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SPRING 2020
PROGRAMS & EVENTS

www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter

General Information

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5 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

Howard County Residents:

Online registration starting March 4 at 6pm.
All other methods starting March 5.

Out-of-County Residents:

Online registration starting March 11 at 6pm.
All other methods starting March 12.

Financial assistance and payment plans available for Howard County residents. We also offer scholarships. Call our registration line for more information!



ON-LINE

www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/programs

An online account is required and may take up to 48 hours to process.

MAIL-IN



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



PHONE

410-313-0400 (9am-5 pm, W-Sa;
Noon-5pm, Su) TTY: 410-313-4665



WALK-IN

Robinson Nature Center
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia
(9am-5pm, W-Sa; Noon-5pm, Su)



FAX

410-313-4660

Refund Policy

We recognize that you may wish to withdraw for a variety of reasons, but our policy encourages early decisions so as to not affect other customers or our ability to efficiently deliver the programs. At a minimum, all refund requests are subject to a 20% administrative fee. Additional fees may be assessed to recover costs associated with the program. Class programs require at least two weeks advance notice of withdrawal to avoid the additional fees. Trip refunds may reflect pre-paid admissions; but the option to transfer your ticket may be considered. Competitive sport program time frame for refunds reflects planning time and team selections; check refund details on website. There are no refunds for missed sessions.

Korean 한국어

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Mandarin 普通话

你会说普通话吗? 我们可以为您提供电话上的翻译员。此服务是免费的。

Spanish Español

¿Habla Español? Le proveeremos un interprete por telefono. Este servicio es gratis.

Call our toll-free phone number:
1-800-444-6627.
Enter PIN number 12372435



Spring Eggstravaganza for Tots

Special Events

• Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Sensory-Friendly Sunday

This monthly event is designed for families with kids, teens, and adults with sensory processing differences, autism spectrum disorder, or developmental disabilities. Center opens early, allowing visitors to enjoy a calm environment. Explore the exhibits, Discovery Room, trails, and outdoor play area. Planetarium open between 11:30am and noon. Sensory maps, sensory backpacks and quiet areas available. While walk-ins are welcome, we encourage you to reserve your space.

Registration/Info:

www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/sensoryfriendlyvisit.

All ages \$5, adult; \$3, child;

Free, members and children under 3 yrs

RP4876.622	Mar 8	11:30am-12:30pm	Su
RP4876.720	Apr 19	11:30am-12:30pm	Su
RP4876.721	May 17	11:30am-12:30pm	Su

Spring Eggstravaganza for Tots

Enjoy tot-friendly activities throughout the indoor exhibits and outdoor, paved trail (weather-permitting). Participate in crafts, music, games, and spring sensory fun. Separate egg hunts for toddlers and children 4 yrs + throughout the day. See bunnies available for adoption through the Friends of Rabbits, a rescue organization. All adults and children 1 year and older must register to participate. No online registration. Call 410-313-0400 or register at the Center in person.

1 yr + \$7 per person; Free, siblings under 1 yr

RP4858.601 Apr 5 9am-3pm Su

Is the class/activity you want full?
Put your name on the waiting list.
We are often able to accommodate
participants from the wait list as
spring plans change.

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Enjoy complimentary admission along with 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 Place outdoor play area
- Nature trails, interactive exhibits and more!



Native Plant Palooza (photo credit: Rob Gelner)

Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt **flicker**

Adults embark on a nighttime egg hunt using flashlights and your wits to search for hundreds of eggs hidden inside the Robinson Nature Center and on its trails!

Collect as many as you can for chances to win passes to local attractions, gift cards to stores, coupons to restaurants and more. Preregister as space is limited. Rain date for April 24 hunt is May 8 and for the May 22 hunt is May 29. Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

21 yrs + RP4874.701 Apr 24 8-10pm F \$29

21 yrs + RP4874.711 May 22 8-10pm F \$29

Native Plant Palooza

Shop our annual native plant sale! Select from a large variety of shrubs, wildflowers, ground covers, trees, and edible native plants. Native plants are more tolerant to local climate, pest species and soil nutrients and require less water, fertilizer and pesticides while providing food and habitat for local species of butterflies, insects and birds. Master Gardeners are available to answer questions. Vendors support the Robinson Nature Center through donations. Info: 410-313-0400 or www.howardcountymd.gov/plantnatives.

All ages RP4828.701 May 3 Noon-4pm Su Free

Astronomy & Planetarium

- Planetarium programs are held in the Nature Center's 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. Please also see our Sensory Sunday program (page 3).
- Previews of planetarium films: www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCNatureSphereFeatures.
- Listed by earliest start date.
- Fee is per person. Children must be accompanied by a ticketed adult.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.



Family Fridays Under the Dome.

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Friday nights with your family should be stellar! Come enjoy unique shows at the Robinson Nature Center's planetarium/dome movie theater. Each program features a full-dome movie preceded by a family-friendly planetarium presentation where you discover what's in the night sky that month. See below for show dates, show times, featured films and age recommendations.

6:30-7:30pm \$7 per ticket

Earth, Moon and Sun

RP4801.603 5 yrs + Mar 6 F

Astronaut

RP4801.701 7 yrs + Apr 3 F

Bugs: A Rainforest Adventure

RP4801.702 7 yrs + May 1 F

Friday Evenings Under the Dome

Treat your partner or friends to a unique Friday night experience of top-notch astronomy and entertainment at the Robinson Nature Center. This program is held in the Center's planetarium/dome movie theater and features a full-dome movie preceded by an adult-level planetarium presentation about current happenings in our night sky and space science. No late seating.

18 yrs + 8-9pm \$7 per ticket

NEW! The (Not so) Constant Stars

RP4800.603 Mar 6 F

NEW! Planets and Galaxies Revealed

RP4800.701 Apr 3 F

NEW! Lives of Stars

RP4800.702 May 1 F

Space Matters (55 yrs +)

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Lil' Stars Astronomy Program

Let your little one discover outer space through views of the stars and planets, stories, crafts 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. Pre-register to secure your seats. No late seating.

3-8 yrs w/ parent \$4 per ticket with admission or annual pass

Stellar Stretching

RP4802.609 Mar 21 10-10:30am Sa

RP4802.610 Mar 21 11-11:30am Sa

RP4802.611 Mar 28 10-10:30am Sa

RP4802.612 Mar 28 11-11:30am Sa

NEW! Pictures in the Sky

RP4802.701 Apr 18 10-10:30am Sa

RP4802.702 Apr 18 11-11:30am Sa

Junior Astronauts

RP4802.703 May 16 10-10:30am Sa

RP4802.704 May 16 11-11:30am Sa

Spring Break Movies Under the Dome

Enjoy a half-hour, full-dome movie in Robinson Nature Center's planetarium on the Wednesday and Thursday of Spring Break (4/8 & 4/9). Check our program calendar at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/programs> for movies showing and additional show dates and times. Pre-register to secure your tickets. Walk-in tickets sold if available. No late seating.

3 yrs + 11-11:30am

\$4 per ticket w/ admission or annual pass



Toddler Time

Family & Parent/Child

- Programs in this section require an adult to register with their child and accompany them at all times.
- Unregistered siblings of age for a program or older may not join their registered sibling in a program.
- Caregivers and children of the appropriate age are welcome. Please note required adult/child ratios for caregivers.
- Listed by earliest start date.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Lil' Acorns (Parent/Child)

Hold your lil' acorn's hand through an unforgettable morning. In the Penguin Parade program, practice penguin skills and learn what makes these birds so special. In the Bugs & Butterflies program, discover the tiny, wonderful insects that help our world in countless ways. These parent/child, interactive programs include stories, tot-friendly investigations, a puppet show, and a short walk through the woods. Check out Lil' Acorns camps for summer options at www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/camps.

2-3 yrs with an adult \$18 per program (1 parent, 1 child)

Penguin Parade

RP4817.602 Mar 7 10:30am-noon Sa

Bugs & Butterflies

RP4817.702 May 9 10:30am-noon Sa

Sensory-Friendly Sunday

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Toddler Time at the Nature Center (Parent/Child)

Toddlers investigate sights, smells, textures and sounds to gain comfort with nature and use gross/fine motor skills to explore their world. Each month, we curate materials on a different theme to explore. During the winter, these programs take place indoors. Fee is for one child and one adult. A 1:3 caregiver-to-child ratio is required.

1-2 ½ yrs with adult

\$5, annual pass holders; \$7, nonmember

RP4871.607	<i>Busy Builders</i>	Mar 27	9-9:45am	F
RP4871.608	<i>Busy Builders</i>	Mar 27	10-10:45am	F
RP4871.701	<i>April Showers</i>	Apr 24	9-9:45am	F
RP4871.702	<i>April Showers</i>	Apr 24	10-10:45am	F
RP4871.704	<i>May Flowers</i>	May 29	9-9:45am	F
RP4871.705	<i>May Flowers</i>	May 29	10-10:45am	F

NEW! Toddler Time - Outdoor Explorers

Let's get outdoors! Similar to our indoor Toddler Time program, tots investigate sights, smells, textures and sounds of nature while in the great outdoors. We facilitate play activities for parents and toddlers. Dress for the weather. Programs are outdoors and are cancelled with refunds for extreme weather. Fee is for one child and one adult. A 1:3 caregiver-to-child ratio is required.

1-2 ½ yrs with adult 10-10:45am

\$5, annual pass holders; \$7, nonmember

RP4871.606	Happy Habitats	Mar 13	F
RP4871.700	Our Changing Weather	Apr 17	F
RP4871.703	Hooray for Spring!	May 15	F

Saturday Puppet Theater

Join us for nature-themed puppet theater presentations! Each show portrays a different nature story. Afterwards, enjoy creating a simple craft.

2 yrs + \$5 per person

Luck of the "Iris"

RP4871.615 Mar 14 10-10:30am Sa

RP4871.616 Mar 14 11-11:30am Sa

Snowball Tea Party

Celebrate winter at our snowball tea party! Explore winter animal adaptations, play winter-inspired games and meet wintry characters from Drama Learning Center. Afterwards, sit and savor a full tea service by Sweet Simplici-Tea tearoom. Tea service includes tea, lemonade and delightful treats just right for little fingers. Fee includes program, materials, tea service, and gratuity. As this is a catered event, **you must register by March 12.**

3 yrs + \$27 per person

(children and adults must register separately)

RP4865.601 Mar 15 11am-1pm Su

RP4865.602 Mar 15 2-4pm Su

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The ART in eARTH

Join staff from Port Discovery Children's Museum to examine our world through the arts. Participate in an interactive "pop-up" performance that follows nature's expert builders as they spin a cobweb or construct a beehive. Explore the grounds and gather natural objects to create unique works of art inspired by nature. Supported by the Howard County Council on the Arts, tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

2-9 yrs 2:30-3:30pm

Free with general admission or annual pass

Nature: Prints, Paintings and Processes

RP4830.701 Apr 11 Sa

Environmental Adornments

RP4830.702 Apr 25 Sa

Animal ARTchitects: Cobweb Canvas

RP4830.703 May 9 Sa

Animal ARTchitects: Fort Beehive

RP4830.704 May 23 Sa



The ART in eARTH

Teddy Bear Picnic Tea Party

Celebrate spring with your teddy! Discover "spring's awakening" when bears come out of hibernation, flowers bloom, and birds sing. Enjoy a spring hike, games and create a craft to take home. Afterwards, sit and savor a full tea service by Sweet Simplici-Tea tearoom. Tea service includes tea, lemonade and delightful treats just right for little fingers. Fee includes program, materials, tea service and gratuity. This is a catered event; **you must register by April 16.**

3 yrs + \$27 per person

RP4865.701 Apr 19 11am-1pm Su

RP4865.702 Apr 19 2-4pm Su

Earth Day Puppet Theater

In honor of Earth Day, join us at the Robinson Nature Center for an interactive puppet show about the Lorax, a Dr. Seuss character who speaks for the trees! After the program, you and your child work together to create "seed bombs" that can be scattered into open fields and ditches to help reestablish native plant populations. Preregistration suggested as programs fill up quickly. All participants, adults and children, must be registered.

2 yrs + \$5 per person

RP4871.710 Story of the Lorax Apr 25 10am Sa



Babes in Backpacks (photo credit: Rob Gelner)

Film Screening: *Conservation Kids*

Join us for a screening and conversation with the creator of the film *Conservation Kids: A Green STEM Documentary*. Maryland independent filmmaker Cheryle Franceschi, depicts how the STEM principles kids are being focused towards in schools are found in agricultural lands, waters, parks, soils and wildlife habitats. Shot on-location at the Robinson Nature Center, the Maryland Agricultural Center and DNR, the film features our local community.

6 yrs + Free with admission or annual pass

RP4871.720 Apr 26 4pm Su

Take Your Child Birding (Parent/Child)

Take your child on a fun bird-watching walk at the Robinson Nature Center. John Harris of the Howard County Bird Club and a Robinson Nature Center Naturalist lead the group along trails to search for birds including hawks, woodpeckers, flycatchers, vireos, warblers, sparrows, orioles, and other species. Enjoy searching for feathers, building nests and other kid-friendly activities along the way. This program is weather-dependent (cancelled with refunds issued, in case of heavy rain).

4-9 yrs \$5

RP4818.701 May 2 9-10:15am Sa

NEW! Peter, You & the Wolf

Join us for an exciting collaboration between Kinetics Dance Company, Candlelight Concert Society and the Robinson Nature Center based on the classic fairytale – Peter and the Wolf! Discover fascinating facts about wolves, then enjoy an interactive, sneak-peak performance by Kinetic's professional dancers and Candlelight's musicians that will bring to life Peter, his grandfather, the bird, the cat, the duck, and of course, the wolf. Come dance, listen and learn with us! Tickets available first-come, first-served.

All ages Free with general admission or annual pass

RP4830.713 May 2 2:30-3:30pm Sa

Babes in Backpacks (Parent/Child)

This program provides our tiniest visitors the chance to become familiar with the sights, sounds, smells and textures of the great outdoors. Infants are exposed to new experiences that will build their comfort level when encountering unfamiliar objects and when spending time outside. Families learn how to help their children develop a familiarity with nature and encourage their child's sensory exploration from a young age. Enjoy a short walk on unpaved trails (requires infants to be in a baby backpack or carrier - trails are not stroller accessible). No online registration, call 410-313-0400.

1-13 mos with adult

\$8 (1 child, 1 adult); \$6 additional adult

RP4872.701 Spring Edition May 16 11am-noon Sa



NEW! Spring Break Friday Night Hike & S'mores Bar

Youth

- Programs in this section are drop-off programs. Parents are required to fill out a participant information form for each child. Forms are emailed to the email address provided when the child registered.
- Listed by earliest start date.
- See additional activities in the Astronomy/ Planetarium section and Family & Parent/ Child section.

NEW! Spring Nature Break Camp

Join us the week of spring break to explore all things nature with Robinson Nature Center educators and Howard County Park Rangers! Enjoy hikes, shows in Robinson Nature Center's planetarium, searching for daytime wildlife using binoculars and tracking nighttime wildlife using game cameras. Meet live animals, create crafts and play in the great outdoors. Drop-off and pick-up at Robinson Nature Center each day. Special field trips to explore nature at West Friendship park (transportation provided).

6-10 yrs 4 days, starting Apr 6

RP4848.701 Apr 6 9am-3pm M-Th \$228

NEW! Spring Break Friday Night Hike & S'mores Bar

You've earned it! Get out with your friends on the Friday of Spring Break for an evening of after-hours fun at the Robinson Nature Center. Enjoy a s'mores bar, a full-dome movie in the Center's planetarium and a guided night hike with the Center's Naturalists.

10-14 yrs + \$10 per person

RP4883.751 Apr 10 7:30-9:30pm F

*To register for a class or event,
visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rap
or call 410-313-0400.*



Grow Your Own Mushrooms

Adults (18 yrs +)

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Grow Your Own Mushrooms

Providing B vitamins, amino acids and antioxidants, mushrooms are nutritious and delicious. In this workshop, instructor William Needham, a mushroom expert and the current President of the Mycological Association of D.C., explains the fascinating life cycle of fungi and then demonstrates how to grow your own edible species using a "log-seeding" technique. Leave with a package of spawn and a log to start your own fungal farm at home.

18 yrs +

RP4827.701 May 24 1-3pm Su \$45

LADIES' NIGHT OUT SERIES

Come join other women in a variety of evening outings offering fun focused on Howard County's nature and heritage! **Some programs do not take place at Robinson Nature Center.**

Nature Night Hikes: Spring Break Hike & Campfire Social

Immerse yourself in the great outdoors. Enjoy an hour-long guided hike with the Center's Naturalists. Learn about fascinating seasonal flora, fauna, and history. After the sun sets, settle down to a cozy campfire with s'mores and socializing.

18 yrs + Robinson Nature Ctr \$10 per person

RP4883.711 Apr 10 7:30-9:30pm F

NEW! Leave No Trace Nature Night Hike

Learn how to responsibly prepare and take a trip into the wilderness with an experienced solo traveler. Enjoy a nature night hike and campfire. Info: Amy Carpenter-Driscoll, 410-313-1673 or acarpenter@howardcountymd.gov.

18 yrs+ West Friendship Pk \$10 per person

RP4883.701 May 2 7-9pm Sa

NEW! Behind the Scenes at the B&O

Go behind the museum ropes on a special after-hours tour of the oldest railroad station in America! Explore the museum's rich history and discover the preservation efforts undertaken in the 1970s to preserve the station for enjoyment of future generations. Info: Emily Mosher, 410-313-0419 or emosher@howardcountymd.gov.

16 yrs+ B&O EC Station Museum \$10 per person

RP9983.702 May 29 7-8:30pm F

Add programs to your calendar by going to our google calendar at www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/programs.

Invite your friends! (Share our events through Facebook.)



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Stroll and Paint

Adults (55 yrs +)

- If you would like this Guide in a larger font, contact Susan Potts, 410-313-4628.

Space Matters

Join us one Thursday a month in our planetarium to discover what lies beyond our planet! Each program features a presentation about current happenings in the sky and recent developments in space science. Some presentations are complemented with a half-hour movie projected in 360° on the planetarium's domed ceiling or with hands-on demonstrations. Please note we require attendees to check in and be seated 15 minutes prior to the show. Due to dark conditions, we cannot safely accommodate late seating.

55 yrs + 2:30-3:45pm Th \$9 per ticket

RP4804.603 *NEW! The (Not so) Constant Stars* Mar 12

RP4804.701 *NEW! Planets and Galaxies Revealed* Apr 9

RP4804.702 *NEW! Lives of Stars* May 14

** If you are interested in attending this program, but not of age, please call the Nature Center at 410-313-0400.*

Stroll and Paint

Get active and artsy, no experience needed! Discover seasonal wonders on a guided walk, then paint the landscape "en plein air" (outdoors). Artist Tara S. Holl demonstrates techniques in oils and provides tips, tricks and feedback. Light snacks and easels provided, pack a lunch. Register by May 22. Materials list emailed to participants one week prior to class.

Instructor: Tara Holl

RP4843.701 May 30 9am-1pm Sa \$45



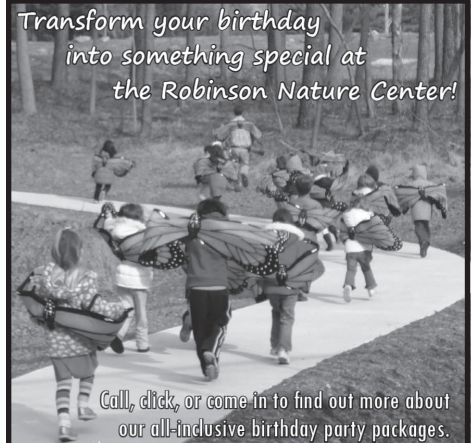
Find Your Niche

Become a skilled, volunteer team member at the Robinson Nature Center!

Spark curiosity, make connections, and inspire visitors of all ages.

Apply today to become a docent or touch tank ambassador!

Call 410-313-0400 or visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rnc/getinvolved for an application.



Transform your birthday into something special at the Robinson Nature Center!

Call, click, or come in to find out more about our all-inclusive birthday party packages.

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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



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Annual Passes

Annual pass holders are entitled to complimentary general admission to Robinson, use of its trails, a 10% discount in the gift shop 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 call 410-313-0400.

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