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General Information

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How to Register

On-line: <http://tinyurl.com/RNCprograms>

Phone: 410-313-0400 (voice/relay)
(9 AM-5 PM, W-Sa; Noon-5 PM, Su)

Fax: 410-313-4660

Mail: Howard County Recreation & Parks
7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21046

Walk-in: Robinson Nature Center
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia
(9 AM-5 PM, W-Sa; Noon-5 PM, Su)

Payment Information

Include payment with your registration form – a check or money order payable to the Howard County Director of Finance, or credit card information. (We accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard and VISA.) Please sign the waiver on your receipt and bring it to the first session.

All events and programs take place at the Robinson Nature Center unless otherwise noted.

Volunteer Opportunities

Gardening Get-Togethers at Robinson Nature Center

All ages / Weekly / Free

Join us every Thursday and Saturday (weather-dependent and excluding holidays) and venture into the outdoors at Robinson Nature Center to tackle various volunteer stewardship projects. Projects may include planting native wildflowers, removing invasive plants, maintaining native trees and shrubs, maintaining trails, and cleaning up trash. Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Info: Brian Campbell, 410-313-0400 or bcampbell@howardcountymd.gov.
10 AM-noon Th & Sa



GET INTO NATURE!

This summer holds amazing adventures for your child at Robinson Nature

Center's summer camps:

- Play in the river
- Meet live animals
- Take a trip to the stars in the planetarium
- Learn survival skills

...And more!



Space is limited to 20 campers in each camp. Sign up soon to secure your child's spot!

Check out our day camp and new overnight options at
www.howardcountymd.gov/nature



Explore space through the eyes of a real astronaut and space scientist.



Celebrate spring with sensory-friendly activities!

Special Events

Spring Egg-stravaganza for Tots 2 yrs + / Mar 20 / \$5, adult; \$7, child; Free, under 2 yrs

Enjoy a tot-friendly egg hunt through the center's indoor exhibits and along paved portions of the trail. Together, search for eggs and discover which animals laid them. Then, meet and learn about some amazing bunnies (available for adoption) with the rescue organization Friends of Rabbits! Turn in your eggs at the end of the program, and choose a special prize. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Preregister for one of the following program times to secure your spot. Arrive promptly as your group leaves at the time indicated. Program lasts approximately an hour. All participants 2 years and older must register.

RP4858.701	10 AM	RP4858.704	10:45 AM
RP4858.702	10:15 AM	RP4858.705	11 AM
RP4858.703	10:30 AM	RP4858.706	11:15 AM

NEW! Astronauts & Asteroids 7 yrs + / Apr 9 / Free

Join us on this exciting afternoon to explore both the mysteries of asteroids and the oddities of life as an astronaut! Participants enjoy the full-dome films

Astronaut and Impact! in our Naturesphere planetarium. Between films, participants enjoy presentations and Q&A sessions with a real astronaut and a scientist who studies asteroids. We're joined by former NASA astronaut Mary Cleave, who was part of the crew that deployed the Magellan-Venus exploration space craft, and by APL Planetary Scientist Andy Rivkin who was one of the scientists that first detected the presence of both water ice and organic materials on an asteroid's surface – shattering previous beliefs of asteroids as barren pieces of rock. Space is limited. Preregister to secure your spot. Thanks to our sponsors for making this program possible.
RP4860.703 2-4 PM Sa

Butterfly Gala

All ages / Apr 9 / \$35 per family (up to 5 members)

The Howard County Therapeutics Division and Robinson Nature Center cordially invite families of children and adults with special needs to join in an evening of sensory-friendly activities celebrating spring. Enjoy hands-on activities throughout the center, light hors d'oeuvres, music and dancing. This event is designed for families; supervision is not provided. We can't wait to celebrate with you! Please register by April 6.

RP4860.702 6:30-9 PM Sa



Join our representatives from the Mid-Atlantic Turtle and Tortoise Society and Friends of Rabbits at April Adopt an Animal Day!

NEW! Journey to Freedom

4-8 years / Apr 10 / \$8*; Free, under 4 yrs

Come join us for an incredible journey created in collaboration with members of the Columbia Jewish Congregation (CJC). Throughout history, people of different cultures and religions have been forced to leave their homes quickly. Fleeing those homes, they must survive using their wits and the resources around them. In this riveting program, hear stories of migration, immigration and freedom. Then, your family takes its own mini-survival hike. We reflect on what it's like to leave one's home and survive off the land as your family builds its own mini-shelter, explores the river, and learns how to track wildlife. *Children receive half-off admission (\$4) to this program courtesy of CJC.

RP4858.720 1:30-3 PM Su

NEW! April Adopt an Animal Day

All ages / Apr 17 / Daily admission or free with a Robinson annual pass

Come join us for an incredible day in collaboration with the Friends of Rabbits and the Mid-Atlantic Turtle and Tortoise Society (MATTs). We reenact the story of the Tortoise and the Hare through an engaging puppet show. Then, you meet some amazing rabbits and turtles! These rabbits and turtles are all looking for good homes.

The presentation begins at 1 PM and lasts until 2 PM. Representatives from MATTs and Friends of Rabbits are on-site with animals for adoption until the building closes at 5 PM.

RP4858.730 1-5 PM Su

NEW! Parent/Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt

13 yrs + / Apr 22 / \$30 (one parent & teen); \$15 each add'l person

Come compete against other parents and teens as you get out and active in nature for a nighttime egg hunt using flashlights and your wits at the Robinson Nature Center. Hundreds of eggs full of raffle tickets lie hidden, awaiting your discovery. Collect as many as you can for chances to win prizes from Geppie's Comic Museum, Terrapin Adventures, tickets to Howard County Tourism's Ghost Tours and other fantastic nature-themed prizes. View sponsors and prizes under our upcoming events section at www.facebook.com/RobinsonNatureCenter. Space is limited. Preregister to secure your spot. Parents must remain with teens at all times. Rain date: April 29.

RP4874.701 8-10 PM F

Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt

18 yrs + / May 13 / \$15

If you enjoyed watching the kids hunt for Easter eggs, don't feel left out! Back by popular demand, adults and their friends embark on a nighttime egg hunt using flashlights and your wits at the Robinson Nature Center. Hundreds of eggs full of raffle tickets lie hidden, awaiting your discovery. Collect as many as you can for chances to win passes to the National Aquarium, gift cards to Wegmans, meal coupons to local restaurants and other fantastic nature-themed prizes. View sponsors and prizes under our upcoming events section at www.facebook.com/RobinsonNatureCenter. Space is limited. Preregister to secure your spot.

Rain date: May 27.

RP4874.702 8-10 PM F

Native Plant Palooza

All ages / May 15 / Free

Come shop our native plant sale. By planting native and properly caring for your plants, you can save on the cost of water, fertilizer and pesticides while providing a habitat for butterflies, insects and other local wildlife. A portion of proceeds from the sale of all plants benefits educational programs at the Nature Center. Master Gardeners are on hand to answer your questions. For garden planning assistance, see the workshop we are offering on May 1 (page 13). Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Noon-4:30 PM Su

NEW! Kids' Night Out – Traveling Back in Time

5-10 yrs / Jun 10 / Prices below

Spend a Friday night out with your friends at the Nature Center after-hours! We provide a pizza dinner and tons of fun activities including nature games, a sunset hike, live animal presentations and a full-dome movie in our NatureSphere planetarium. Mom and dad can enjoy their own evening out, and return to learn all about your discoveries. This kids' night out features the film *Dinosaur's Alive!* This is a drop-off program and requires a participant information form for each child.

6-9 PM / F

RP4881.801	1 st child, non-member	\$40
RP4881.802	1 st child, member	\$30
RP4881.803	add'l child, non-member	\$20
RP4881.804	add'l child, member	\$15



Enjoy nature at night while hunting for prizes during one of our egg hunts.

NEW! Night Out at the Nature Center Square Dance

21 yrs + / Jun 24 / \$15

Grab a partner or a friend and head out to an adults night out at Robinson Nature Center. Enjoy square dancing's urban revival in the incredible atmosphere. Dance under the glorious open sky (weather-permitting). Food from local food trucks and beer from Jailbreak Brewing Company available for purchase on site. One drink ticket included in your admission price. Live music and caller. Square dancing experience not necessary. Preregister to secure your spot. ID required to consume alcohol.

RP4874.803 7:30-10 PM F

NEW! Summer Spectacular

All ages / Jul 10 / \$8*, annual pass holders;
\$10, general admission; Free, under 3 yrs

Come join us for our biggest event of the summer! Celebrate the season with fun-filled activities that highlight sights, sounds and smells of summer. Create fun crafts, meet live animals, get your face painted, and explore the trails with the new Robinson trail app, "Robinson's Curious Compass." Don't miss your opportunity to catch an original production created and performed by nature center staff in full costume. Snow cones (Kona Ice) and hot dogs (Lala's Hot Dogs) are sold on-site.

RP4828.801 Noon-4 PM Su

*\$2 off each individual's admission if you register by June 10!



Join us this summer for one of our Kids' Nights Out!

NEW! Kids' Night Out – Nature at Night

5-10 yrs / Aug 12 / Prices below

Spend a Friday night out with your friends at the nature center after-hours! Enjoy a pizza dinner and tons of fun activities including nature games, a sunset hike, live animal presentations, and a full-dome movie (*Astronaut*) in our NatureSphere planetarium. Mom and dad, enjoy your evening out while the kids are having fun. This is a drop-off program and requires a participant information form for each child.

6-9 PM / F

RP4881.811	1 st child, non-member	\$40
RP4881.812	1 st child, member	\$30
RP4881.813	addt'l child, non-member	\$20
RP4881.814	addt'l child, member	\$15

NEW! Bay Beasts and Crab Feast

All ages / Aug 20 / \$37

Come join this Maryland summer tradition with a twist. Discover the different creatures that live in, and depend on, the Chesapeake Bay. Enjoy meeting the Bay's "living fossil." Then head down to our river pavilion for an old-fashioned crab feast catered by Salerno's. Enjoy steamed crabs, two meats, three sides, lemonade, and iced tea. You must register by August 13 to attend. Space is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

RP4876.801	11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Sa
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Nature & Environment

Astronomy & Planetarium

- All planetarium programs are held in the NatureSphere, a digital planetarium and dome-style movie theater.
- For planetarium shows, arrive 15 minutes prior to the show time to be seated. Due to dark conditions, we cannot seat you during the show.
- Sensory-friendly accommodations are available for all planetarium programs upon request. To make a request, contact the Robinson Nature Center no later than one week in advance of the program.
- Previews of planetarium films: www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCNaturespherefeatures.
- Listed by date.
- Tickets/Info: 410-313-0400.
- Fee is per person.

Family Fridays at the NatureSphere

5 yrs + / Dates below / \$6 per person

Treat members of your family to a Friday evening of spectacular space delights. Enjoy a full-dome movie preceded by a fun, family-friendly planetarium presentation about current happenings in our night sky.

6:30-7:30 PM / F

RP4801.701	<i>Earth, Moon & Sun</i>	Mar 4
RP4801.702	<i>Earth, Moon & Sun</i>	Mar 18*
RP4801.703	<i>Astronaut</i>	Apr 1
RP4801.704	<i>Astronaut</i>	Apr 15
RP4801.705	<i>We Are Aliens</i>	May 6
RP4801.706	<i>We Are Aliens</i>	May 20
RP4801.801	<i>Astronaut</i>	Jun 3
RP4801.802	<i>Astronaut</i>	Jun 17
RP4801.803	<i>Passport</i>	Jul 1
RP4801.804	<i>Passport</i>	Jul 15
RP4801.805	<i>Stars</i>	Aug 5
RP4801.806	<i>Stars</i>	Aug 19

*Howard Astronomical League is on-site with its telescopes for night sky viewing from 7:30-8:15 PM.



Look up at the night sky at the Alpha Ridge Park Observatory during the new Spring Sky-Scanning program!

First Friday Late Nights in the NatureSphere – What’s Up?

18 yrs + / Dates below / \$6 per person

What’s up in the sky tonight? Looking for a unique Friday night experience? Leave the kids at home and bring your date or a group of friends to the nature center for some top-notch astronomy and entertainment. This program is for adults and features a full-dome movie preceded by a planetarium presentation about current happenings in our night sky and space science.

8-9 PM / F

RP4800.701	<i>Impact!</i>	Mar 4
RP4800.702	<i>Passport</i>	Apr 1
RP4800.703	<i>We Are Aliens</i>	May 6
RP4800.801	<i>Stars</i>	Jun 3
RP4800.802	<i>Black Holes</i>	Jul 1
RP4800.803	<i>Impact!</i>	Aug 5

NEW! Lil’ Stars (Parent/Child)

3-8 yrs / Dates below / \$3 per person with paid admission or annual pass
Let your little one discover outer space through views of the stars and planets, stories and song. Give your child a special nighttime experience during the day!

Each month we focus on a different theme – from the colors of stars, to the stories behind a constellation, to the seasonal changes in the sky – and provide two opportunities to catch the program. Preregister to secure your seats.

11-11:30 AM / Sa

RP4802.701	Mar 12	RP4802.801	Jun 11
RP4802.702	Mar 26	RP4802.802	Jun 25
RP4802.703	Apr 9	RP4802.803	Jul 9
RP4802.704	Apr 23	RP4802.804	Jul 23
RP4802.705	May 14	RP4802.805	Aug 13
RP4802.706	May 28	RP4802.806	Aug 27

NEW! Spring Sky-Scanning

7 yrs + / May 21 / \$6, individual; \$18, family (up to 5 members)

Join us for special guided night hikes by the light of the full moon. Enjoy tours on how to navigate the night sky. View near and deep sky targets through the Watson telescope at the new Howard Astronomical League (HAL) Observatory with members of HAL and staff from the Robinson Nature Center. Bring a flashlight. Preregistration required.

Alpha Ridge Pk Observatory

RP4804.701	7:30-9:30 PM	Sa
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Join us on Wednesdays this summer for an enriching and fun NatureSphere show.

Summer Wednesday Full-Dome Movies at Robinson Nature Center

3 yrs + / \$2, preregistration; \$3, day of show

While school is out, come join us for a popular children's full-dome movie in a planetarium. Each Wednesday morning, explore outer space with a child. Then, from 2-2:30 PM, bring your family out to view one of the films in the NatureSphere's digital collection that explores everything from stars to black holes, to what lies beyond our universe. There is no late seating.

3 yrs + / One World, One Sky

RP4854.801	Jun 8	10-10:30 AM	W
RP4854.803	Jun 22	10-10:30 AM	W
RP4854.805	Jul 6	10-10:30 AM	W
RP4854.807	Jul 20	10-10:30 AM	W
RP4854.809	Aug 3	10-10:30 AM	W
RP4854.811	Aug 17	10-10:30 AM	W

3 yrs + / Little Star that Could

RP4854.804	Jun 29	10-10:30 AM	W
RP4854.808	Jul 27	10-10:30 AM	W
RP4854.812	Aug 24	10-10:30 AM	W

5 yrs + / Earth, Moon & Sun

RP4855.801	Jun 8	2-2:30 PM	W
RP4855.806	Jul 13	2-2:30 PM	W
RP4855.812	Aug 24	2-2:30 PM	W

5 yrs + / We Are Aliens

RP4854.802	Jun 15	10-10:30 AM	W
RP4854.810	Aug 10	10-10:30 AM	W

5 yrs + / Zula Patrol

RP4854.806	Jul 13	10-10:30 AM	W
RP4855.811	Aug 17	2-2:30 PM	W

7 yrs + / Stars

RP4855.802	Jun 15	2-2:30 PM	W
RP4855.807	Jul 20	2-2:30 PM	W

7 yrs + / Astronaut

RP4855.804	Jun 29	2-2:30 PM	W
RP4855.808	Jul 27	2-2:30 PM	W

7 yrs + / Impact!

RP4855.805	Jul 6	2-2:30 PM	W
RP4855.810	Aug 10	2-2:30 PM	W

10 yrs + / Black Holes

RP4855.803	Jun 22	2-2:30 PM	W
RP4855.809	Aug 3	2-2:30 PM	W

Family & Parent/Child

- Programs require an adult to register with and accompany children at all times.
- Tickets/Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

First Saturday Discovery Days 3-10 yrs / Dates below / Price of admission or free with annual pass

Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we introduce a special theme. Each Discovery Days program teaches you about Maryland wildlife or history through games, stories and crafts. Programs are available on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 15 children and their adult chaperone. You can continue to explore each month's theme throughout the remainder of the month at the Field Station in the Children's Discovery room, or during special weekend hours with docent-led activities.

11:30 AM-noon / Sa

Mar 5	Dinosaurs & Fossils	Jun 4	Summer Trees
Apr 2	Nest builders	Jul 2	Butterflies & Moths
May 7	Frog Calls	Aug 6	Streams

NEW! Kinder-Garden Time 4 yrs + / Dates below / Daily admission or free with annual pass

Join us on the third Saturday of the month (weather-dependent) as we venture into the children's garden at the nature center for some parent/child gardening! Enjoy a demonstration on various gardening projects, and get hands-on experience with age-appropriate tasks for adults and kids. Learn by doing as you help the garden grow! Projects could include weeding, planting, watering, turning soil, mixing compost and harvesting. This opportunity is available on a first-come, first-served basis for up to 10 children and their adult chaperones.

10-11 AM / Sa

Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, Jun 18, Jul 16 & Aug 20

One Smart Cookie – Creepy, Crawly Critters 7 yrs + / Apr 8 / \$10, individual; \$35, family (up to 5 members)

Have a fun family Friday! Come compete against other families in nature trivia for glory and a grand prize. Participate in entertaining challenges and special raffles. Delicious "design-your-own" cookie bar included! You are welcome to bring your dinner. Doors open at 6:15 PM and trivia starts at 6:30 PM. This spring's topic is Insects. Cookie bar features shortbread cookies.

RP4888.801 6:30-8 PM F



Join us for parent/child gardening during Kinder-Garden Time!

Animals, Animals, Animals! 3-10 yrs / Dates below / Price of admission or free with annual pass

Explore our wild planet, creatures of the night and more in an engaging, play-to-learn platform with staff from the Port Discovery Children's Museum at Robinson Nature Center. Programs integrate music, poetry, games and nature exploration for parents and their young children. No registration necessary.

1-1:45 PM & 2-2:45 PM / Su

Apr 10, Apr 17, May 8 & May 22

Cotton-Tail Bunny Tea Party 3 yrs + / Apr 24 / \$45 (one child & adult); \$20 each add'l person

Join us for a great spring expedition learning all about the cute, and sometimes rascally, rabbits that start appearing this time of year. Your little one goes on a "rabbit chase" to help track a missing bunny, and creates his/her own bunny craft to take home. Afterwards, savor together an impeccably catered sit-down tea service by Sweet Simplicitea Tea Room. Enjoy tea, lemonade and delightful treats just right for little fingers. Price includes program, materials, full tea service and gratuity. As this is a catered event, you must register no later than April 17 to attend. The caterer requires final numbers one week in advance.

RP4865.701 2-4 PM Su



Come check out the real Orioles this May!

Lil' Acorns Spring Fling

2-3 yrs / May 14 / \$18 (one child & adult)

Spring is full of fun, new discoveries for you and your little one. Hold your lil' acorn's hand through an unforgettable morning. Share with your youngster the fascinating changes occurring during the spring through a parent/child interactive program that includes song, sensory activities, a puppet show and a short walk through the woods with optional splashing in the spring mud! Dress for play outdoors. Register an additional person (\$9) by calling 410-313-0400.

RP4817.701 10-11:30 AM Sa

Bird Quest

7 yrs + / May 28 / \$5 per person

Have you ever had the pleasure of encountering Maryland's state bird, the Baltimore Oriole? How about Howard County's bird, the American Goldfinch? Join Kurt Schwarz of the Howard County Bird Club and Robinson Nature Center naturalists on this fun quest searching the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA) for our state and county birds. Bring your binoculars and learn all about these two mascots of our home state and county. You must preregister for this program. Meet at the South Wind Circle entrance to the MPEA. There are no restroom facilities at the MPEA.

RP4805.701 MPEA 9:30-11:30 AM Sa

NEW! Family E-Birding

7 yrs + / Jun 18 / \$5 per person

This summer, engage your family in the time-honored hobby of birding with a 21st-century twist. Joe Hanfman of the Howard County Bird Club and Robinson Nature Center naturalists guide your family on a bird hike to see how many different birds we can spot and identify. Head back to the nature center to submit our bird count to an international "e-bird" database. Joe shows your family how to create your own log and contribute data from your outings to help scientists around the world. Bring your binoculars and learn some basic bird ID techniques. You can also bring a laptop, smartphone or tablet if you would like to record your results directly to your device.

RP4805.801 9:30-11:30 AM Sa

River Romps

**All ages / Dates below / \$5 per person;
\$20 per family (up to 5 people)**

Come celebrate summer by cooling off at the nature center with an afternoon at the Middle Patuxent River! Bring your own picnic and join a Robinson naturalist at the river for lunch followed by fun, family-friendly river games. Search the stream for big and small animals! Make boats and race them downstream! Come dressed to get wet. We wade in the river and recommend closed-toed water shoes. Choose from any of the dates below. Participants must check-in for the program at the front desk. Participation is limited to 25 people per program.

RP4876.811 Jun 19 12:30-2:30 PM Su

RP4876.812 Jul 17 12:30-2:30 PM Su

RP4876.813 Aug 21 12:30-2:30 PM Su



Come romp in the river with us when the days get warm!

NEW! Summer Sounds Family Campfire

7 yrs + / Jul 30 / \$8 per person

Summer nights are alive with the stirring of nocturnal animals, humming of insects, and flying bats. We create our own natural symphony in our Nature Place as we wait for sunset. Then, we're off to explore the forest depths and river edges in search of amazing creatures of the night. Use echo locators to hear the inaudible signals that bats use to locate their prey, and we'll get up close to one of our favorite nocturnal animals. Afterwards, get cozy while roasting marshmallows over the campfire to the accompaniment of live music. Singing and dancing are welcome!

RP4804.801 8-9:30 PM Sa

Home School Parent-Guided Workshop 2016-2017

All ages / Starting Sep 8 / \$15, Howard County resident; \$18, non-resident; free, under 4 yrs

Join us for monthly opportunities to connect with other home-school families in an informal learning environment. Children socialize and collaborate with one another on parent-assisted educational projects and imaginative play opportunities. By joining, gain

special access to a private, collaborative classroom space reserved specifically for home school families, special equipment, a tailored student project and social play opportunities on the 2nd Thursday of each month (September-May). Register for one, two or all three seasons of workshops. To ease crowding, please choose from one of two time slots when you register. Each adult and child that plans on attending must register individually for the workshop. Price is per person/per season. Registration opens June 1 for Howard County residents and June 8 for non-residents.

Fall season

RP4885.150 Sep 8, Oct 13 & Nov 10 1-2:30 PM Th

RP4885.151 Sep 8, Oct 13 & Nov 10 3-4:30 PM Th

Winter season

RP4885.250 Dec 8, Jan 12 & Feb 9 1-2:30 PM Th

RP4885.251 Dec 8, Jan 12 & Feb 9 3-4:30 PM Th

Spring season

RP4885.350 Mar 9, Apr 13 & May 11 1-2:30 PM Th

RP4885.351 Mar 9, Apr 13 & May 11 3-4:30 PM Th



Explore everything nature at our special classes designed for home-schoolers.

Youth

- For programs listed as “drop-off” programs, parents are welcome to stay for the duration of the program, but are subject to the Nature Center’s \$5 per adult admission fee.
- Programs listed in order by start date.
- Tickets/Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

NEW! Pre-Home School Classes 2016-2017

4-5 yrs / Dates below & next column / \$30 per child

Give your young homeschooler a chance to learn skills and gain exposure to nature and science topics at an age-appropriate pace. We offer three seasons of classes (fall, winter, and spring) focusing on different themes (listed below). Sign up to attend classes on the first Thursday of the month or to attend on the first Friday of the month. Parents may attend class with their children. Siblings younger than 4 years old are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent at all times. Registration opens June 1 for Howard County residents and June 8 for non-residents.

Fall Topics: Habitats, Seasons, First Impressions

Winter Topics: Nature at Night, Dinosaurs, Animal Signs

Spring Topics: Snakes & Turtles, Butterflies, Birds

2:30-4 PM

RP4885.101	1 st Thursdays in fall	Sep 1, Oct 6, Nov 3
RP4885.111	1 st Fridays in fall	Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4
RP4885.201	1 st Thursdays in winter	Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2
RP4885.211	1 st Fridays in winter	Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3
RP4885.301	1 st Thursdays in spring	Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4
RP4885.311	1 st Fridays in spring	Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5

NEW! Home School Classes 2016-2017

6-13 yrs / Dates below & next page / \$30 per child

Give your home-schooled student hands-on, immersive experiences in nature and science topics. We offer three seasons of classes (fall, winter, and spring) focusing on different themes (listed below). Students are divided by age (6-9 yrs & 9-13 yrs). Six-9-year-olds can sign up to attend classes on the first Thursday of the month or to attend on the first Friday of the month. Nine-13-year-old classes are offered on the first Thursday of the month. Parents may attend class with their children. Siblings younger than 4 years old are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent at all times. Registration opens June 1 for Howard County residents and June 8 for non-residents.

Fall Topics: River Ecology, Meadow Ecology, Forest Ecology

Winter Topics: Stars & Constellations, Fossils & Dinosaurs, Tracking Animals

Spring Topics: Herpetology (Reptiles & Amphibians), Entomology (Insects), Ornithology (Birds)



Enjoy a ladies night out at Robinson's Sunset Hike & Campfire!

2:30-4 PM / 6-9 yrs

RP4885.102	1 st Thursdays in fall	Sep 1, Oct 6, Nov 3
RP4885.112	1 st Fridays in fall	Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4
RP4885.202	1 st Thursdays in winter	Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2
RP4885.212	1 st Fridays in winter	Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3
RP4885.302	1 st Thursdays in spring	Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4
RP4885.312	1 st Fridays in spring	Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5

2:30-4 PM / 9-13 yrs

RP4885.103	1 st Thursdays in fall	Sep 1, Oct 6, Nov 3
RP4885.203	1 st Thursdays in winter	Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2
RP4885.303	1 st Thursdays in spring	Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4

Adults

- Programs in this section are for adults 18 years and older. Programs listed for ages 21 years and older require a photo ID to consume alcohol.
- Programs listed in order by start date.
- Tickets/Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Trivia Night Socials at the Nature Center 21 yrs + / Apr 15 / \$10

Compete in nature-themed trivia and enjoy camaraderie and team challenges while you use your knowledge for a good cause. Proceeds fund the Friends of the Robinson Nature Center's scholarships for Title 1 school trips. Enjoy the cash bar with local brews from Jailbreak Brewing

Company. Light snacks provided. Our winning team takes home a special prize!

Info: www.facebook.com/RobinsonNatureCenter.

Doors open: 7 PM; trivia: 7:30-9:30 PM

RP4884.701 Plants from Here, There and Everywhere F

NEW! Plan Your Native Plant Garden 18 yrs + / May 1 / \$35

Join Lauren, owner of Howard County's eco-friendly landscaping company Lauren's Garden Service, for this afternoon garden-planning workshop. Learn how to design a garden using native plant species that survive within the temperature and lighting constraints of your space. Bring a sketch of your garden to plan what, when, and where to plant. Once planned, come back for Robinson's Native Plant Palooza Sale on May 15!

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Ladies Night Out: Sunset Hike & Campfire Social 18 yrs + / May 28 / \$10

Come join other nature-loving gals on a Friday night adventure. Immerse yourself in the great outdoors. Enjoy an hour-long guided hike with the Center's naturalists. Learn about fascinating flora, fauna, and history. After the sun sets, settle down to a cozy campfire with s'mores and socializing.

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Make your wedding totally unique with these fun DIY additions!

Adults (18 yrs +) Classes & Activities

Lifelong Learning

**NEW! Do-It-Yourself
(DIY) Wedding Series**
21 yrs + / Dates below & next column
Prices below & next column*

Planning a wedding? Join us for a series of “do-it-yourself” workshops full of ideas on how you can plan one-of-a-kind wedding showers, receptions and festivities that are unique and totally “you.”

DIY Natural Centerpieces

Come learn how to “tie the knot” with natural decorations. We provide you with sustainably-harvested greens, natural materials and accents to use – along with your vision and personal style – to create floral sculptures and botanical creations. Start planning the look and feel of your decorations and accents in this workshop; take home your sample centerpiece. Optional wedding tours of the center afterwards. *Call to enroll in all three classes, and receive a 10% discount on each individual class. Info: 410-313-0400.

Robinson Nature Ctr / \$35*

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DIY Calligraphy

Spend an afternoon learning elements of calligraphy to add a timeless touch to your wedding invitations. We provide you with various types of calligraphy pens; along with an assortment of stationary to try your hand at decorating place cards and invitation envelopes. Continue to practice your own unique style of this writing craft at home with our calligraphy kits. Kits include calligraphy pen with interchangeable nibs and a collection of paper types. A wedding tour of the Victorian era ruins at the Patapsco Female Institute is offered after the conclusion of the class. Info: Jaimie Wilder, 410-313-0419 or jwilder@howardcountymd.gov.

Ellicott City Colored School, Restored / \$40*

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DIY: Pre-Wedding Party Food Bites and Tips

Hiring a caterer for a bridal shower or a pre-wedding party can be expensive. It's much more cost-effective to make the food yourself. Join Chef Alba in this cooking class. Learn how to make easy, delicious, and attractive party food bites that are a hit with any theme. Learn tips on how to plan for the event. Come make dishes such as Tuna & Pistachio Stuffed Lemons, Hummus & Crispy Chorizo, Apple Tartine with Prosciutto & Cheese, Spinach Polpettine with Gorgonzola Cream Sauce, and Mini Mozzarella & Salami Panini. Info: Danielle Bassett, 410-313-4634 or dbassett@howardcountymd.gov.

Belmont Manor & Historic Pk / \$35* + \$20 materials

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DIY: Pre-Wedding Dessert Bites and Tips Workshop

It can be pricey to hire a caterer for a bridal shower or rehearsal dinner. It's much more cost-effective to make your desserts. Join us in this cooking class and learn how to make easy, delicious and attractive dessert bites that go with any occasion. Learn tips on how to plan for this party. Come make mini desserts such as mini, festive cupcakes, mini ciliegie (cherry) pies and mini chocolate mousse cups. Info: Danielle Bassett, 410-313-4634 or dbassett@howardcountymd.gov.

Belmont Manor & Historic Pk / \$35* + \$20 materials

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Enjoy complimentary admission, and special discounts on designated programs and gift shop items with your family pass!

Enjoy through all four seasons:

- Children's Discovery Room
- Planetarium and full-dome movies
- Nature trails, interactive exhibits and more!

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 FIND YOURS IN HOWARD COUNTY.
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Discover Robinson's New "Nature Place" Outdoor Discovery Zone

- Underground tube slide
 - Natural music and movement space
 - Natural materials building area
 - Nature art tables and objects
 - Log-steppers and climbing log
 - Native, sensory plantings
- and much more....**

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Hours

Wednesday-Saturday: 9 AM-5 PM
Sunday: Noon-5 PM
Closed on Mondays & Tuesdays

Daily Admission

Adults: \$5
Children (3-17 yrs): \$3
Under 3: FREE
* Wednesdays are complimentary for families and individuals. Group visits are subject to admission fees and must be booked in advance.

Annual Passes

Annual pass holders are entitled to complimentary general admission to Robinson, use of its trails, markdowns in the gift shop during designated events and discounted admission to certain programs. Annual passes expire one year from date of purchase. (NR) = Non-Resident of Howard County.

Senior (50 years +)	\$20 / \$40 (NR)
Student (with school ID)	\$20 / \$40 (NR)
Individual	\$25 / \$50 (NR)
Family (household)	\$50 / \$100 (NR)

Add an additional \$50 to any annual pass level to enjoy Friends of Robinson Nature Center benefit.

Friends of Robinson Nature Center Membership Levels

Friends of Robinson Nature Center memberships include an annual pass to the nature center, as well as friends-only benefits. For details, please visit:

www.friendsoftherobinsonnaturecenter.org/

Patron	\$175
Supporter	\$250
Sustainer	\$500
Lifetime	\$1,000

