Southeast's venomous snakes in a live animal presentation! Bryan Hudson, herpetologist and CNC wildlife volunteer, will help you discover fun facts about Georgia's slithering serpents. View the venomous snakes found in Georgia from 10:00 - 11:00 AM, then join in on a presentation at 11:00!

Backyard Campout

Book Online!

Saturday, May 29 - Sunday, May 30, 5:00 PM - 10:00 AM, \$40 Non-Member Families/\$30 Member Families, Pre-Registration Required
Join us as we sleep out under the stars at CNC. We'll provide space, water, bathrooms campfire and a night of fun; you bring the rest. See website for more details!

Wildlife Origami with Nathaniel Lachenmeyer

Sunday, May 30, 1:00 PM, Ages 8 - Adult
Award-winning author Nathaniel Lachenmeyer will share his love of nature by introducing the art of Wildlife Origami. Lachenmeyer, who's work includes the children's book "The Origami Master", will guide you through folds and creases to turn ordinary paper into a natural work of art.

Save the Date!
Possum Trot 10K Road Race is June 19th!

May

Check out all the exciting new activities during **GO WILD in Roswell, May 20 - June 6.** Be sure to save the special insert in this newsletter that gives you all the details of this 3-week festival!



Family Music Series

Mr. Greg's Musical Madness

Saturday, May 22, 1:00 PM, All Ages

Mr. Greg brings fun, interactive music to get your toes tapping. Mr. Greg's shows are an interactive sing-along celebration where all kids are invited to participate while learning a timely message about recycling and going green!

Emmy Award Winner

Farmer Jason

Saturday, May 29, 1:00 PM, All Ages

Get out your bandanas and overalls! Farmer Jason is coming to the Ben Brady Lakeside Pavilion! This alternative country music legend delivers catchy songs and good times while exploring ecology, natural wonders and history.

Coming in June

Dave Holland

Wednesday, June 2, 3:00 PM, All Ages

Back by popular demand! Dave delivers a high-octane storytelling guaranteed to spark the imagination! Join in on this fun-filled, percussion-loaded extravaganza as Dave sings, drums and narrates!

Start Collecting!

Saturday, May 2, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Ages 8-12,

\$20 non-members/\$15 members, Pre-registration required

Nature Exchange Traders can take their trading to a whole new level by creating a Collection. Learn how to be a responsible collector, special features of your nature items and how to creatively display them. You will also make a special display box for your treasures to take home. To register or for more information, please contact the Nature Exchange at 770-992-2055, ext 258 or email natureexchange@chattnaturecenter.org.

Adult Education

Book Online!

Wilderness First Responder

Saturday May 1st through Sunday May 9th, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM with one late night, \$595 Members & Non-Members, Ages 16 – Adult, Pre-Registration Required

This course, in partnership with Solo Schools, is the recognized industry standard for those who work as back-country trip leaders, camp counselors and students in outdoor recreational programs. Designed specifically to provide you with the tools to make critical medical and evacuation decisions in remote locations.

Wilderness First Aid

Saturday, May 15th and Sunday, May 16th, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM, \$149 Members & Non-Members, Ages 16 – Adult, Pre-Registration Required

This course, in partnership with Solo Schools, provides entry-level training for outdoor enthusiasts to prepare themselves for outdoor trips. WFA is a two-year certification that does not include CPR.

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Each month features a different expert to answer your nature and outdoor questions.

May's Expert:

Ask a Herpetologist

Saturday, May 8, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Wildlife Biologist Thomas Floyd, GA Department of Natural Resources, will be on hand to answer your questions about snakes, turtles, frogs and other amphibians and reptiles.

Family Canoe Day

Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 23, 12:30 – 2:00 PM, Ages 5 - Adult, \$15 Non-Members/\$10 Members (Book a third seat in a canoe for ½ off!)

Join us to discover the basics of canoeing. Learn along with your children about canoes and how to paddle them. Then use what you've learned as you practice safely on the CNC pond. Registration begins April 1st at scheduling@chattnaturecenter.org or (770) 992-2055 ext. 237.

River Canoe Trips - Back for the 19th Season!

Sponsored by



Book Online!

Naturalist-Led Canoe Trips

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

Special May Member Pricing:

\$30 Non-Members/\$20 Members (\$5 off regular price)

Special trip on Memorial Day!

Don't miss this opportunity to experience one of metro Atlanta's best-kept secrets! Each trip is led by a CNC naturalist and offers a unique introduction to the ecology of the Chattahoochee River. (Also offered June through October; Check the next two CNC newsletters for additional trips.) Participants are expected to be an active part of this program. Registration begins April 1st at scheduling@chattnaturecenter.org or (770) 992-2055 ext. 237.

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Wildlife Feeding Time

Tuesdays & Saturdays at 4 PM

Guided Nature Hike

Saturdays & Sundays at 1 & 3 PM

Green Building Tour

Sundays at 4 PM

creature feature

Found a Baby Animal - What to do!

Thursdays & Fridays, 4 PM,

Saturdays & Sundays, 2 PM

Come learn about some of our non-releasable wildlife and what you can do to help make sure any orphaned animals you encounter this spring make it safely back to their parents.

Story Time by the River

Wednesday, March 3,

10 – 11:00 AM, Ages 3 – 5

Join volunteers for a fun story time! Using books, puppets, and other props, they tell stories about Spring Bloomers!

NEW DATES ANNOUNCED!

Master Naturalist Program

Begins March 18th!

Email AdultPrograms@chattnaturecenter.org

for details!

Nature Exchange Homeschool Afternoon

Monday, March 8, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, All Ages

Calling all homeschool families and students! The Nature Exchange invites you to join us each month for special homeschool hours in the Nature Exchange. Naturalists will help you with biology and geology questions and homeschoolers will receive special "discounts" in the Nature Exchange during these hours.

Mammal Study Merit Badge

Sunday, March 14, 12:00 – 4:30 PM, Special Price

\$15 per Scout*, Pre-Registration Required
Discover what makes a mammal a mammal, learn about one of the mammals that CNC has in rehabilitation, and discuss the delicate balance of our ecosystems. *Program sponsored by the Will Alexander Scout Scholarship (reduces the normal \$25 fee.)

Spring Stars in our STARLAB

Saturday, March 20, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

(2, 25-Minute Sessions), Ages 5 - Adult, Children and adults will delight in learning what stars they will find up in the sky inside our inflatable planetarium.

Infant Walk

Wednesday, March 31, 10:00 – 11:15 AM,

Ages Birth – 2 years,

\$15 Non-Members/\$10 Members (price per family), Pre-Registration Required

Join a CNC naturalist to discover ways you can connect your infant and young child to the wonders of nature. Program topics vary by month.



Early Childhood Programs

Classes include animal presentations, art projects, and natural world investigations, including trail walks and interactive activities.

Book Online!

Visit www.chattnaturecenter.org/early-childhood-programs

Adult helper required and admitted free, Pre Registration Required

Pee-Wee Naturalist Spring Series (Ages 3 & 4)

Tuesday: March 9, April 13, and May 11,

9:45 – 11:00 AM,

\$50 Non-Members/\$35 Members,

Program topics cover: Busy Birdies,

Signs of Spring, Colors in Nature

Nature Explorers (Ages 5 & 6)

Thursday, March 25, April 29 and May 20,

3:30 – 4:45 PM,

\$50 Non-Members/\$35 Members

Explore nature while focusing on

Awesome Owls, Changing Seasons,

Exploring Rainbows!

Pee-Wee Planters (Ages 3 - 6)

Sunday, March 28, 12:45 – 2:00 PM,

\$15 Non-Members/\$10 Members

You will be exploring nature at its finest – Springtime!



Spring Film Series in the Cowie Weiss Theater

These entertaining and informative films and documentaries take you to far away places and challenge you to look at our environment in new ways.

In the Company of Wild Butterflies

Sunday, April 11, 1:00 & 3:00 PM, All Ages, 95 Minutes
Witness the lives of several species of butterflies as you've never seen them before! Spectacular close-up photography reveals details such as the butterflies hatching from their eggs, smelling with their feet, and preparing for molting.

Tapped

Saturday, April 24, 1:00 & 3:00 PM, Ages 10 -Adult, 90 Minutes

From the plastic production to the ocean where so many of these bottles end up, this documentary trails the path of the bottled water industry. A powerful portrait of the lives affected by the bottled water industry, this film features those caught at the intersection of big business and the public's right to water.

Bio-Buggies

Monday – Friday, April 5 – 9, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM, Ages 4 – 12
Visit the CNC Bio-Buggies to learn about the birds and bugs you may see this spring! A CNC docent will share activities and games for you to take part in or explore on your own!



Family Bird Walk

Saturday, April 24, 8:30 – 10:00 AM
Join Master Birder and wildlife volunteer Zelia Lebeau for a family morning bird walk! This is the perfect spring walk for the beginner birder of any age.

Adult Bird Walk

Saturday, April 3, 8:00 – 10:00 AM
Join Atlanta Audubon President, Stacy Zarpentine, for a morning bird walk to discover what feathered friends you will find around the grounds.

Pee-Wee Planters

[Book Online!](#)

Sunday, April 18, 12:45 – 2:00 PM, Ages 3 – 6, \$15 Non-Members/\$10 Members (price per session, adult helper required and admitted free), Pre-Registration Required
You will be exploring nature at it's finest – Springtime! You and your young child will have fun discovering about Seeds and Roots!



NEW at the Nature Exchange! Ask an Expert Series

Each month features a different expert to answer your nature and outdoor questions.
April's Expert:
Ask a Master Birder
Saturday, April 10, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, All Ages
Ask Master Birders your bird questions from identification to bird houses.

Re-Use It!

Saturday, April 3, 12:30 – 2:00 PM, Ages 4-10
Help the Earth and have fun! Use items that would normally be thrown out during Spring Cleaning to make an exciting new creation!

Go Green with a Green Roof


Sunday, April 18, 1:00 PM, All Ages
Inspired to take your green building to the greenest level? Consider a green roof! CNC Horticulturist Lisa Cole will discuss what it takes to get a green roof going and talk about what makes the CNC green roof so unique.



Privet Pull

Saturday, April 24, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Ages 6 to Adult
Do something for nature during Earth Month! Help us in eradicating this non-native plant from the wetlands along the river. Bring a pair of gloves and shovel if you have them!

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

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<p>Be a Certified Interpretive Guide! Create meaningful experiences that help connect minds to the beauty of nature. Learn more at www.interpnet.com. CNC offers individual sign-ups and classes for groups of 8 -20. Contact Amy at a.bram@chattnaturecenter.org for info!</p>						
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Sundays at 4 PM

Creature Feature:

Amazing Amphibians

Thursdays & Fridays, 4 PM,

Saturdays & Sundays, 2 PM

Join a CNC Naturalist as you discover the amazing adaptations of amphibians! Find out why Georgia is home to so many of these slimy creatures! Discover what these creatures can tell us about the state of our environment.

Night Hike

[Book Online!](#)

Saturday, April 3, 8:00 – 10:00 PM, Ages 5 to Adult,

\$10 Non-Members/\$5 Members

Join a naturalist on a journey outdoors to see what happens at night at the Chattahoochee Nature Center, visit with a nocturnal animal and enjoy a spring campfire!

Story Time by the River

Wednesday, April 7, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Ages 3 – 5

Join volunteers for a fun story time at CNC. Using books, puppets, and other props, they tell stories about those amphibians that know it's easy being green!

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Nature Badge for Boy Scouts

Sunday, April 25, 12:00 – 5:00 PM,

Special Price \$15 per Scout,*

Pre-Registration Required

Scouts will discover food webs, discuss the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates in Georgia, and identify a variety of Georgia plants and animals.

*Program sponsored by the Will Alexander Scout Scholarship (reduces the normal \$25 fee.)

Infant Walk

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Wednesday, April 28, 10:00 – 11:15 AM,

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(price per family), Pre-Registration Required
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Earth Day Kids Fest

Saturday, April 17,

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

All Ages, \$8 Adults, \$5 Children

Check out the back cover for more information!