

THE YOUNG NATURALIST PROGRAM

For Homeschooled Children and Their Families

2011-2012

Schedule

12 GREAT
CLASSES!



Class Times: 9:30am – 11:30am

Hello All,

2011 marks our 21ST 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 (duration- 2 hours), as well as providing the option to sign up for an additional seven meetings. This allows for a more focused learning and a greater development of community.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN SEPTEMBER

All classes are on Fridays and begin and end on the Gym field at 9:30 and 11:30. Families are welcome to bring picnic lunches for after the program. Please wear comfortable clothes, dress for the weather. Bring a water bottle and a snack.

September 9- *Introductions and team building exercises*

Students will lay a foundation based on the importance of communication and teamwork, which will be built upon throughout the year.

September 30- *Early Fall Walk around our spring-fed Lake*

Students will gain an understanding of their placement within our 740 acre property, as well as, local tree and plant identification.

October 28- *Wild Food Gathering, Preparation and Uses*

Students will learn how to identify plants and how to use them for food, tools, fire, and dyes.

November 18- *Primitive Shelter*

Students will learn how to build a survival shelter

December 16- *Dream Catchers & Storytelling,*

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January 6- *Orienteering/ Lost Proofing*

Students will learn aidless navigation and map and compass skills.

February 3- *Farm Fun*

Students will enjoy grooming and hanging with our farm mammals, as well as, learning some husbandry techniques and the history of farming in New England

March 2- *Maple sugaring*

Learn how maple syrup is made from tree to your pancakes. Hands on fun.

April 6- *Outdoor cooking*

YUM! (so much more than hot dogs and s'mores!)

April 27- *Wetland study*

Students will explore and learn about our diverse wetland habitats and the critters who live in them.

May 11- *Canoe Trip*

June 1- *At Hammonasset Park. Meet at Meig's Point lot in park, off I-95 exit 62*

A Bushy Hill Homeschool tradition not to be missed, we'll see you there.

COST (12 session program) = \$180 “DROP-IN” COST = \$20 PER SESSION

If you have more than one child enrolled in our (12 session) program, the first one is full price additional ones are \$90 each.

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 **sitting, routines, story telling, wandering, exploring, fire making, adventuring, spelunking, journaling** and **studying plants, trees, and animals, and more. Come see yourself.**

The dates for the seven extra sessions will be: **Oct. 21, Nov. 11, Dec. 2, Jan. 27, Feb. 10, March 9, and May 4.** The cost of these seven programs is \$100. (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
P.O. Box 577
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Call and register over the phone:
(860) 767-0848
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