

Bushy Hill Nature Center Presents:
The Young Naturalist Program for Home Schooled Children and
Families
2008-2009

Hello All,

This year marks the 18th year of home school programs at Bushy Hill. As always our goal is to help kids and adults develop a strong sense of place, an intimate connection with nature and a reverence for all life. We believe that as people grow in their understanding of the natural world, they in turn grow in their understanding of others, and ultimately, of themselves.

Like last year we offer 12 Friday morning classes which will run from 9:30 to 11:30, as well as giving the option to sign up for an additional seven meetings. This would allow for a more focused learning and a greater development of community. We look forward to seeing all of you in September.

All good things,

Erik Becker & Kelly "Noodle" Way

2008-2009 Schedule

All classes are on Fridays and begin at the Gym field promptly at 9:30 and end just after 11:30. Families are welcome to bring picnic lunches for after the program.

October 3- Fall hike to Look Out Point. Bring a snack and water bottle!

November 7- Constructing a megalithic compass. Bring work gloves.

November 21-Historical exploration of the Winthrop Cemetery. Meet at camp first!

December 5 - Survival shelter building.

December 19- Cordage and wooden bead making in the Nature Center.

February 6 - Safe fire making and S'mores.

February 27-Maple Sugaring.

March 27- Outdoor Cooking.

April 3- Spelunking at the Bushy Hill Nature Preserve.

May 15- Wetland study and pond probe.

May 29- Spring canoe trip on Bushy Hill Lake

June 5- End of year adventure at Hammonasset state park. Meet in Meigs point parking lot off I-95 exit 62.

The cost of these 12 programs will be \$160. Each additional child will be only \$90. Adults and children under five are free. Space is limited!!

The seven extra sessions will be spent developing a more in depth connection with nature through **sit spot routines, story telling, wandering, exploring, adventuring, spelunking, journaling** and **studying plants, trees, and animals.**

The dates for the seven extra sessions will be: Nov. 14, Dec. 12, and Jan. 23 Feb. 13, Mar. 6, April 10, and May 22. The cost of these seven programs is \$90. (*Due to program costs at least 6 participants are necessary for the extra sessions to run.*)

Registration for Young Naturalists

Name_____

Address_____

Age and D.O.B._____

Home Phone_____

Parent Name(s)_____

Work Phone_____

Please return this portion with
Check or money order to:

Bushy Hill Nature Center
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