

Eagles Mere Conservancy Newsletter

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Summer Highlights

SPRING WORKDAY

May 28, 8am @ The Cabin

FRIENDRAISER

July 29, 6pm @ The Dell

SMOKEY BEAR

July 8 & August 5, 10am @ The Cabin



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As always, when the air gets a little warmer and we begin to see daffodils in the yard, it's time to begin thinking about making the trip up to Eagles Mere for the summer.

Global events have made the world a pretty scary place recently, and we have all read about the toll the pandemic and a host of other concerns have had on all of us, but especially our children. Eagles Mere is a paradise for children! Always has been, always will be. Your Conservancy plays a significant part in creating and maintaining a safe, fun, educational, happy atmosphere for our kids throughout their summer vacations.

We do a pretty good job with adults as well – providing wonderful programs of course, but mostly giving nature-lovers places to go, relax, and just “be” in the moment. Our land and trails have long been spots to move, meditate and feel the warmth of Mother Earth.

We rely almost entirely on donations from our community to conduct our programs, pay our staff and maintain our land. THANK YOU to all who made gifts this year – we are so grateful for your generosity.

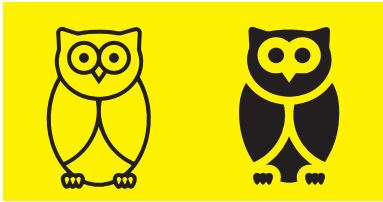
Please Save The Date and join us at our annual “Friendraiser” on Friday, July 29th at The Dell. We always love seeing young and old alike on the lawn listening to music and having fun together.

Summer 2022 is almost upon us, and we are looking forward to seeing the faces of happy kids and adults at The Cabin, on The Green and Dell and out in the woods.

Happy Spring and see you on the mountain!

~Cece

CECE ESTEY KING, EMC PRESIDENT



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Conservancy Cabin hours

Sunday – Saturday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Now More Than Ever...

As we work our way out of the pandemic, we are so grateful for the increased participation and dollars this past year. Thank you to all of you who were so thoughtful and generous in supporting the Conservancy.

Your support continues the mission of the Conservancy by supporting free programming for adults and children, being good stewards of the land throughout Eagles Mere, and hopefully instilling the love of nature in our beloved town.

In the fiscal year of 2021, the Conservancy raised \$96,547 from 338 donors which was up \$20,000 and 136 donors from the previous year. We are thrilled with the increase in both donors and donations. It indicates a strong and continued interest to support the program and a clear understanding of the importance of the educational programs and preserving the surrounding land. There are many ways to give to the Conservancy and they include:

Cash

Marketable securities

Real estate

Life insurance policies

Tangible personal property

Through estate plans

Retirement plan beneficiaries

Gifts from IRAs

Matching gifts from participating companies

Grants from donor advised funds

Gifts from trusts

Give a membership in honor of someone

Thank you again to all the generous donors. Your gifts make a significant impact on our program. The Conservancy could not sustain itself without your thoughtfulness. **If you have any questions about giving, please contact Anne Storch at 215-327-9561.**

A FORAGER'S GUIDE TO MUSHROOMS

It's funny what happens when you look down.

At the country club, I occasionally (ahem) have to venture into the woods to look for stray golf balls. One day, I noticed the many mushrooms which led me to dig a little deeper into what grows – and what is edible – around Eagles Mere.

I've found porcinis, chanterelles, puffballs, chicken of the woods, hen-of-the-woods, and coral. Once I identified them, I learned where they like to grow so I could find more. Porcinis and chanterelles like pines and spruces. Oaks are home to chicken of the woods and hen-of-the-woods. Corals (which look just like ocean coral), tend to like landscaped areas. Puffballs grow in fields and can be as large as soccer balls.

In Eagles Mere, chanterelles grow around the rain shack by the Halfway House at the country club in mid-summer. Many mushroom spots are well-kept secrets, but this is a well-known one!

As far as eating, all of the above are edible – but it's important to go with an expert as many can have poisonous lookalikes or doppelgangers. The old saying goes, "There are old mushroom hunters, and there are bold mushroom hunters, but there are no old bold mushroom hunters."

When you find mushrooms that are edible, it's time to harvest them. Don't pull from roots; cut the stem, leaving the mycelium intact. Store in a brown paper bag or waxed paper in the refrigerator. They can be frozen, dried, or powdered. Never eat a raw mushroom that you collected.

Two guides I refer to frequently:

Schwab, A. (2007). *Mushrooming without fear: The beginner's guide to collecting safe and delicious mushrooms*. Skyhorse Publishing.

Hyman, F. (2021). *How to forage for mushrooms without dying: An absolute beginner's guide to identifying 29 wild, edible mushrooms*. Storey Publishing.

~*Frank Schetroma*

Chanterelle Mushrooms & Potatoes Recipe

Author Florentina

- 2 lb golden potatoes
 - 1 lb golden chanterelles cleaned
 - 1 bunch sage leaves only
 - 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil + more as needed
 - 1 1/2 tbsp butter salted plant based
 - 1 large onion sliced
 - 1 bunch thyme
 - 1 drizzle of honey
 - 1 tbsp thyme leaves for garnish
 - Sea salt to taste
1. In a large sauté pan over medium low flame add a lug of olive oil. Add the sliced onions with a pinch of sea salt and sauté until Caramelized, about 45 minutes. About half way through cooking add the honey and a little bit of water to deglaze the pan and keep the onions from burning. Stir often.
 2. Add the chanterelle mushrooms to the pan with the onions. Season with a pinch of sea salt and sauté together for a few minutes until the chanterelles have wilted. Adjust seasonings to your taste with more sea salt and keep warm.
 3. Meanwhile cook the potatoes. Cut the potatoes into wedges and add them to a big pot together with the rhyme and bay leaf. Cover with cold water and bring to a simmer. Add 2 tbsp of sea salt. Cook potatoes for about 15 minutes until al dente. Drain in a colander and allow them to dry in their own steam for a few minutes.
 4. Add the potato wedges to the pan with the Caramelized onions and chanterelles and gently give them a toss to coat. Add more olive oil if desired.
 5. In a separate skillet melt the salted butter on medium flame and add the sage leaves. Cook together until the sage leaves are crispy and the butter is browned taking good care not to burn it.
 6. Transfer the crispy sage leaves to a paper towel lined plate do drain.
 7. Add the potatoes and chanterelles to a serving bowl and sprinkle with the crispy sage. Just before serving drizzle the brown butter over the top as well.
 8. Garnish with fresh thyme if desired.



WHICH TREES TO PLANT IN EAGLES MERE?

With all the insects and diseases affecting our forests, it is important to avoid planting landscape trees that are likely to develop problems. Which tree species should be avoided, and which are more likely to do well?

Species to avoid include some favorite natives such as hemlock, white ash, green ash, and beech, as well as some popular non-natives including Douglas-fir. All of them have severe insect or disease problems.

Many native tree species do well in Eagles Mere. One of the best is tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) which is also known as yellow-poplar or tulip-poplar. It is not a poplar at all, but with its tall, straight form and fast growth it does resemble some poplars. It has very few insect or disease problems; in fact, when gypsy moth populations flare up and consume most foliage, the trees that remain green are tuliptrees, which are so named for their large, yellow-and-orange flowers. There are many large tuliptrees along the Rail Trail, including a huge one behind the Tulip Tree House.

Red oak (*Quercus rubra*) is scarce in Eagles Mere, but it does very well and is a good source of acorns for wildlife, even if it doesn't bear them every year. It is our fastest-growing oak. You can see two young ones we planted at The Commons, and a couple of large ones along the Rail Trail.

Red maple (*Acer rubrum*) is certainly abundant, and I generally avoid planting a species that is so common, but it is a tough, fast-growing tree with good fall color. Perhaps you've enjoyed the shade of the group we planted at the beach several years ago.

Both red maple and pin oak (*Quercus palustris*) do well in wet areas; we planted two pin oaks in Forest Park a couple of years ago. It is a stately tree with horizontal branching.

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) is also partial to moist sites. Its yellow or orange fall coloration can be spectacular. It grows much more slowly than red maple and it has more minor insect and disease problems than most, but it is a classic tree that enhances any landscape.



Among the evergreens, our native white pine (*Pinus strobus*) is a favorite even if its limbs are not the strongest when faced with ice, heavy snow, or strong winds. Along Crestmont Drive some large specimens can be seen growing with Norway spruce (*Picea abies*), a naturalized species that has great value for both wildlife and aesthetics. Another suitable evergreen is red pine (*Pinus resinosa*), which likes a dry site.

White oak (*Quercus alba*) requires patience because it grows so slowly, but it can develop into a very handsome tree with spreading limbs.

Try basswood (*Tilia americana*), also known as linden, for its attractiveness to pollinators, including honeybees. It likes moist, rich soil.

Don't confuse mountain-ash with the true ashes; this tree is not subject to the emerald ash borer that has nearly wiped out the true ash species. American mountain-ash (*Sorbus americana*) and showy mountain ash (*Sorbus decora*) are both small trees with flower clusters that turn into bright fruit clusters in the fall.

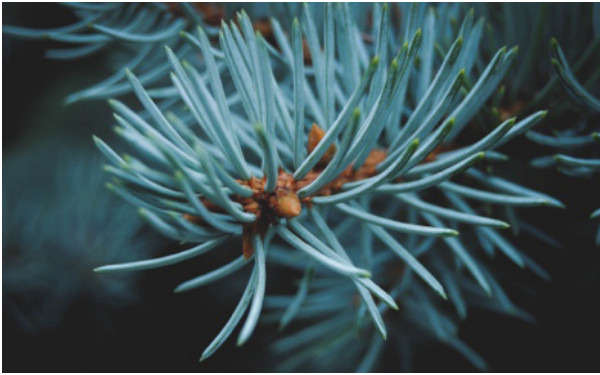
You likely know the story of the American elm (*Ulmus americana*), which is nearly gone from our forests, streets, and landscapes after Dutch elm disease did its work. Fortunately, there are disease-resistant varieties available. We planted a Regal elm (*Ulmus "Regal"*), at the upper end of Clay Avenue several years ago near the parking area. Other popular choices include the Jefferson American elm (*Ulmus americana "Jefferson"*) and the Princeton American elm (*Ulmus American "Princeton"*).

Another choice that you may have noticed as a street tree in Williamsport or Philadelphia, or New York City is Japanese zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*), a

tough tree with branching similar to an elm's, but it is somewhat shorter and rounder.

Many other trees are suitable choices, too, including two smaller trees: serviceberry (*Amelanchier* sp.), which includes some multiple-stemmed forms, and flowering crabapples, which come in many varieties. This spring and summer, look for some of the individuals mentioned here to help you decide which species suit you the best. Keep in mind that Eagles Mere's winters can be tough, and some of the varieties offered by garden centers and retail nurseries are more likely to survive where winters are not quite as cold. There are plenty of good choices. Happy planting!

~Steve Jaquith, Consulting Forester



FOREST STEWARDSHIP

The Forestry Committee, along with its consulting forester, Steve Jaquith, made good progress in planning for future stewardship of our forest. We walked the property, discussed issues and options, and then updated the Conservancy's Forest stewardship plan. The byword for the updated plan is biodiversity.

It has been known for some time that a healthy, resilient forest is rich in different species of plants, animals and insects. A forest composed of many kinds of trees is much less impacted when one species is attacked. Within the Conservancy holdings, The Forest Inn area is sadly undiversified and plagued by quite a few challenges. An overabundance of deer, as well as plants, blights and insects introduced from overseas, pose a great threat to our native tree species. This is true not only for this area in the Conservancy holdings, but for most of the surrounding Eagles Mere area.

Over the decades, the Conservancy has been learning from its work in forest management. Quite

a few years ago, EMC undertook reforestation on the Crestmont Hill. This effort was very successful. Just over a decade ago, the EMC started work on this important effort with the construction of a 35-acre deer exclusion fence on EMC property. The fence was very successful at increasing diversity in the area. Now that the planted trees are established and the fence has been removed, continued maintenance of the forest in that area is needed.

In 2021, volunteers performed regular maintenance to caged trees, open areas, and fenced areas. During our spring EMC workday, EMC volunteers completed trail maintenance inside the DeWeese fence and made quite a dent in the maintenance of Open Area 3. The energetic group cleared a great deal of unwanted vegetation, opening the space in order to encourage wetland vegetation beneficial to birds and insects as well as other wild creatures.

Over a longer stretch of time last year, Steve Jaquith made progress maintaining important two EMC boundary lines: the recently acquired Bauman/Ettinger Parcel and the boundary along the Crestmont parcels that run down the hill to Rainbow Farms Road. Keeping boundary lines visible ensures that Conservancy forestry work stays on the EMC side of the property line.

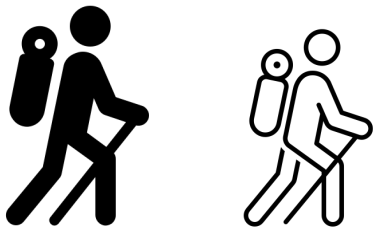
EMC's Forest Stewardship Committee is setting its sights on the next large-scale reforestation. Here are projects planned for 2022:

- The forest in the area where we have removed the 35-acre deer exclusion fence needs to be thinned in order that the desirable trees are not crowded and receive sufficient light to thrive. This project will require our consulting forester, Steve Jaquith, to mark the trees to cut. We would then hire a contractor to do the cutting.
- A half dozen trees in the Forest Inn Park are marked for removal.
- Create a diversity demonstration area in an accessible area near the Railroad bed trail. We would reforest 2-3 acres in an easily visible location to demonstrate the difference between a diverse forest and one with little diversity. The forest just outside the DeWeese Fence and along the RR grade is composed largely of beech and birch. For several reason, neither of these

tree species is desirable, nor are they healthy. We want to replant and cage with a variety of desirable species.

- Plan for the 5 open areas
- Thin inside the Demonstration Fence
- Maintain the DeWeese fenced area, caged trees, and open area 1 & 2
- Complete minimal clearing and flagging of the recently acquired Bauman/Ettinger and the Rainbow Farms borders. We plan to make visible an old railroad wye on the Bauman/Ettinger parcel and place a marker for historic interest.

~Forest Stewardship committee



TRAILS

Greetings from the Trails Committee! We are looking forward to a summer of great events and continued improvements to the trails. Last summer, the Conservancy hosted a wonderful “ride the trails” event between the Forest Inn and the Cabin, and we hope for a similar event this summer – stay tuned!

A great way to explore the trails on foot is through *Letterboxing*. A list of clues leads you to 13 boxes hidden along the trails. When you find the box, stamp your card. After 10 stamps, claim your Letterboxing T-shirt at the Cabin! Maps and clue sheets are available at the Cabin.

If you are interested in leading any hikes or helping with trail maintenance, please contact us as we work on the summer schedule. We will continue to work on the trail drainage issues that have arisen over the years.

Please remember the trails are for foot traffic: walkers and hikers and runners. **Bicycles are permitted ONLY on the rail trail. Motorized vehicles are off-limits on all trails.**

Although the trails are on Conservancy land where no hunting is allowed, the trails do border land that is hunted. Please keep an eye out for alerts from the state regarding the hunting calendar (which can cover as long as mid-September through the end of June) and wear bright orange during hunting season when on the trails.

Happy exploring! See you on the trails!

~Steve Thompson and Cynthia Bartus

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE CONSERVANCY FORESTS?

The forest surrounding Eagles Mere faces many challenges. It may look green to the untrained eye but over the past 50 years its health and stability has become compromised. Heavy browsing from an overabundant deer population, competition from invasive and undesirable trees and other plants, and an increasing number of new insects and diseases attack our native trees. These threats prevent normal regeneration of our forests. In this environment, forest diversity becomes more limited. Currently, our forest understory is composed largely of black birch, beech, and striped maple, three species not preferred by deer. A forest containing some of these trees is fine but greater diversity in the next forest is desirable.



Different wildlife species require different habitats. Habitat diversity increases the variety of wild animals able to survive. The fisher prefers dense coniferous or mixed coniferous forests with places to den. Early successional stage forest areas provide food and cover for small mammals and many birds, as well as good hunting for animals who hunt the small mammals. Evergreen stands provide shelter from the cold, snow, and wind as well as food and nesting sites for animals such as deer and black-capped chickadees.

The Conservancy is dedicated to improving forest and habitat diversity. Over the past 20 years, the Conservancy implemented several different types of diversity improvement projects. Examples include a 35-acre deer exclusion fence, a 5-acre tree planting located behind the Crestmont property, a small demonstration fence in front of the Tree House, The Dewese Demonstration Fence, and several “open area plots” that are being managed for bird and insect habitat. Work done to all these areas has been quite successful.

This Spring the Conservancy plans to begin a forest diversity demonstration project along the RR grade near the Dewese Demonstration Area. The RR grade trail is easily accessible, has excellent visibility, and is traveled by many. We plan to clear a 2-3-acre area of undesirable trees (most of the trees) and reforest the area with a variety of desirable seedlings. The hardwood seedlings will then be caged to protect them from deer browsing and rubbing. We plan to hold summer programs this year, and in the coming years, to “show and tell” this new area. All will have the opportunity to observe and learn all about what we are doing and why. Keep an eye out for notices regarding these programs.

The entire EM community values and benefits from the Conservancy property. Community volunteers are one of our greatest assets. To accomplish our projects within a reasonable budget, we need the help of many volunteers. Every year volunteers help us with ongoing forestry maintenance, as well as other Conservancy tasks. We will be needing plenty of volunteers for our new project to help plant and cage the seedlings. Please volunteer for an experience certain to prove very rewarding!

~Sue Hamilton



FINANCE COMMITTEE

In 2021 the Conservancy received over \$90,000 in donations, many in memory of deceased loved ones. We also received a grant from the Eagles Mere Foundation and enjoyed a celebration of giving with our annual Friendraiser on The Dell. This income enabled us to maintain and protect our land holdings and provide our education programs for our wonderful community this past year.

Our largest expenditures included the investment of almost \$30,000 on Property Preservation which includes all of our trails, buildings, the village green, Forest Inn, removal of dead trees and invasive plants as well as planting of new trees and shrubs.

We spent approximately \$18,000 on Education Programs, about \$7,000 on Publicity and Fundraising, another \$16,000 on administrative expenses, which included accounting, insurance and property tax bills.

We have an ambitious list of projects and programs scheduled for 2022 which will depend upon the continued, generous support of our loyal donors and hopefully, many more new donors, as well.

~Fred Weeman, Treasurer

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

The word on property is “maintenance.” We continue to do the necessary work to keep the Cabin and its associated structures in good condition, along with our other assets, large and small. The Conservancy continues to make Rainbow Cottage available for rent to other organizations in Eagles Mere. If you have a potential use for this property, please contact me or Cece King.

As always, our workday will be the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, which this year is May 28th. Please consider joining us for several hours of clean up, light maintenance and readying our properties for the summer. We will meet at the Cabin at 8:00am. Looking forward to seeing you on the Mountain.

*~Bradley Fetrow
Property Committee Chair*



KAYAK ADVENTURES

July's adventure began on a beautiful sunny day, with a shuttle ride to a historic little hamlet called Homet's Ferry. Our group of 12 unloaded and transported kayaks, paddles, and life jackets to the water's edge. After some final instructions and directions, we set out downriver for our 7.5-mile journey. The river was smooth and wide, with just enough current to enjoy. Along the way we were surrounded with beautiful scenery, a few deer, and were even lucky enough to spy some bald eagles flying overhead. Midway we found a little landing spot to enjoy our snacks and for some, a dip in the cool water. All too soon we found ourselves back at EMO headquarters where the crew were standing by to help us off the water.

What a great day!



Despite some misty weather, August's paddle was a group of 9 smiling faces, excited for the day's adventure. This time we started out from EMO HQ for an 8-mile float downriver to the town of Laceyville. The current was a little peppier from the recent rains, but nothing too crazy for our mixed-level group to handle. The scenery was so breathtaking, we barely noticed a sprinkling (or two) of wet sunshine. Along the way, fish jumped, deer roamed, and blue heron and bald eagles took flight. Some in our group even spotted a very busy beaver along the riverbank. Our trip finished just shy of the Laceyville bridge with a big left hook

into a hidden landing, and our pickup spot right up the hill. Soon we were whisked back to EMO and another great trip was in the books.

Many thanks to Mark and Betsy Beaugard for organizing and leading these wonderful river trips. Can't wait to see what's in store for Summer 2022!

~Lorraine Gilmore Scaven

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

With so many wonderful initiatives underway in in the Conservancy, this is the year of the volunteer! In addition to posting events through the newsletter, on our website, and on NextDoor, we are working on ways to let the community sign-up to contribute to the care of our restoration area, gardens and other assets. You can access volunteer opportunities and sign up by clicking the "Volunteer" button on our website.

~Kathy Holmes



PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

With a cautious sigh of relief and a shiver of excitement, we plan for and anticipate a glorious summer in Eagles Mere.

Last year Debbie Geist, our naturalist, challenged readers to get a journal and write about memories, adventures and thoughts of times in Eagles Mere. If you have done that, we would love to hear about it and hope you continue to write in it.

I have a "pocket" that I tuck precious moments in and save them for when I can use a lift of spirit. Floating in Eagles Mere Lake with cool water

under me and warm, blue sky above is always in my pocket. That pocket is getting empty, and I am so looking forward to time in Eagles Mere to refill it with new and familiar moments.

This year we thankfully have Debbie Geist returning as our naturalist and welcome Rose Rowe to the cabin.

Rose is pursuing a degree in Environmental Resource Management at Penn State. She lives on a 26-acre organic farm in Chester County where she manages 2 miles of horse trails on the property. She has some exciting things in store for us.

~Robin Dickinson



NOTES FROM THE CABIN

Another year has flown by, and spring is trying to be sprung. I remember being told that time goes faster as we age, and I would have to agree. People come and go from the mountain and fill in their yearly calendar, marking off when they will next come to one of the finest gems of Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. As with time, people transition into different stages of their lives, and it is no different for Ana Miller. A gigantic thank you from EMC for the work and dedication of this young woman. From her hard work in high school, receiving EMC's scholarship, to the last several years of her

positivity, Ana is working on gaining a Waterways GIS internship with Pennsylvania DEP. We wish her all the best as she launches into her career.

This is Rose Rowe's fifth summer on the mountain, and she loves hiking, trail running, playing guitar, and reading. Rose's enthusiasm for EMC will include several adult/young adult programs that involve her hobbies. We are very pleased to have Rose this summer.

I would be very grateful if anyone would like to participate in creating a "shade" garden next to the playhouse, adding an extension of the front wildflower garden, the addition of native plants/flowers in the back, and most of all a beautification of the nature trail. So many hours have been spent planning, creating, enjoying, and loving the cabin and the surrounding trail. It needs some TLC and creative thinkers. I leave you with some original pictures of the vision of so many.

CONSERVANCY MISSION STATEMENT

The Eagles Mere Conservancy preserves natural resources through land acquisitions for water and soil conservation, wildlife sanctuary and refuge, and preservation of scenic beauty in Eagles Mere, PA and the surrounding area. The Conservancy promotes educational and recreational programs to support its preservation mission and to encourage an understanding, appreciation and responsible stewardship of natural resources.

~Debbie Geist ☺

2022 Summer Programs

All children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

All programs begin at the Conservancy Cabin unless otherwise indicated.

All Conservancy programs are open to the public.

Participation in any program or entering Conservancy land is at your own risk.

Hikes depart from the Outlet Pond at 9:30 AM (for those events where we will drive north on 42 to either 154 or 220, we will meet hikers from Laporte & World's End State Park at the junction of 154 & 220 at ~9:40). Be prepared with water, lunch, sturdy shoes & proper clothing (such as long pants to avoid scratches from briars & stinging nettles). Families are encouraged to participate. Children must be accompanied by an adult. On some hikes there may be rough terrain & bushwhacking where there is no blazed trail, so read the hike description! Hike lengths & elevation change over 150' are estimated for each hike. Afternoon return time will depend on the hike length and driving distance to the trail.

We have all learned a great deal these past few years as the world confronted the pandemic. At the Conservancy, we are appreciative of the ingenuity of our staff and members as well all found ways to still come together to learn about the natural world around us. This summer, we will continue to follow CDC guidance in our programming, ever grateful for the healing powers of the great outdoors.

ART / NATURE PROGRAM SCHEDULE – 2022

JUNE

6/22 Wednesday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. MEET YOUR CONSERVANCY. Intergenerational. Opening Day EMC: Come visit us. You can explore the Conservancy's Godley Cabin and its informative, interactive exhibits; tour the nature trail and its offerings, including the popular instruments in the woods; see a woodland restoration area; follow our newest brochure along the Margaret Estey Trail out to the Commons. It is informative, challenging and fun. Come join us to discover the many attractions the Conservancy has to offer. Cabin, Debbie.

6/23 Thursday, 10:00-11:45 am. STEAM. Intergenerational. Come participate in a **STEAM** activity-science, technology, engineering, arts (humanities, language arts, dance, drama, music, visual arts, design), and math. Today we will be building a popsicle bridge. Cabin, Debbie.

6/24 Friday, 10:00-11:00 am. ENVIROTHON 101. Current Issue. Recycling. Intergenerational. Envirothon is a program offered throughout the United States for students to learn about wildlife, forestry, soils, aquatics, and a current environmental issue it is facing. This program focuses a session from one of these areas. Today we focus on a Current Issue. Recycling. You send your plastic and paper to be recycled, but what happens to it? Find out how recycling works and why it is important. Bring some of your favorite recycled materials to make a keepsake. Cabin, Debbie.

6/25 Saturday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. MEET YOUR CONSERVANCY. Intergenerational. Opening Day EMC: Come visit us. You can explore the Conservancy's Godley Cabin and its informative, interactive exhibits; tour the nature trail and its offerings, including the popular instruments in the woods; see a woodland restoration area; follow our newest brochure along the Margaret Estey Trail out to the Commons. It is informative, challenging and fun. Come join us to discover the many attractions the Conservancy has to offer. Cabin, Debbie.

6/25 Saturday, 9:30 am RAPTOR EDUCATION AND THE ANCIENT ART OF FALCONRY. Intergenerational. Hosted by Lake Mokoma Conservancy at Lake Mokoma, Laporte. Come enjoy a presentation by Falconer Mike Kuriga, renowned lecturer who will be bringing one of his Falcons for the enjoyment of all. Meet at the entrance to the **Mokoma Conservancy** at Conklin Run, Lake Rd. Laporte, PA For questions call 610-585-4504.

6/28 Tuesday 9:30-10:45 am. NATURE ART. Intergenerational. Learn about patterns found in nature and then create a dream catcher using things you found around the cabin. Cabin, Debbie.

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6/28 Tuesday 7:30-9:00 pm. Sullivan County Conservation District Program. Intergenerational. Learn about what plants to plant to attract birds.

6/29 Wednesday, 9:30-10:45 am. TRAILS AND TALES. Intergenerational. Suggested ages 4-12 but flexible. A great chance for bonding with a youngster. Join us in a scavenger hunt, a story, and other fun activities to celebrate the beginning of the summer season. Cabin, Debbie.

6/30 Thursday, 10:00-11:45 am. STEAM. Intergenerational. Come participate in a **STEAM** activity-science, technology, engineering, arts (humanities, language arts, dance, drama, music, visual arts, design), and math. Today we will be making secret messages using chemistry. Cabin, Debbie.

JULY

7/1 Friday, 10:00-11:15 am. ENVIROTHON 101. Intergenerational. Envirothon is a program offered throughout the United States for students to learn about wildlife, forestry, soils, aquatics, and a current environmental issue it is facing. This program focuses a session from one of these areas. Today we focus on **Wildlife. Pelts and Skulls.** Explore the skulls and pelts of various wildlife at the cabin. Meet @ cabin, Debbie.

7/2 Saturday, 9:30-10:45 am. GNOME HOMES. Intergenerational. Build a home or village for a gnome using dry woodland materials FOUND ON SITE. Construction sites will be carefully selected, and environmental impact considered. Our structures will be there for all to see along the railroad bed. Cabin, Debbie.

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7/12 Tuesday 7:30-8:45 pm. DEWIRE CENTER: CLYDE PEELING'S REPTILAND: Reptiles. Come enter the fascinating world of turtles, crocodilians, lizards and snakes. This program uses live reptiles from around the world: a tortoise, lizard, alligator and a variety of snakes including a large constrictor. This program covers the ecology and natural history of reptiles, and audiences leave with a new appreciation for this maligned class of animals.

7/13 Wednesday, 9:30-10:45 am. TRAILS AND TALES. Intergenerational. Suggested ages 4-12 but flexible. A great chance for bonding with a youngster. **Organism Tour.** On the Nature Trail, we will look for plants and animals and see how they interact with their environment. There will also be a story with a special guest. Meet @ cabin, Debbie.

7/14 Thursday, 10:00-11:45 am. STEAM. Intergenerational. Come participate in a **STEAM** activity-science, technology, engineering, arts (humanities, language arts, dance, drama, music, visual arts, design), and math. Today we will be creating several pieces of art using paint and the forces of gravity, magnetism, pushing, and pulling. Cabin, Debbie.

7/15 Friday, 10:00-11:00 am. ENVIROTHON 101. Intergenerational. Envirothon is a program offered throughout the United States for students to learn about wildlife, forestry, soils, aquatics, and a current environmental issue it is facing. This program focuses a session from one of these areas. Today we focus on **Current Issue. Water.** Water cycles throughout the environment, providing us with drinking water and giving aquatic organisms a habitat. Learn how all this happens and how the water cycle impacts us through demonstrations. Meet @ cabin, Debbie.

7/16 Saturday, 10:00-11:30 am. POND POKE: THE HIDDEN WORLD OF THE OUTLET POND. Intergenerational. You've walked around it, canoed on it, and maybe even skated across it. Now come meet some of the fascinating critters that live IN it. Using dip nets, we'll explore the edges of the pond to see what we can catch. Microscopes will be provided for close-up views. Cabin, Debbie

7/19 Tuesday 9:30-10:45 am. NATURE ART. Come create some FUN clay faces to decorate trees around the cabin. Intergenerational Cabin, Debbie.

7/19 Tuesday 2:30-3:30 pm. NATURE ART. Come on over and be surprised by today's project. Intergenerational. Field of Dreams, Debbie.

7/20 Wednesday, 9:30-10:45 am. TRAILS AND TALES. Intergenerational. Suggested ages 4-12 but flexible. A great chance for bonding with a youngster. **Margaret Estey Trail Scavenger Hunt.** Join in on a nature themed scavenger hunt for plants along the Margaret Estey Trail. Join us in storytelling and a craft to take home with you. Cabin, Debbie.

7/21 Thursday, 10:00-11:45 am. STEAM. Intergenerational. Come participate in a **STEAM** activity-science, technology, engineering, arts (humanities, language arts, dance, drama, music, visual arts, design), and math. Today we will be making a homemade musical instrument. Once it is built, you can create and explore music. Cabin, Debbie.

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on **Wildlife. Animal Tracks.** try to identify common animal tracks and paint one of your own to take with you! Meet @ cabin, Debbie.

7/23 Saturday, 9:30 am. Mokoma Conservancy hosts “The Importance of Vernal Pools”. Intergenerational. What is a vernal pool and its importance? Dr. Tom Meyers, a hydrologic consultant will conduct a hike to view the rare phenomenon of a vernal pool on the Mokoma Conservancy property (about a half mile hike). Bring your cell phone to take pictures along the way. Meet at the entrance to the Mokoma Conservancy at Conklin Run, Lake Road, Laporte, Pa. For questions: 610-585-4504

7/26 Tuesday 9:30-10:45 am. NATURE ART. Intergenerational. Come be inspired by nature and create a dot art project. Cabin, Debbie.

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7/27 Wednesday, 9:30-10:45 am. TRAILS AND TALES. Intergenerational. Suggested ages 4-12 but flexible. A great chance for bonding with a youngster. **Discovery Scavenger Hunt.** Along the nature trail, use your senses to discover some parts of nature you may not have noticed before. Join us in storytelling and a craft to take home with you. Cabin, Debbie.

7/28 Thursday, 10:00-11:45 am. STEAM. Intergenerational. Come participate in a **STEAM** activity-science, technology, engineering, arts (humanities, language arts, dance, drama, music, visual arts, design), and math. Today we will explore how patterns and designs interact with light and create a homemade kaleidoscope. Cabin, Debbie.

7/29 Friday, 10:00-11:00 am. ENVIROTHON 101. Intergenerational. Envirothon is a program offered throughout the United States for students to learn about wildlife, forestry, soils, aquatics, and a current environmental issue it is facing. This program focuses a session from one of these areas. Today we focus on **Soils. The Importance of These Particles.** What does soil do for the environment? Create your own example of the relationship between soils and plants by planting a potted plant. Meet @ cabin, Debbie.

7/29 Friday, 6:00 - 8:00. EMC ANNUAL “FRIENDRAISER” EVENT ON CARTER’S DELL. Come enjoy a pleasant evening meeting new friends and saying hello to ones already known.

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8/2 Tuesday 7:30-9:00 pm. THE WOODLAND STYLE NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE WITH READE HOLZBAUR AT THE DEWIRE CENTER. Reade, of Hughesville, began collecting arrowheads and other Native American items from the time he was a young boy, but his deep fascination with the culture began in 2006 with his sudden and unexpected interest in flute making. His flutes are of a woodland style, and he will give insight into this hauntingly beautiful sounding instrument through his artful playing as well as through his explanation about modern day flute making. He will compare the way he makes a flute today to the methods our native ancestors would use to accomplish such a feat.

8/3 Wednesday, 9:30-10:45 am. TRAILS AND TALES. Intergenerational. Suggested ages 4-12 but flexible. A great chance for bonding with a youngster. Join us in storytelling and a craft to take home with you. Cabin, Debbie.

8/4 Thursday, 10:00-11:45 am. STEAM. Intergenerational. Come participate in a **STEAM** activity-science, technology, engineering, arts (humanities, language arts, dance, drama, music, visual arts, design), and math. Come make a homemade fidget spinner and learn about motion and friction. Cabin, Debbie.

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8/11 Thursday, 10:00-11:45 am. STEAM. Intergenerational. Come participate in a **STEAM** activity-science, technology, engineering, arts (humanities, language arts, dance, drama, music, visual arts, design), and math. Come build and launch a straw rocket while learning about Newton's three laws of motion. Cabin, Debbie

8/13 Saturday, 9:30-10:45 am. GNOME HOMES. Intergenerational. Build a home or village for a gnome using dry woodland materials FOUND ON SITE. Construction sites will be carefully selected, and environmental impact considered. Our structures will be there for all to see along the railroad bed. Cabin, Debbie.

8/16 Tuesday 9:30-10:45 am. NATURE ART. Intergenerational. Any nature art item you did not get to create this summer? If so, come do a craft of your choice. Cabin, Debbie.

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8/18 Thursday, 9:00-4:00 pm. Last day that cabin is OPEN.



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