

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, October 2020

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JACOBSBURG - Outdoor School with Jacobsburg

Thursdays, 8:30am-3:30pm September through November

You may know Jacobsburg as a place to enjoy public environmental programs for individuals, families, and scouts, but we also serve over 35 different public and private K-12 schools for free throughout the academic year. This year is going to look very different for our schools and their students. Many are not allowing field trips, many are using virtual instruction, and some families are choosing to homeschool for the first time. Whichever way your students are learning this year, Jacobsburg is here to help with standards-based outdoor education in biology, environmental science, earth science, history, and language arts. If your student needs to get outside for an in-person educational experience, give us a call. We are prepared to offer in-person and virtual programs by request to groups of families, as well as schools. We require at least 5 students for a free hour-long lesson and group sizes are limited to no more than 20 people total. Please call to find out more, 610-746-2801.

DiscoverE: Tales for Tots

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:45am or 1:00-1:45pm, October 6, 13 or

Fridays 10:00-10:45am, October 2, 9, 16

Our popular Tales for Tots program returns with all new explorations! Join us for story time followed by nature activities for preschoolers ages 3-5. Each week we will explore a different topic by reading a book followed by a short scavenger hunt. Children that attend six sessions will earn a DiscoverE Hide n' Seekers certificate. Please note that all sessions will be identical during a given week. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note that we will be meeting at the pavilion across the street from the Visitor's Center each week. All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask in order to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request. Please register for each session that you plan to attend and register all members of your party including adults and additional children as space for this program is limited to 20 attendees total.

Teaching Area Restoration

Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30am, September 30, October 14 & 28

We are looking for help with refurbishing our outdoor classrooms in the Henrys Forge Area. Flooding from August's tropical storm washed away the classroom seen in the photo and mildly damaged another. We have additional improvements

National Museum Of Industrial History To Relocate Massive, Historic 350-ton Bethlehem Steel Artifact

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BETHLEHEM - A Historic 350-ton Bethlehem Steel Hydraulic Press Relocation was coordinated on Friday at Wind Creek Bethlehem, 77 Wind Creek Blvd, Bethlehem.

The National Museum of Industrial History, in coordination with Wind Creek Bethlehem, moved a massive 350-ton hydraulic press originally installed at Bethlehem Steel in 1891. The press is a historic artifact and the first of its kind to be put into service in the United States. In operation for over 100 years, the press, among other duties, was responsible for creating massive amounts of military armor during WWI and WWII.

Personnel from the National Museum of Industrial History were on hand to discuss the machine's history and the decision to save and relocate the press to the museum.

Artifact rigging crews will be disassembling and relocating the press in several pieces over the course of this and next week. The most significant of these pieces will be the top of the press, which was lifted via gantry crane and moved onto a transport truck. The remaining pieces of the press are scheduled to be relocated via a 300-ton crane next week and finally lifted into their permanent new location.

on our wish list as well. The projects will involve spreading sand, gravel, and mulch, clearing brush, moving cobble size rock and logs, tree planting, and graffiti removal. We provide tools, gloves, and instruction. Volunteers will need to wear a mask, bring a water bottle, and practice social distancing. Registration is required in order to maintain small group sizes in accordance with the current health guidance.

Weekly Weeders

Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30am, September 23, October 7 & 21

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Volunteers will need to wear a mask, bring a water bottle, and practice social distancing. Registration is required in order to maintain small group sizes in accordance with the current health guidance.

Hike for Health

Wednesday, October 14 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Join us after work for a hike at Jacobsburg! Get some exercise while learning about health and fitness outdoors. We will hike at a brisk pace over uneven terrain for 2 to 2.5 miles guided by a center educator. This program is being provided in partnership with St. Luke's University Health Network and the Get Your Tail on the Trail initiative. Meet at the Visitor Center at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth, PA. Participants must wear a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines.

Family Night: Creatures of the Night Hike

Friday, October 23 at 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Ever go out at night and look and listen for nocturnal creatures? Join us as we take a stroll through the woods and fields of Jacobsburg in search of these fascinating animals. Participants should dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight. Registration is required. All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask in order to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program.

You can also view and register for community programs online at <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.



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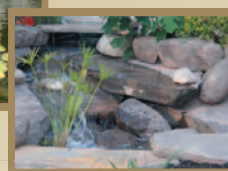
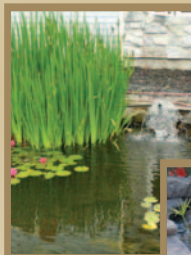
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