

Local Knights of Columbus Council - Father DeNisco 3862 to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Championship

By Scott Moyer

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Friday, January 21, 2022 at Immaculate Conception School - 290 W. Babbitt, Pen Argyl, gymnasium at 7:00PM. In the event of inclement weather, a snow date is set for Friday, January 28. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and jurisdictional competitions. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent at time of competition.

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Conservation Tip



When the holidays are over, don't throw your real Christmas tree out with the trash -- recycle it!

Give a new purpose to your real Christmas tree after the holidays by:

Decorating your tree for wildlife -- Put your tree outside and decorate with edible citrus ornaments or all-natural popcorn strings to feed birds and squirrels.

Create a brush pile for wildlife -- A Christmas tree makes a great base for helping to provide food and protection during the winter months!

Enrich your soil -- Chop up your Christmas tree to add insulation and enrichment to your garden bed.

Help fish -- Have a private pond with fish? Sunken Christmas trees provide shelter and feeding areas for fish.

Donate to tree recycling programs -- Tree recycling and mulching programs are becoming more popular in communities. Check your local department of public works to see if a program is available.

Learn more about recycling real Christmas trees from the National Christmas Tree Association.

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**Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center
Community Programs, January 2022**
Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available
When: Monday thru Friday, 8:15 AM-3:30 PM
Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsburg's trails this winter! Snowshoes are available for folks of any age or shoe size, including small children. Snowshoes will not be made available during times of insufficient snow cover, at least six inches of snow is required. To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can check our website for current winter conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>

First Day Hikes at Jacobsburg
Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 10:00am to 11:30am and 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Get out and get hiking on the first day of 2022! Join us for one of two 2-mile interpretive hikes at Jacobsburg. We will explore the old growth forest of Henrys Woods and the fields of the Homestead Trail. The hikes will leave at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM from the parking lot at 400 Belfast Road. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes, and bring a water bottle. Registration is required.

Project FeederWatch Monitoring
Thursday, January 13 at 8:30am to 3:30pm
Friday, January 14 at 8:30am to 3:30pm

You must have already participated in Birds and Bagels - Citizen Science and Monitor Training to register for this volunteer opportunity. Volunteer as a citizen scientist to observe and record bird observations at Jacobsburg's feeders. You can choose what times you would like to monitor between the hours of 8:30AM- 3:30PM, all day commitment is not required. Registration required to let us know what hours you are available to monitor.

Family Night: I Bark, Squeak, and Chirp!
Friday, January 21, 2022 at 6:00pm to 7:00pm
What could I be? A squirrel of course! We will be gathering in the classroom to learn about the three squirrels of Pennsylvania and ways in which squirrels communicate. We will also learn about ways that squirrels help to promote a healthy forest ecosystem and go nuts as we assemble our very own squirrel call. Registration is required.

Guest Speaker: Broad-winged Project
Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Join Rebecca McCabe, a Research Biologist with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and Ph.D. candidate at McGill University, as she explains her work in helping to conserve broad-winged hawks through extensive monitoring. One can imagine that catching a hawk, placing a transmitter, and following the hawk throughout the course of its life is no easy feat, but Rebecca will explain how this is done and the findings she and other scientists have made. All ages can benefit from this fascinating program, but especially teens who would like to pursue a career in the field of conservation and natural resources.

Winter Tracking
Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 9:00am to 11:00am
Could you tell if a bobcat was in the area? An owl? Join us as we take a walk through Jacobsburg in search of animal tracks and signs. Participants should dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes. If we have deep snow, we will walk in snowshoes! Registration is required.

Winter Plant Walk
Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Join us we take a walk through the woods and fields of Jacobsburg in search of winter plants that provide food for birds and other animals. Learn how to identify plants in winter and enjoy the winter landscape. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes. If we have deep snow, we will walk in snowshoes! Registration is required.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least five days notice.