



Oregon Ridge Nature Center Summer Calendar 2018

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. We'll have a different nature related theme every week. Stories, crafts and adventures are all part of the fun!

Upcoming Themes

June 7 – Stream Searching

June 14 – Pond Search

June 21 – How do plants grow?

June 28 – Survival: Shelter Building

July 5 – Survival: Firemaking

July 12 – Fishing

July 19 – Hiking

Ages 3+

\$2 per child *No registration required.*

July 26 – Camping

August 2 – Chesapeake Bay

August 9 – Native Americans

August 16 – Nature Scavenger Hunt

August 23 – Insects

August 30 – Mammals



Music in the Woods

Bring your Lawn Chairs or Picnic Blanket and Enjoy Live Music from Local Bands!

Saturday, June 2; 2 - 8 p.m.

Celebrate the season with music in the beautiful setting of Oregon Ridge Park. Enjoy this family-friendly festival with diverse local bands and solo musicians. Performances include bluegrass, folk, rock and more, all on an outdoor stage. Craft vendors and children's activities available throughout the day. Bring your instrument and meet up with other musicians at jam sessions. Cowboy Eats and Antietam Dairy will have food and ice cream for sale. Campfire and s'mores to end the evening (8 - 8:30 p.m.) No glass, no alcohol please.



Off-site Excursions!

Tubing on the Little Falls

Saturdays or Sundays, July 14 or 15 and August 4 or 5; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Celebrate the hot summer day tubing down the Little Gunpowder Falls River. Participants must be at least 8 years old and able to paddle their tube around obstacles. We'll meet offsite and shuttle from put-in to take-out.

Adults and children 8+

\$15 per person

Advance Registration Required.

Bring a light lunch and plenty of water. No alcohol, no glass! Closed toe shoes are a must and a hat is recommended! Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.



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



Jam n' Bread

Saturday, June 9 or Sunday, June 10;
1 - 3 p.m.

It's strawberry season! Make this easy jam, then taste your creation on a fresh, yummy baguette. You'll be able to take home your own jar of jam.

Adults and children 4+

\$5 per project (*maximum 2 people per project*)
(\$4 for ORNCC Members)

Advance Registration Required.



Summer Solstice Campout

Saturday, June 16; 6 p.m. thru Sunday, June 17; 9 a.m.

Celebrate the longest day of the year by camping out! Bring your tent, bag dinner and camping gear. (A few rental tents are available.) We'll provide the night program, campfire, s'mores and light breakfast in the morning. No alcohol, no pets.

All Ages

\$8 per person (\$4 for ORNCC Members)

Advance Registration Required.

Nature Quest Scavenger Hunt Ivy Hill / S. James Campbell Yellow Trail

Saturday, June 23; 1 - 4 p.m.

Get a head start in completing your Nature Quest passport by finding the Ivy Hill / S. James Campbell Yellow Trail Marker while looking for clues along the way. We'll be leading a hike to the Nature Quest post locations at Oregon Ridge this weekend - Sunday will be the Red Logger Trail Marker. Nature Quest is a county-wide program that guides participants to trail markers at parks throughout the county. Strenuous 5 mile hike; bring water and wear sturdy closed-toe shoes.

Passports available at the Nature Center or online at <http://www.oregonridgenaturecenter.org/NatQuest.html>

Adults and Children ages 8+

FREE *Advance Registration Required.*



Save the date! Volunteer Trail Guide Training

Tuesday, September 11 thru Friday, September 14;
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Club

KinderGarden Club

Tuesdays, June 5 and 19; July 3, 10 and 31;
August 14 and 28; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Young sprouts will explore the garden while growing their lil' hearts and minds. Various nature/garden 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*)

\$4 per session (\$3 for ORNCC Members)

Advance Registration Required.



Bookworm Story Time

First Friday of every month

June 1, July 6, August 3 and September 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 a craft; in partnership with the Reisterstown Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library. Dress for a brief outdoor experience.

Toddler to age 6

FREE

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Ages 3+

\$2 per child *No registration required*

Morning Bird Walks

Second Friday of the month

June 8, July 13, August 10;
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 *Advance registration appreciated.*

Amphibian Walks

Third Wednesday of the month

June 20 and July 18; 2 - 3 p.m.

Join a naturalist and visit our wetlands to listen for calling frogs and toads. You'll learn who's calling, why and where, and about our FrogWatch USA monitoring effort.

Adults and children 10+

FREE *Advance registration required.*

Nature Quest Scavenger Hunt

Red Logger Trail

Sunday, June 24; 1 - 3 p.m.

Get a head start in completing your Nature Quest passport by finding the Red Logger Trail Marker while looking for clues along the way. We'll be leading a hike to the two Nature Quest post locations at Oregon Ridge this weekend – Saturday will be the Ivy Hill / S. James Campbell Yellow Trail Marker. Moderate 2 mile hike; bring water and wear sturdy closed-toe shoes. Passports available at the Nature Center or online at <http://www.oregonridgenaturecenter.org/NatQuest.html>

Adults and Children ages 5+

FREE Advance Registration Required.

Nature's Night Lights

Friday, June 29 or Saturday, June 30; 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Make some firefly magic under the full moon. We'll catch and release lightning bugs and make s'mores by the campfire – two of childhood's best memory makers. Bring a bug box and a flashlight.

Adults and children 4+

\$5 per person (\$3 for ORNCC Members)

Advance Registration Required.

Basketmaking Workshop – Wine Basket

Saturday, June 30; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Master weaver Joan Betzold will show us how to make a double wine basket, a great way to carry two bottles of wine or one bottle and two wine glasses or a loaf of bread. A great gift for any occasion. Student will be able to pick colors or weave it plain. Bring a lunch, 12 spring clothespins, pencil, scissors, tape measure, bucket and towel.

Adults

\$45 per person (\$35 for ORNCC Members)

Advance Registration Required.

Mid-Summer's Dream Campout

Saturday July 7; 6 p.m. thru Sunday July 8; 9 a.m.

Pack your bags for a relaxing mid-summer campout in the comfort of Oregon Ridge Park. Bring your own bag dinner, tent and camping gear. (We have a few tents available for rent). We'll provide the campfire, night program and light breakfast in the morning. No alcohol, no pets.

All Ages

\$8 per person (\$4 for ORNCC Members)

Advance Registration Required.

Critters in the Creek

Saturday, July 7 or Sunday, July 8; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

We'll be getting our feet wet in this exploration of Oregon Branch. We'll look in the water and under the rocks to see who calls this stream their home.

Adults and children 4+

\$3 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

Advance Registration Required.



Insectigation

Saturday, July 21 or Sunday, July 22; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us as we search out insects (big and small, fast and slow, long and short) and explore their different habitats. We'll use our nets to catch them, take a look, then release.

Adults and children 4+

\$2 per person (FREE for ORNCC Members)

Advance Registration Required.

Summer's Insect Symphony Campfire

Saturday, July 28; 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Enjoy the full moon and learn about our insect concerto this evening at a campfire with popcorn.

Adults and children 5+

\$4 (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

Advance Registration Required.



Backyard Butterflies

Saturday, August 11 or Sunday, August 12; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Join us as we explore the life cycles of butterflies and get a close-up look at some caterpillars and chrysalides. Then grab a butterfly net and we'll explore the meadow and gardens and test our identification skills.

Adults and children 8+

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

Advance Registration Required.

Canoe the Gunpowder

Saturday, August 18 or Sunday, August 19; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us for a hearty paddle on the Gunpowder River; location to be determined. No novices, please. Participants must be at least 10 years old. We'll meet offsite and may shuttle from put-in to take out.

Adults and children 10+

\$15 per person

Advance Registration Required.

End of Summer Campout

Saturday, August 25; 6 p.m. thru Sunday, August 26; 9 a.m.

Pitch your tent and sleep under the full moon at Oregon Ridge Park before the busy-ness of fall begins. We'll be focusing on moths and bats this evening. Bring a bag dinner, tent and camping gear. (We have a few tents available for rent). We'll provide the campfire, night program, s'mores and light breakfast in the morning. No alcohol, no pets.

All Ages

\$8 per person (\$4 for ORNCC Members)

Advance Registration Required.

Please call to register!

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

410-887-1815 or

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Keep in touch!



Party with the Animals at Oregon Ridge!



The Oregon Ridge Birthday Party package for children 4 years old and older includes a two-hour room rental with one-hour of naturalist led indoor and outdoor activities. The second hour is a self-led celebration.

\$200 for ORNCC members

\$250 for non-members

For more information or to book a party call the Nature Center, during regular business hours Tuesday thru Friday; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

PUBLIC PROGRAM RESERVATION PROCEDURE

All programs require advance registration unless otherwise noted. To register, email 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. **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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