

Pocono Environmental Education Center 2023 Public Program Calendar

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When registering for programs at PEEC, please keep the following in mind:

- Call in advance to register for programs. Some programs have limited spaces and equipment
 or require a minimum number of participants.
 - ◆ Please arrive 10 15 minutes prior to the start time of a program.

Ecozone days are the only time we encourage walk-ins throughout the program.

Dress for the weather! Programs will run rain or shine, with the exception of heavy rain/thunderstorms.

Cancellation Policy for Public Programs:

- Cancellations received 14+ days prior to event date: Payments or deposits will be refunded.
- Cancellations received with less than 14 days' notice: Payment or deposit will be forfeited.

Overnight Workshops & Programs:

\$100 nonrefundable deposit required per cabin upon registration





2023 Public Program Calendar – January

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Intro to Snowshoeing \$10 adult / \$5 child Bridge the Gap: Free Admission Saturday, January 14^h 1pm-3pm Saturday, January 28th 10am-12pm

Learn the basics of snowshoeing and enjoy a winter walk through the woods. No experience necessary — we provide the equipment and teach you everything you need to know. Register early to reserve a pair of snowshoes & guarantee a spot. Check our Facebook page for pop-up availability-Snow dependent. Nature Photography will be offered as an alternative program in the event of no snow. *Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation. *

Winter Ecology Hike

Sunday January 15th

\$5 per person

10am-12pm

Learn how different plants and animals survive the winter. Join us on a hike and experience PEEC in the wintertime. All ages welcome. Please call to register.

Ecozone Discovery Room!

Sunday January 15th

\$2 per person

1pm-4pm

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required.

Martin Luther King Jr. Volunteer Service Day

Monday January 16th

Free

9am-12pm

Take part in this National Day of Service by participating in various volunteer projects on PEEC's campus. This is a great opportunity to earn some hours for volunteer service requirements for school or other organizations. Volunteers will be invited to stay for a complimentary lunch in the dining hall. **Pre-registration is required.**

Eagle Watch

Saturday January 21st

\$25/person

9am-3pm

Join us on a trip north in search of eagles and other rare wintering birds. Visit the Mongaup Reservoir, the Delaware River, & the Lackawaxen River to look for winter residents and nesting pairs. Bring a lunch, camera & warm clothes. Call to reserve a seat in the van – Maximum of 10 spaces.

Cross Country Skiing

Bridge the Gap: Free Admission Sunday, January 22nd 9am-12pm

Sunday, February 5th 9am-12pm

\$20 adult / \$10 child

Sunday, February 26th 9am-12pm

Enjoy the winter woods with beginner ski lessons. Learn the basics of cross country skiing and practice on our campus. Skis, poles & boots provided - register w/shoe size to guarantee a spot. Check our Facebook page for pop-up availability. A Winter Ecology Hike will be offered as an alternative program in the event of no snow. *Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.*

Korean Cooking Class

Saturday, January 21st 10am-1pm

\$25/person

Experience a new world of flavor as you learn to create traditional Korean dishes and spreads. In this class you

Experience a new world of flavor as you learn to create traditional Korean dishes and spreads. In this class you will prepare a banchan spread, jap chae, and a bibimbap rice bowl. Class includes all supplies, a pair of chopsticks to take home, and lunch. Pre-registration is required. *Class is recommended for ages 13 and up*

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

Call today and find out how to help!



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Wacky Science Adventures- Biology Edition

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1pm-3pm

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Intro to Snowshoeing

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Winter Birds at Pine Island

Saturday January 28th

\$25/person

1pm-6pm

Join us on a trip north in search of migratory species as well as rare wintering birds. Visit the hamlet of Pine Island New York to look for winter residents and nesting pairs. Bring a lunch, camera & warm clothes. *Payment is due at registration* Call to reserve a seat in the van – Maximum of 18 spaces.

Frozen Waterfall Tour Sunday January 29th

\$10/person

9am-12pm

The Delaware Water Gap has quite a few waterfalls within the park that all flow into the Delaware River. Join us for an afternoon as we check out some of the larger and well known falls in the park. *payment is due at registration* Spaces are limited so call ear-

Bridge the Gap: Bird Bonanza

Sunday January 29th

Free

1pm-3pm

Spend the afternoon watching our feeders and putting together your own unique and custom bird feeder from a variety of recycled materials. We'll provide everything you need, but you are welcome to bring your own supplies. Please call to register.



TO REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM:

Call PEEC at 570.828.2319

-or-

Email at peec@peec.org

Be prepared! Before starting a program, make sure to.... Use Restroom Have a Backpack

> Fill your Water Bottle **Apply Sunscreen** Check-in at Front Desk



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Intro to Snowshoeing

Saturday February 4th

\$10 Adult/\$5 Child

10am-12pm

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Bridge the Gap: Cross Country Skiing

Sunday February 5th 9am-12pm

Free

Enjoy the winter woods with beginner ski lessons. Learn the basics of cross country skiing and practice around our campus. You decide how many loops to ski. Skis, poles & boots provided - register w/shoe size to guarantee a spot. Orienteering will be an alternative program in the event of no snow. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.

Bridge the Gap: Winter Survival

Sunday February 5th

1pm-3pm

Free

Learn the basics of outdoor survival and weather preparedness. Build a shelter, try your hand at starting a fire, and learn other useful skills for wintertime in the outdoors. *This Program is best suited for individuals aged 12 and up* Please call to register.

Eagle Watch \$25/person \$9am-3pm

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Wacky Science Adventures: Physics Edition

Sunday, February 12th

\$5/child

1pm-3pm

Put on your lab coats and prepare to conduct some crazy experiments! You'll get to build your own rocket, create a cushion for an egg, and more. Prepare to get your hands a little dirty! **Great for kids!**

President's Day Family Camp Weekend

February 17th-20th

Adults \$240 / 10% off ages 11-13/ 25% off ages 7-10 / 50% off ages 4-6 / Free ages 3 & under

Bring your friends and family to experience PEEC in the wintertime. Plenty of programs to pick from, such as cross country skiing, animal tracking, nature hikes, campfire and more! Price includes three nights of lodging and meals from Friday dinner through Monday lunch. Join us for a wonderful winter weekend! Commuter and day rates available – call for details.



Looking for a way to support PEEC?

Become a Friend of PEEC and enjoy discounts on our programs. There are many levels from which to choose!

Call for details.

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Vegan Board Game Dinner

\$40/\$25 for children 10 and under

Saturday, February 25th 5pm Games Start 6pm Dinner Served

PEEC is pleased to announce our 5th annual Vegan Board Game Dinner! Play board games and unleash your competitive spirit as you enjoy a fantastic meal with all plant-based ingredients. Not a vegan? Not a problem! Bring the whole family for a fun and exciting evening. Payment required at registration. Call early to reserve your seats. Limited Spaces!

Ecozone Discovery Room!

Saturday, February 25th 1pm-4pm

\$2 per person

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required.

Cross Country Skiing

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Save the Date!
Saturday, April 29th **Earth Day Festival**



2023 Public Program Calendar – March

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Sugar Shack Scramble

Saturday, March 4th and Sunday, March 5th

\$15

9am-12:00pm

Join us for a 1 hike through the woods out to the "Two Saps" Sugar Shack. Afterwards, enjoy hot cocoa and pancakes with fresh maple syrup at our Dining Hall! Sign up for a 9am or 9:30am start time. Spaces are limited!

Ecozone Discovery Room!

Saturday, March 4th 1pm-4pm

\$2 per person

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required.

Cross Country Skiing

Saturday, March 11th

\$20 adult / \$10 child

9am- 12pm

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Intro to Snowshoeing

Sunday, March 12th

\$10 Adult/ \$5 Child

1pm-3pm

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Camp Hidden Falls Tour

Saturday, March 18th

\$10

1pm-4pm

Camp Hidden Falls is an old Girl Scout Camp that was acquired by the NPS in 2018. Come with us as we explore the property and see how many waterfalls we can find. Spaces are limited-Call early to reserve a spot.

Ecozone Discovery Room!

Sunday, March 19th

\$2 per person

1pm-4pm

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required.

Bridge the Gap: Woodcock Walk

Friday, March 24th

Free

6:30pm-8pm

Join us for a walk to see the mysterious woodcock and its spectacular springtime mating display. Bring a flashlight for better searching! *Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.*

BSA Scouts Badge Festival

Saturday, March 25th

\$25 Full Day

9:30am-4pm

Bears will work on the Bear Necessities patch. Weblelos will complete their Webelos Walkabout patch. Scouts will work towards their Nature Study merit badge. Payment is required at registration. Space is limited - call early! Don't forget to bring a lunch. Overnight accommodations with meals are available for \$43/person.

Salamanders, Frogs, and More!

Sunday, March 26th

\$5

10am-12pm

Amphibians are stirring in the woods! Join us as we explore nearby breeding pools for salamanders, frogs, and egg masses. We'll provide nets and collection jars for gentle, up-close study. Wear boots and clothes that can get muddy or wet.



REGARDING PEEC'S PUBLIC PROGRAMS:

Although several of the programs can accommodate walk-ins...

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Thank you for your consideration.



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Girl Scout Badge Festival

Saturday, April 1st 9:30am-4pm

\$25 Full Day

Brownies will complete their Outdoor Adventurer & Cabin Camper badges. Juniors will complete their Eco Camper Badge. Cadettes will complete their Primitive Camper badge. Seniors will be working on their Adventure Camper

badge. Overnight options are available for all age levels, ask for more information! Payment is required at registration. Space is limited - call early! Don't forget to bring a lunch.

Ecozone Discovery Room!

Sunday, April 2nd

\$2 per person

1pm-4pm

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required.

Pocono Knitting Retreat

April 13th -16th

\$280 Full Workshop

Knit a "Faded Glory" shawl using between 5 and 9 100g skeins of sock/fingering weight yarn in a variety of colors. Other fun activities include dyeing a yarn blank (kit available). **Includes lodging and meals!**

Wacky Science Adventures

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10am-12pm

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Bridge the Gap: Pond Paddle

Sunday, April 16th

Free

10am-12pm

Join us for a paddle around our ponds! Beginners are welcome – we teach you everything you need to know! Dress appropriately – you may get wet. Call in advance to reserve a boat. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.

Ecozone Discovery Room!

Sunday, April 23rd

\$2 per person

1pm-4pm

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required.

"Not all that wander are lost."

-J.R.R. Tolkien



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Bridge the Gap Spring Peeper Search

Free

Sunday, April 23rd 7:30pm-9pm

These tiny tree frogs have thawed out and are active again in our forested wetlands. Listen to the impressive choir made by these vocal amphibians as we carefully catch, study, and release them. Bring a flashlight for better searching! *Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.* Please call to register.

Earth Day Festival Saturday, April 29th \$5 per car 11am-4pm

Help us celebrate the Earth! There will be hands-on learning stations, interpretive hikes, conservation exhibits, crafts, food, music, and much more! **Pre-registration is NOT required.**

PEEC Tough as Trails Saturday April 29th

\$35/participant

Take a journey through the woods of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Our 5k runs through our Main Campus and a variety of different woodland habitats on two of our gorgeous trail loops. This course has a variety of different surfaces, including pavement, dirt, rock, and gravel.



Don't forget!

Sci Q Applications due date:

April 29th

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Birds and Brews May 5th - 7th

\$230 / Call for commuter & day rates

Spring migration has begun! Join us for a wonderful weekend of bird watching and beer tasting. Enjoy guided hikes that teach how to identify birds by sight, sound and habitat. Program is geared towards beginners and experts alike. Saturday night we'll provide beverages from local breweries while you enjoy our campfire! Includes two nights of lodging and meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch.

Bridge the Gap: Pond Paddle

Sunday, May 7th

Free 1pm-3pm Join us for a paddle around our ponds! Beginners are welcome – we teach you everything you need to know! Dress appropriately –

you may get wet. Call in advance to reserve a boat. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.

Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk

Saturday, May 13th

10am-12pm

\$5

Nature provides food & natural remedies for us in the form of many plants. Join us on a hike focused on wild edible & medicinal plants. No collecting will be done in the Park. Please call to register.

Plant Sale!

Saturday May 13th & Sunday May 14th

9am-4pm

Free admission

Choose from a variety of native and deer resistant flowers and grasses to beautify your yard at our annual plant sale! Sun loving and shade loving plants will be available. Sold out in 2021! PEEC Members will be able to join us for a pre-sale on May 12th from 5 - 7pm.

Ecozone Discovery Room! Sunday May 14th 1pm-4pm \$2 per person

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required.

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"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." -Robert Swan



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Warbler Weekend

Saturday May 20th & Sunday May 21st \$30 per person, per day

7am-4pm

Join one us for one or both of these guided birding excursions in search of various warbler species migrating through our area. Bring a lunch, camera & sunscreen. Call to reserve a seat in the van - Maximum of 18 spaces.

Friends of DeWA- Lenape Nation History and Culture

Saturday May 20th

Free

Adam Waterbear DePaul, Chief of Education and Tribal Storykeeper of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania, will discuss the past and present of the Lenape people in Pennsylvania. This will include pre-colonial life, relationships with William Penn, the era of Penn's Sons and the Walking Purchase, the Lenape diaspora and where they are today, the Lenape who remained in their homeland and how they remained, and what the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania is doing today to revitalize Lenape culture and continue their role as caretakers of the environment. Adam will invite discussion and questions from the audience.

Create your own Walking Stick

Sunday May 21st

\$40/person

12-3pm

Spend the afternoon with us as we create handcrafted walking sticks. Wood, tools, gloves, and aprons will be provided, as well as suggestions and pointers on how to personalize your work. Pre-registration required.

Memorial Day Family Camp Weekend

Memorial Day Weekend: May 26th-29th

Adults \$240 / 10% off ages 11-13/ 25% off ages 7-10 / 50% off ages 4-6 / Free ages 3 & under

Bring your family and friends to experience the best of what PEEC has to offer. Interpretive hikes, animal presentations, canoeing, campfire and more! Includes three nights of lodging and meals from Friday dinner through Monday lunch.

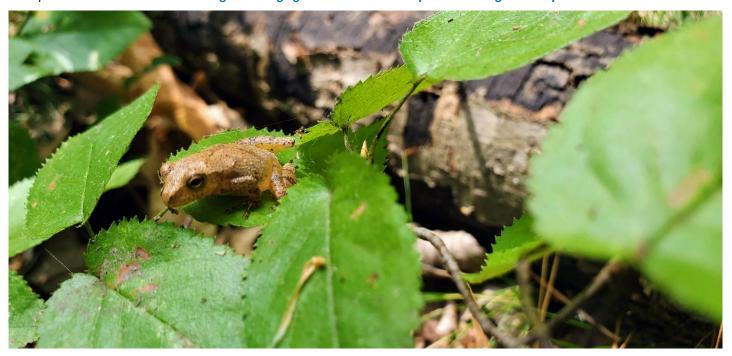


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Attention All Artisans!

PEEC is looking for crafters, photographers, artists, and local businesses interested in selling their wares at our festivals. Our Earth Day & Harvest Festivals are an opportunity to show off your skills and sell your products at a large event.



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Breeding Birds of the DWG

Saturday, June 3rd

\$20 per person

7am-4pm

Enjoy a day trip around the Delaware Water Gap searching for and learning more about the breeding species of birds in our area. Please bring binoculars and a lunch. Pre-registration required.

Bridge the Gap: National Trails Day

Saturday, June 3rd

Free

1pm-3pm

Take part in a national effort to introduce more people to the great outdoors. One of our knowledgeable staff will guide and teach about our forests. We never know what exactly we'll find out there, so don't be afraid to ask plenty of questions along the way. *Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.*

Friends of DeWa- NPS System Overview

Saturday, June 3rd

Short presentation and discussion of what our local National Park Service property means to those who live here, and those that visit. Making the most of your time and seeing what you want to see takes a bit of planning and preparation. Charlie Fineran will present his experience and success in the park.

Ecozone Discovery Room!

Sunday, June 4th 1pm-4pm

\$2 per person

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required.

Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk

Saturday, June 10th

\$5

10am-12pm

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Bridge the Gap: River Paddle

Saturday, June 10th

\$10

9am-3pm

Join us for a paddle down the Delaware! Bring a lunch, a water bottle, and don't forget to dress for the weather. We will provide extra water and snacks. Choose between a canoe or kayak. Preregistration is required and begins at 8:30am on May 11th. *Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.*

Bridge the Gap: Fishing for Beginners

Saturday, June 11^h

Free

9am--12pm

There are plenty of fish waiting to be caught in our ponds! Spend the morning learning some of the basics for fishing with a rod and reel and see how many you can get. Strictly catch and release! Call ahead to reserve your spot. Participants over 16 must have a valid fishing license. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation. Please call to register.

Sunday, June 11th **Frog Frolic** 1pm-3pm

Spend the afternoon with us at our ponds and streams! Learn about some of our frog friends as we gently catch and release these hopping amphibians. Wear boots and plan on getting wet and muddy. Please call to register.

Saturday, June 17th **Geology Hike**

Free for PEEC Members / \$5 for Non-PEEC members

1pm-3pm

Take a hike on the Fossil Trail with Paul Kovalski, aka Dr. Dinosaur, as we discuss the geology of our area and what makes our park unique. Please call to register.

"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world." -John Muir

Save the Date! Saturday, August 13th **Farm to Table Dinner**



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Hiking & Camping Workshop Weekend

Saturday, June 17th & Sunday, June 18th

Free

Interested in getting outdoors and hiking, backpacking or car camping with the family? Join us for a weekend of workshops led by experienced leaders from the Appalachian Mountain Club Delaware Valley Chapter (See Agenda below). No need to commit to an entire weekend or even a day, as each session can be attended a la carte. Feel free to bring your gear and questions and take the opportunity to talk to many of our AMC leaders that will be floating around our venue. Pre-registration is required! Please call (570) 828-2319 to register.

Saturday June 17th

Hiking Essentials & Safety: (9am-12pm). For those that want to get out and hike for the first time or sharpen their hiking skills. Learn about gear, trip planning, map & compass basics, Leave No Trace, identifying and minimizing hazards and what to do if something goes wrong. This program is designed for those wanting to feel more comfortable hiking anywhere, from nearby local parks to more remote wilderness areas.

What's in Your First Aid Kit? (12pm-1pm). Everyone knows you should bring some first aid essentials, but you don't need a 2lb kit. Learn what is critical to have and how to improvise with other items in your pack. Just as important is knowing what to do and how to use it. It's not a question of "If," it's a question of "When".

Our Trails Don't Maintain Themselves: (1pm-2pm). Ever wonder how trails get built and maintained? Did you know that most are done by volunteers. Learn about basic trail maintenance, tools, and trail building techniques. Our trails always need help from volunteers, the next volunteer might be you!

Take the Family Camping: (1pm-3pm). Round up your family, friends, kids and pets; pack the car and get outdoors. And don't forget the S'mores! Learn how to plan your trip, about required and optional gear, and important safety considerations, and Leave No Trace. Also explore ways to make camping "FUN" for all ages and interests.

Sunday June 18th

Essentials of Backpacking: (9am-2pm). For those that want to explore the backcountry and sleep under the stars. Topics will include gear selection and demo, trip planning, the wilderness 10 essentials, backpack fitting/sizing, menu planning/nutrition, campsite selection, trail safety, Leave No Trace and more.





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Nature at Night

Sunday, June 18th 8pm-9:30pm

A pleasant summer evening is the perfect time to head outside. Take a walk in the woods to listen for owls, look at stars, and enjoy the music of the night. Enjoy fun activities that test your night vision. We recommend you bring a flashlight! Please call to register.

Bridge the Gap: Pond Paddle

Saturday, June 24th

Free

10am-12pm

Join us for a paddle around our ponds! Beginners are welcome – we teach you everything you need to know! Dress appropriately – you may get wet. Call in advance to reserve a boat. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.

Bug Exploration

Saturday, June 24th

\$5

1pm-3pm

Bugs are everywhere! Come join us as we go exploring to find as many as possible. Don't worry, they won't bite or sting you. Please call to register.

Bridge the Gap: Fishing for Beginners

Sunday, June 25th

Free

9am-12pm

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Frogs, Salamanders, & More!

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July 4th Family Camp Weekend

June 30th – July 2nd

Adults \$204 / 10% off ages 11-13/ 25% off ages 7-10 / 50% off ages 4-6 / Free ages 3 & under

Bring your friends and family to experience the best of what PEEC has to offer. Nature hikes, animal presentations, swimming, canoeing, a campfire and more! Price includes two nights lodging and meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch.

Friends of DeWA- Enjoy the Outdoors

Saturday July 8th

details to come

Bridge the Gap: Introduction to Orienteering

Saturday, July 8th

Free

1pm-3pm

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Bridge the Gap: Evening Pond Paddle

Saturday, July 8th

Free

6pm-8pm

Join us for a paddle around our ponds! Beginners are welcome – we teach you everything you need to know! Dress appropriately – you may get wet. **Call in advance to reserve a boat. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.**

Frog Frolic

Sunday, July 9th

\$5

10am-12pm

Spend the morning with us at our ponds and streams! Learn about some of our frog friends as we gently catch and release these hopping amphibians. Wear boots and plan on getting wet and muddy. Please call to register.

Ecozone Discovery Room!

Sunday, July 9th

\$2 per person

1pm-4pm

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. **No registration required.**

Wilderness Walkabout Saturday, July 15th

\$5 per person

1pm-3pm

Get out and explore PEEC! Join **Paul Kovalski**, aka **Dr. Dinosaur**, as we hike one of our trails and discuss the natural history of our park. **Please call to register.**

Bridge the Gap: Fishing for Beginners

Sunday, June 16^h

Free

9am-12pm

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Bridge the Gap: Pond Paddle

Sunday, July 16th

Free

1pm-3pm

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Summer Camp is in full swing!

Day long summer camp for 4-14 year olds...swimming, canoeing, hiking, fishing, crafts, and more!





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Bridge the Gap: River Paddle

Saturday, July 22nd

\$10

9am-3pm

Join us for a paddle down the Delaware! Bring a lunch, a water bottle, and don't forget to dress for the weather. We will provide extra water and snacks. Choose between a canoe or kayak. Preregistration is required and begins at 8:30am on July 24th. **Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.**

Frog Frolic Sunday, July 23rd

\$5

10am-12pm

Spend the afternoon with us at our ponds and streams! Learn about some of our frog friends as we gently catch and release these hopping amphibians. Wear boots and plan on getting wet and muddy. Please call to register.

Bridge the Gap: Fishing for Beginners

Saturday, July 29th

Free

9am- 12pm

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Be prepared!

Before starting a program, make sure to....

- 1). Plan to arrive about 15 mins beforehand
 - 2). Use Restroom
 - 3). Have a Backpack
- 4). Fill your Water Bottle
 - 5). Apply Sunscreen
- 6). Check-in at Front Desk

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Looking for a way to support PEEC?

Become a Friend of PEEC and enjoy discounts on our programs. There are many levels from which to choose!

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Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk

Saturday, August 5th 10am-12pm

Nature provides food & natural remedies for us in the form of many plants. Join us on a hike focused on wild edible & medicinal plants. No collecting will be done in the Park. Please call to register.

Saturday, August 5th **Ecozone Discovery Room!**

1pm-4pm \$2 per person

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required.

Bridge the Gap: Pond Paddle

Sunday, August 6th

Free

10am-12pm

Join us for a paddle around our ponds! Beginners are welcome – we teach you everything you need to know! Dress appropriately - you may get wet. Call in advance to reserve a boat. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.

Sunday, August 6th **Bug Exploration** \$5

1pm-3pm

Bugs are everywhere! Come join us as we go exploring to find as many as possible. Don't worry, they won't bite or sting you. Please call to register.

August 11-18th **Pocono Quilt Camp**

\$645 Full Workshop

Quilters of all skill levels are welcome to a week of fabric fun. This year's activities include: Refining machine quilting skills using the book "WALK" as a text, Reimagining Vintage Textiles, and Faced Machine Applique. Some of the small projects are making a portable ironing tray, placemats, and zipper pouches. Some will be 2 day sessions while others 1 day only so that participants may choose which days they plan to attend.

Wilderness Walkabout Saturday, August 12th

\$5 per person 1pm-3pm

Get out and explore PEEC! Join Paul Kovalski, aka Dr. Dinosaur, as we hike one of our trails and discuss the natural history of our park. Please call to register.

Become an Ecozone Volunteer!

During training, you'll learn about bears, beavers, fossils, bald eagles, watersheds, and more! Join our team and give back to the community as you teach in our fun, hands-on discovery room.





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Friends of DeWA- Friends Family Fun Day

Saturday, August 12th

11-4

A time to bring the family together and enjoy the great outdoors! Games, hikes, and picnic fun will be provided as well as picnic food like hot dogs and hamburgers. No grilling is allowed on-site, but food will be provided or you are free to bring your own snacks and specialty items. Meet new friends and bring along old friends for a good family time!!!

Farm to Table Dinner Saturday, August 19th

\$40/person

6pm-8pm

Enjoy summer's bounty with PEEC's 7th Farm to Table Dinner. This dinner features local produce perfect for the season! Bring your friends & family to enjoy this cozy evening. Payment is required at registration. Space is limited - call early!

Bridge the Gap: Overnight Experience

August 19-20th

\$25

Free

Overnight river trip. Meals and tent supplies will be provided by PEEC. Registration starts on July 20th at 8:30am. **Call in advance** to reserve a boat and tent. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.

Bridge the Gap: Fishing for Beginners

Saturday, August 26th 9am-12pm

Free

There are plenty of fish waiting to be caught in our ponds! Spend the morning learning some of the basics for fishing with a rod and reel and see how many you can get. Strictly catch and release! Call ahead to reserve your spot. Participants over 16 must have a valid fishing license. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation. Please call to register

Ecozone Discovery Room! Sunday, August 27th \$2 per person 1pm-4pm

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. **No registration required.**

Attention All Artisans!

PEEC is looking for crafters, photographers, artists, and local businesses interested in selling their wares at our festivals. Our Earth Day & Harvest Festivals are an opportunity to show off your skills and sell your products at a large event.



"He that plants trees loves others besides himself."

-Thomas Fuller



VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

Call today and find out how to help!



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Labor Day Family Camp Weekend

September 1-4th

Adults \$240/ 10% off ages 11-13 / 25% off ages 7-10 / 50% off ages 4-6 / Free 3 & under Bring your friends & family to experience the best of what PEEC has to offer. Interpretive hikes, animal presentations, canoeing, campfire and more! Includes three nights lodging & meals from Friday dinner - Monday lunch.

Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk

Saturday, September 9th

\$5

10am-12pm

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Bridge the Gap: Fishing for Beginners

Saturday, September 9th

Free

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and reel and see how many you can get. Strictly catch and release! Call ahead to reserve your spot. Participants over 16 must have a valid fishing license. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation. Please call to register.

Ecozone Discovery Room!

Saturday, September 9th

\$2 per person

1pm-4pm

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Bridge the Gap: Introduction to Orienteering

Saturday, September 10th

Free

10am-12pm

Come learn how to use a map & compass on our orienteering course. We'll show you the basics before you try to find all the points. Space is limited - call early. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation. Please call to register.

Volunteer Day Sunday, September 10th 1pm-4pm

Lend a hand and help us out with some seasonal projects. This is the perfect day to become involved with our volunteer program! Preregistration required.



Saturday, September 16th **Geology Hike**

TO REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM:

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SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 7th **Harvest Festival**



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Nature at Night Saturday, September 16th \$5 **7pm-8:30pm**

A pleasant Fall evening is the perfect time to head outside. Take a walk in the woods to listen for owls, look at stars, and enjoy the music of the night. Enjoy fun activities that test your night vision. **We recommend you bring a flashlight! Please call to register.**

Bridge the Gap: River Paddle

Sunday, September 17th

\$10

9am-3pm

Join us for a paddle down the Delaware! Bring a lunch, a water bottle, and don't forget to dress for the weather. We will provide extra water and snacks. Choose between a canoe or kayak. Preregistration is required and begins at 8:30am on August 18. Lead support is provided by the William Penn Foundation.

Fall Flights: Birds & Brews September 22-24th

\$225 / Call for Day Rates

Come out for a wonderful weekend of bird watching and beer tasting. Enjoy guided hikes that teach how to identify birds by sight, sound, and habitat. Program is geared towards beginners and experts alike. Saturday night we'll provide beverages from local breweries while you relax around our campfire! Includes two nights of lodging and meals from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch.

Ecozone Discovery Room! Saturday, September 30th \$2 per person 1pm-4pm

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. **No registration required.**

Owl ProwlSaturday, September 30th\$57pm-8:30pm

Pennsylvania is home to a number of different species of owls. There are a handful of different species that live around PEEC. We may not find any, but we'll definitely hear them! **Please call to register.**



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SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, November 18
Game Dinner



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Nature Photography

\$5

Sunday, October 1st 10am-12pm

Learn some beginner techniques on how to frame a picture and then apply those skills on our trails. Great for children and those starting from scratch. Participants will need a camera for pictures, even a phone camera will do! **Please call to register.**

Harvest Family Camp Weekend

October 6-9th

Adults \$240/ 10% off ages 11-13 / 25% off ages 7-10 / 50% off ages 4-6 /Free 3 & under

Bring your friends and family to experience PEEC in the splendor of autumn. Animal presentations, canoeing & kayaking, nature hikes, crafts, campfire and more! Price includes three nights of lodging and meals from Friday dinner to Monday lunch. **Call for details.**

Harvest Festival Saturday, October 7th

\$5 per car 11am-4pm

Celebrate Fall at PEEC's 13th annual Harvest Festival! Enjoy animal presenters, arts & crafts, hands-on activities, conservation exhibits, live music, local food, old-timey activities, & more! Bring your family & friends to this great event!

Bridge the Gap: Signs of Fall Hike

Saturday, October 14th

Free 1pm-3pm

Take a hike with us and discover the science behind the wonderful season of fall. We'll discuss changing animal behavior, why leaves change color, and why it's the best season to be out and about! **Please call to register.**



What are you interested in?

PEEC has it all...

Hiking

Photography

Birding

Canoeing

Scouts

Family Camp

Quilting/Knitting

Festivals

Community Dinners

Summer Camp

& more!







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Ecozone Discovery Room! Sunday, October 15th \$2 per person 1pm-4pm

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. **No registration required.**

Hawk Watch Saturday. October 21st

\$20 per person

8am-4pm

Join us on a trip to observe migratory hawks in our region. Bring a lunch, camera & warm clothes. **Call to reserve a seat in the van – Maximum of 18 spaces.**

PEEC-or-Treat Saturday, Oct 21st

Free

Nature Photography Sunday, October 22nd

\$5 per person 10am-12pm

Learn some beginner techniques on how to frame a picture and then apply those skills on our trails. Great for children and those starting from scratch. Participants will need a camera for pictures, even a phone camera will do! **Please call to register.**

Create Your Own Walking Stick Sunday, October 22nd \$40/person 12pm-3pm

Spend the afternoon with us as we create handcrafted walking sticks. Wood, tools, gloves, and aprons will be provided, as well as suggestions and pointers on how to personalize your work. **Pre-registration required.**

Girl Scout Badge Festival
Saturday, October 28th

\$25 Full Day 9:30am-4pm

Attention all Girl Scouts! Come to PEEC for a fun day of hands-on badge work. Brownies will work to complete their Senses & Eco Friend Badges. Juniors will work to complete their Animal Habitat Badge. Cadettes and Seniors will work to complete their Girl Scout Ranger patches. Payment is required at registration. Space is limited - call early!

Signs of Fall Hike
Sunday, October 29th

\$5 per person 10am-12pm

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Ecozone Discovery Room! Sunday, October 29th

\$2 per person **1pm-4pm**

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BSA Scouts Badge Festival

\$25 Full Day

Saturday, November 4th 9:30am-4pm

Attention all Bears, Webelos and Scouts! Join us for a fun day of badge work! Breas will work to complete their Fur, Feathers, & Ferns badge. Webelos will work to complete their Into the Wild badge. Scouts will work to complete their Mammal Study badge. Scouts must be supervised at all times by a parent or troop leader. **Payment is required at registration. Space is limited - call early!**

Wacky Science Adventures

Sunday, November 5th

\$5

10am-12pm

Put on your lab coats and prepare to conduct some crazy experiments! You'll get to create your very own slime, oobleck, and attempt to launch a rocket into space. **Please call to register.**

Ecozone Discovery Room!

Sunday, November 5th

\$2 per person

1pm-4pm

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Flying Needles Fiber Arts Retreat

November 9-12th

\$290 Full Workshop- Call for day rates

Join other crafters while finishing your knitting, crocheting, quilting, or other fiber art works-in-progress (WIPs). Or, start a new project if you are short on Un-Finished Objects (UFOs).

Ecozone Discovery Room!

Saturday, November 18th

\$2 per person

1nm-4nm

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. **No registration required.**

Game Dinner Saturday, November 18th

\$45/person 6pm-8pm

Enjoy the bounty of the season at PEEC's 13th annual game dinner! This dinner features local game and seasonal harvests. Bring your friends & family to enjoy this cozy evening. **Call early to guarantee a seat.**

Animal Tracking

Sunday, November 19th

\$5

10am-12pm

Animals leave behind clues that give us glimpses into their lives. Explore our natural areas for tracks, trails, scat, territory marks, chew marks, and other signs animals leave as they travel through the fields and forests of the Poconos. **Please call to register.**









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Winter Ecology Hike Saturday, December 2nd

\$5 per person 10am-12pm

Learn how different plants and animals survive the winter. Join us on a hike and experience PEEC in the wintertime. All ages welcome. Please call to register.

Ecozone Discovery Room! Sunday, December 3rd \$2 per person 1pm-4pm

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. **No registration required.**

Holiday Bows and Boughs Saturday, December 9th

\$25 per wreath **1pm-4pm**

Create your own holiday decorations using natural materials! We provide evergreen boughs and materials for you to make wreaths, swags, and table decor. Come join us as we introduce making swags from hangers. You can also bring your own supplies and decorations – we'll bring the music, drinks, and snacks! Preregistration is required for this program.

Wacky Science Adventures

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10am-12pm

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Nature Photography Sunday, December 10th \$5 per person 1pm-3pm

Learn some beginner techniques on how to frame a picture and then apply those skills on our trails. Great for children and those starting from scratch. Participants will need a camera for pictures, even a phone camera will do! **Please call to register.**

Bird BonanzaSaturday, December 16th
\$5 per person
10am-12pm

Spend the morning watching our feeders and putting together your own unique and custom bird feeder from a variety of recycled materials just in time for winter. We'll provide everything you need, but you are welcome to bring your own supplies. Please call to register.

Ecozone Discovery Room!\$2 per person **Sunday, December 17**th **1pm-4pm**

Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. **No registration required.**

