



# Oregon Ridge Nature Center Fall Calendar 2018

## Honey Harvest Festival

Free Admission  
Minimal charge for some activities

Join us as we celebrate all things honey!

October 6 & 7  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.



### Our 35th Annual Honey Harvest Festival!

- Learn about honey and honeybees from the 2018 American Honey Princess, Jenny Gross
- Open hive demonstrations, honey extraction and mead making
- Local honey and honeybee product vendors
- Children's crafts, pumpkin painting, face painting, puppet shows, haystack treasure hunts and honey ice cream making
- Live Music
- Live animal encounters, cider pressing, Civil War reenactments, churning, wool spinning and blacksmithing demos
- Food trucks, craft demonstrators and much more.



### Tricks and Treats

Saturday, October 27; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Dress up in your best costume and stroll through the woods and meadow to learn about the tricks plants and animals have up their "leaves". Participants will get a treat at each stop so bring a bag. Hike is approximately 1/2 mile. Advance registration is required, groups will leave from the Nature Center in 10 minute intervals, you will be assigned a leave time at registration. **If all slots are filled, walk-in guests can not be accommodated.**

All Ages

\$5 per child

**Advance Registration Recommended!**

### Hike with a Naturalist!

#### Nature Quest Guided Hike

Sunday, September 9; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join a naturalist and hike to the two Baltimore County Nature Quest Trail markers at Oregon Ridge. (Moderately strenuous, 5 miles).

Adults and children 7+

#### A Walk in the Park

Sunday, September 23; 11 a.m.

Kick off the beginning of Autumn by enjoying the great outdoors at this County-wide event! Join a Naturalist for an easy/moderate one-hour hike observing nature's fall splendor.

Adults and children 5+

Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes and bring your water bottle... but leave your pets at home.

**FREE**

Group size is limited! • Advance Registration Required.



Oregon Ridge Park is open daily sunrise to sunset. The Nature Center is free and open to the public 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday



## Cane Pole Fishing

Saturday, Sept. 1 or Sunday, Sept. 2; 10 a.m - 12 p.m.

Come fish for bluegill and largemouth bass with our cane poles. We'll provide the pole and the worms. Adults and children 16+ must have a valid MD fishing license to participate. *(This is a catch and release program.)*

Adults and children 5+

\$6 per fisherman (\$4 for ORNCC Members)



## Meadow Grass Weaving

Saturday, Sept. 8; 1 - 3 p.m.

Join us as we learn about the adaptations and importance of grasses in the meadow. We will finish our exploration with an outdoor activity and a meadow branch weaving craft.

Adults and children 5+

\$4 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

## Monarch Magic

Saturday, Sept. 15 or Sunday, Sept. 16; 1 - 3 p.m.

The monarch migration is underway! Learn about their fascinating journey and become citizen scientists, as we capture, tag and release monarchs and send them on their way to their winter abode in Mexico.

Adults and children ages 5+

\$2 per person (**FREE** for ORNCC Members)



## Mini Aquaponics

Saturday, Sept. 22; 1 - 3 p.m.

The weather may be getting colder, but that doesn't mean your gardening days need to be over! We'll learn all about aquaponics, a cool way to grow food indoors, and even make our own miniature desktop system for herb growing to take home.

Adults and children ages 8+

\$15 per project (\$10 for ORNCC Members)

Maximum 4 people per project.

## Fall Family Campout

Saturday, Sept. 22; 6 p.m. thru Sunday, Sept. 23; 9 a.m.

Celebrate the first official weekend of Fall. Bring your tent and camping gear. We'll provide the night hike, campfire, s'mores and light breakfast. Limited rental tents available. No alcohol, no pets.

All Ages \$10 per person/\$25 per family

## Autumn Scents

Saturday, Sept. 29 or Sunday, Sept. 30; 1 - 3 p.m.

There's a crisp feeling in the air... autumn is here. Join us on a sensory walk to see robust fall colors, listen to leaves crunching under our feet and absorb the smells of the autumn season, while collecting natural items along the way. We will then bring all of those sensations indoors by creating natural, homemade potpourri to take home, using items commonly found in our own kitchens and accented with the items collected on the trails.

All Ages \$5 per person (\$4 for ORNCC Members)

## Clubs / Recurring Programs

### Shoots and Letters

Every Thursday! 10 - 11 a.m.

Come plant the seeds of knowledge while learning basic skills and playing in the dirt with your little tots. Stories, crafts and adventures are all part of the fun!

#### Upcoming Themes

- September 6 – How do birds fly?
- September 13 – Life Underwater
- September 20 – Monarch Butterflies
- September 27 – Honeybees
- October 4 – Birds of Prey
- October 11 – Autumn Leaves
- October 18 – Animals that Camouflage
- October 25 – Animals with Warning Colors
- November 1 – Poisonous vs. Venomous
- November 8 – Nocturnal Animals
- November 15 – Hibernation
- November 29 – Deer

Ages 3+ \$2 per child No registration required.

### Homeschool Nature Days

Sept. 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

**Big Changes for Homeschool Nature Days!**

**We are now offering blocks of four themed classes.**

The first block starts in September. Come explore the amazing world of INSECTS! Our first class will be an insect overview and the following three classes will look more closely at some fascinating six-legged creatures.

Ages 6 - 13

*(Parents are welcome to stay but unfortunately, no siblings)*

\$20 for the series (\$16 for ORNCC Members)



### Woolly Bear Club

Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5 and Jan. 2; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Students, with their parent, will explore seasonal topics in this series of 5 classes as they go on adventures outside, make crafts and have a theme-related snack.

Ages 3 - 5

*(Non-mobile siblings only, parent must be an active participant)*

\$20 for the series (\$16 for ORNCC Members)

### Bookworm Story Time

Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7; 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Enjoy a nature story with the storyteller's choice of an activity such as an animal encounter, puppets or craft. This program is a partnership with BCPL. Dress for a brief outdoor experience.

Toddler to age 6 **FREE** No registration required.

### KinderGarden Club

Tuesdays, Sept. 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9 and 16; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Young sprouts will explore the garden while growing their lil' hearts and minds. Various nature activities each session, which may include stories, crafts, music and garden delights.

Ages 4 - 5

*(Non-mobile siblings only, parent must be an active participant)*

\$20 for the series (\$16 for ORNCC Members)

### Morning Bird Walks

Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9; 8:30 - 10 a.m.

The early bird gets the most sightings. Join a naturalist for this early morning bird walk to find and identify birds in the park. Bring binoculars and wear comfortable shoes for hiking.

Adults **FREE**



## Scarebaby

Saturday, Oct. 13 or Sunday, Oct. 14; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Once built to scare birds away from crops, they've come to represent the fall season. We'll learn about the history of the scarecrow, hear a story about them and take a hike to find natural decorations. After the hike, we will build our own pint-sized scarecrow to take home. We'll have old clothes on hand to dress your scarebaby but feel free to bring your own!

All Ages

\$6 per project (\$4 for ORNCC Members)

Maximum 3 people per project



## No Bones About It

Saturday, Oct. 20; 1 - 3 p.m.

Let's explore skulls alphabetically. This adventure from A to Z gives participants the skills necessary to solve the mystery of whose skull it is... or at least the ability to make an educated guess.

Adults and children 5+

\$2 per person (FREE for ORNCC Members)

## Finding Bigfoot

Saturday, Oct. 20; 7 - 9 p.m.

Bigfoot. Sasquatch. Yeti. No matter what you call it, you'll be the judge on whether the legend is true. Hear folklore and stories of Bigfoot sightings around the campfire and take a hike after dark in search of the legendary creature. We'll use our detective skills to figure out which are signs and tracks left by other night creatures and which might be left by Bigfoot!

All Ages \$4 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

## Nature Quest Fest at Lake Roland

Sunday, Oct. 21; 12 - 2 p.m.

Nature Quest is a county-wide scavenger hunt to find posts along the trails in Baltimore County parks. Quest Fest is a festival that includes live animal encounters, face painting, dam tours, raffles, crafts and more! No Registration Required.

All Ages

\$5 (FREE When you visit 5 or more Nature Quest trail markers)

## Fall Foliage

Sunday, Oct. 28; 1 - 3 p.m.

Fall foliage is in the spotlight! Learn why leaves change color this time of year and enjoy the crisp day as we head out on the trail to collect leaves. We will return to the Nature Center to create an autumn work of art to take home using crayon resist techniques.

All Ages \$4 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

## Mother Nature's Recycling

Saturday, Nov. 3 or Sunday, Nov. 4; 1 - 3 p.m.

Learn to use nature's method of recycling to turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into rich soil amendment. We'll discuss the science of composting, its benefits and best practices. The program will conclude with the creation of your very own shoebox size vermicomposting (worm) bin to take home!

Adults and children 8+

\$5 per project Maximum 4 people per project.



## In search of P.R. Mantis

Saturday, Nov. 10 or Sunday, Nov. 11; 1 - 3 p.m.

Let's wander through the meadows of Oregon Ridge Nature Center searching for Praying Mantis and Mantis egg cases. We'll learn about the life cycle and stalking personality of this insect of prey.

Adults and children 4+

\$2 per person (FREE for ORNCC Members)

## Monthly Speaker Series

### The Wild Bees that Live in your Backyard: You can Make a Difference

**Sam Droege, wildlife biologist**  
**USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center**



Monday, Sept. 17; 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Imagine creating farm workers tinier than a grain of rice who would travel from flower to flower, pollinating plants, fueled only with tiny sips of a sugary drink. Imagine each year creating trillions of them. Too late, nature has already created them, they're called "bees." Did you know that in Maryland there are over 400 species, that they provide no honey, pollinate our crops, live underground, most never sting, never cause allergic reactions, are declining, that it takes only 5 flowers worth of pollen and nectar to create a new bee, that you can help reverse these declines, and that mowing kills more bees than pesticides? If you didn't know those things you should join us for more details of these critical insects.

### 4000 Years of Women in Science:

#### The History of Women in Science, Technology and other Wonderful Stuff

**Sethanne Howard, PhD; US Naval Observatory,**  
**Chief of the Nautical Almanac Office, Retired; author**

Monday, Oct. 15; 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Science is a traditional role for women. For over 4,000 years women have participated in this great adventure. Yet missing from our textbooks are the fundamental contributions of female scientists. Female creativity and genius fill our technical past. The stories of these women not only provide role models, but also strengthen and broaden our ability to deal with the present. This talk will cover the exciting and enchanting history of women in science and technology, where we have been, where we are, and where we are going.

### Astronomy at the Top of the World

**Jim O'Leary, Senior Scientist**  
**Maryland Science Center**

Monday, Nov. 19; 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Jim O'Leary was among nine astronomy educators chosen from across the U.S. to travel to Chile and visit the remote astronomy observatories there, meeting with astronomers and astronomy educators as part of the Astronomy in Chile Educator Ambassador Program.

Jim's talk will explore the geography of the Chilean Andes which makes them ideal for astronomy featuring the U.S. supported observatories located there. The talk will also include images of the gems of the southern sky - the Southern Cross, the Magellanic Clouds and the center of the Milky Way high overhead.

**FREE**

Donations appreciated. No registration required.

Please call to register!

Some programs will fill, in which case,  
walk-in guests cannot be accommodated.

410-887-1815 or

[info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org](mailto:info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org)

## Falling Behind

Saturday, Nov. 17 or Sunday, Nov. 18; 1 - 3 p.m.

What's left after the mass migration of summer songbirds and bloom flowers? Plenty! Birds like the Northern Junco and White-throated sparrow have arrived as well as interesting seedpods and animal signs. Hike through the changing habitats and find what's new.

All Ages **FREE**

## Turkey Tales

Saturday, Nov. 24 or Sunday, Nov. 25; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the turkey... after all it's been a rough week for him. We'll have turkey tales, a turkey craft and we'll meet one of the lucky ones that survived the holiday.

Adults and children 5+ \$3 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

## Trail Guide Training

Sept. 4 - 7; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Nature Center is in need of volunteers to help with school field trips, Tuesday - Friday, year-round. Volunteers lead small groups of elementary students around the park for a hands-on nature experience! No minimum time commitment. This season's topics include Habitats, Rainy Day Activities, The Chesapeake Bay and Native Americans.

Adults \$20 for first time attendees



## Nature Book Club

### The Overstory

Monday, Sept. 24; 7 - 8 p.m.

A monumental novel about trees and people by one of our most "prodigiously talented" novelists, Richard Powers. If the trees of this earth could speak, what would they tell us? "Listen. There's something you need to hear." *Ralph Brown will lead the discussion.*

### Darwin Comes to Town: How the Urban Jungle Drives Evolution

Monday, Nov. 26; 7 - 8 p.m.

Menno Schilthuizen is one of a growing number of "urban ecologists" studying how our manmade environments are accelerating and changing the evolution of animals and plants. In *Darwin Comes to Town*, he provides an up-close look at just how stunningly flexible and swift-moving natural selection can be. *Elaine Kasmer will lead the discussion.*

*Light refreshments provided  
but feel free to bring a snack to share.*

**FREE**

Advance Registration Appreciated.

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## PUBLIC PROGRAM RESERVATION PROCEDURE

**All programs require advance registration** unless otherwise noted. To register, email [info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org](mailto:info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org) or call 410-887-1815, we'll need your name, email address, phone number, number of people attending and the ages of any children attending.

**Payment must be made within one week of registration.** Unpaid spots will be yielded to the wait list. Checks should be made payable to: ORNCC and mailed to the Nature Center at 13555 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

All payments are considered donations and are non-refundable unless Oregon Ridge Nature Center cancels the program. All programs and events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified.

Programs are for individuals and their immediate families and are not intended for groups. Groups may schedule programs through the Nature Center by calling 410-887-1815.

*For special accommodations (i.e. language interpreter, large print, etc.) please give as much notice as possible by calling Oregon Ridge Nature Center at 410-887-1815, or the Therapeutic Office at 401-887-5370 (voice) 410-887-5319 (TTD/Deaf).*

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