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# NATURE CENTER



**Howard  
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2017  
**FALL PROGRAMS**

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## How to Register

Online: Go to the public programs section at [www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter)

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

Fax: 410-313-4660

TTY: 410-313-4665

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 Robinson Nature Center unless otherwise noted.



*Come celebrate the center's 6th birthday with great, free, interactive activities!*

# Special Events & Family Activities

## September

### Robinson Nature Center Anniversary Open House **flickr**

We can't wait to celebrate Robinson Nature Center's 6th birthday with you! Come see what's new, including our new telescope-lending program and "Birdzels" Howard County ARTsites installation. Take part in live animal presentations, guided nature walks, face-painting, crafts and shows in our planetarium. Enjoy music by the New Southern Cow Tipplers, activities with our partners, food vendors, the Nature Place, the Discovery Room and an outdoor picnic area. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. (No registration for this event.) Info: 410-313-0400 or [www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonAnniversary](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonAnniversary).

All ages

RP4898.501 Sep 17 Noon-5pm Su Free

## Love Nature All Year Long

Robinson Nature Center annual pass holders are entitled to complimentary admission to the center, use of its trails, a 10% discount in the gift shop, and discounted admission to certain programs.

Annual passes expire a year after 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 benefits. Call 410-313-0400 for details.*

# October

## NEW! Howling Halloween Hullabaloo

This guided trick-or-treating adventure takes you through the Robinson Nature Center and along portions of its paved and wooded trails. Each stop offers fun, live interpretation on topics ranging from creepy, crawly critters to constellations, to howling and hooting creatures. Healthy treats from our sponsors (MOM's Organic Market and David's Natural Market) accompany each stop. Preregister for one of the program times to secure your spot, and arrive promptly so your guided adventure can begin on time. Please note, some trails used in this program are sloped and unsurfaced. All children must be registered and accompanied by a registered adult. Register by calling 410-313-0400. No online registration. Info: 410-313-0400 or [www.howardcountymd.gov/RNctrickortreat](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RNctrickortreat).

5 yrs + \$10, child; \$5, adult Oct 28 Sa

RP4858.501	4-5:30pm	RP4858.504	4:45-6:15pm
RP4858.502	4:15-5:45pm	RP4858.505	5-6:30pm
RP4858.503	4:30-6pm	RP4858.506	5:15-6:45pm

## Trick-Or-Treat for Tots **flickr**

Enjoy a friendly, self-guided trick-or-treating adventure through Robinson's indoor exhibits and paved trail. Delight in Halloween-inspired music, crafts and tyke-friendly challenges along with live animals and healthy treats from our sponsors (MOM's Organic Market and David's Natural Market). Participants, including siblings, must register by calling 410-313-0400. No online registration. Info: 410-313-0400 or [www.howardcountymd.gov/RNctrickortreat](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RNctrickortreat).

2-6 yrs \$10, child; \$5, adult; Free, siblings under 2 yrs

Oct 29 Su

RP4858.510	9:30am	RP4858.514	10:30am
RP4858.511	9:45am	RP4858.515	10:45am
RP4858.512	10am	RP4858.516	11am
RP4858.513	10:15am	RP4858.517	11:15am



*Enjoy a neighborhood-scale playdate filled with interactive, fall activities at Lil' Acorns in the Pumpkin Patch.*

# November

## NEW! Lil' Acorns in the Pumpkin Patch

Celebrate the season with your tiniest lil' acorn at this Fall-inspired parent/child special event. Wear your Halloween costumes, and enjoy a neighborhood-scale play date at the Robinson Nature Center filled with interactive activities including pumpkin rolls, photo-ops with roving, costumed creatures of the woods, pumpkin painting and more. All participants, must be registered to attend, and each child must be accompanied by a registered adult. Register by calling 410-313-0400. No online registration. Info: 410-313-0400 or [www.howardcountymd.gov/RNctrickortreat](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RNctrickortreat).

1 mos-6 yrs \$8, child; \$5, adult

RP4858.520 Nov 5 9:30am-Noon Su

***"Loved the music, animals, guidance at each station. Such a wonderful activity for the kiddos on Halloween!"***

*- Robinson Nature Center Trick-Or-Treat for Tots Participant*



Create your own holiday decorations to display at home during our Holiday Decorating Workshops.

## December

### NEW! Holiday Decorating Workshops

Design and create your own holiday decorations this year out of sustainably-harvested evergreens and other natural materials. Workshops not only teach participants how to create decorations, but are social celebrations of the season with cider, music and light snacks. Come with a friend or family members! Morning and afternoon workshops are offered. Catered lunch option available. Sign up for the full day, or feel free to attend just one session. As materials must be harvested in advance and seating is limited, **you must register by December 1 to participate.** Info: 410-313-0400.

12 yrs +

#### Holiday Centerpiece

Using a variety of freshly-harvested evergreens, create a beautiful oasis centerpiece adorned with natural materials for your table or mantle. Price is per centerpiece (not per person).

RP4861.501 Dec 9 10am-noon Sa \$45

RP4861.502 Dec 9 1-3pm Sa \$45

#### Festive Holiday Display on Wood

Paint a festive holiday display on natural wood pieces.

This accent piece – featuring your choice of snowmen, reindeer or Santa – is perfect for both indoor and outdoor display! Price is per display (not per person).

RP4861.521 Dec 9 10am-noon Sa \$30

#### Catered Lunch and Optional Nature Walk

Make a day out of it! Enjoy a catered lunch featuring a baked potato bar with all the fixin's, salad and dessert. For those who



Delight in an afternoon of "Reindeer games" at Deer Santa.

want a chance to stretch their legs, a short, after-lunch guided nature walk along the trails is included. Price is per person.

RP4861.531 Dec 9 Noon-1pm Sa \$15

#### Wreath-Making

Create your own 12-inch wreath using freshly-harvested evergreens for your front door! Price is per wreath (not per person).

RP4861.541 Dec 9 1-3pm Sa \$40

*"Great program. I'll be back next year for sure!"*

### Deer Santa

Santa's reindeer have many skills. Delight in an afternoon of "Reindeer games" that test your skills against those of our four-legged friends in this family-friendly, self-guided adventure. Create holiday crafts, enjoy festive snacks, join us for an optional guided winter walk in the woods, and get a photo with Santa! All adults and children over the age of 1 year must be registered to participate. No online registration. Registration/Info: [www.howardcountymd.gov/DeerSanta](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DeerSanta) or 410-313-0400.

All ages

\$15, child (over 1 year); \$7, adult; Free, under 1 year

\$2 off each individual's registration for

Robinson Nature Center members.

RP4871.501 Dec 10 Noon-4pm Su

*"Love the different activities each year. Very fun, REALLY enjoyed."*



Bring the whole gang to a full-dome planetarium movie at Family Fridays Under the Dome.

## Nature & Environment

- Below is in order by date.
- Call 410-313-0400, or go to [www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter) for information on the Robinson Nature Center and its programs, exhibits, field trips, special events, volunteer and scout opportunities, birthday parties, rentable rooms, planetarium, community partners, gift shop, and more.

## Astronomy & Planetarium

- 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](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCNatureSphereFeatures).
- Listed by earliest start date.
- Fee/price is per person.

### NEW! Family Fridays Under the Dome

Treat your family to unique evenings at the Robinson Nature Center's NatureSphere planetarium. Each program features a full-dome movie preceded by a themed, family-friendly planetarium presentation. See below for show themes, films and age recommendations. No late seating.

**Fall Stars** – Discover the constellations that appear in our night sky during the fall season, and enjoy the full-dome movie, "We Are Stars". Feel free to get cozy, and join us in your PJ's!  
RP4801.501 7 yrs + Sep 1 F 6:30-7:30pm \$6

**Creatures of the Night** – Hear the stories behind the mythological beasts that many of our constellations are named after, and enjoy the full-dome movie, "We Are Aliens". Feel free to join us in your Halloween costume!  
RP4801.502 5 yrs + Nov 3 F 6:30-7:30pm \$6

**Winter Star-hopping** – Winter is the best season to view the stars. Learn about the brightest stars in the winter sky and their place in historical myths and events. Enjoy the full-dome movie, "Stars". Feel free to join us in your tackiest, or most cherished, holiday sweater!  
RP4801.503 7 yrs + Dec 1 F 6:30-7:30pm \$6

## Friday Late Nights in the NatureSphere

Treat your partner or friends to a unique Friday night experience of topnotch astronomy and entertainment at the Robinson Nature Center. This program is held in the NatureSphere planetarium 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

RP4800.501	<i>Passport</i>	Sep 1	F	\$6
RP4800.502	<i>Impact!</i>	Oct 6	F	\$6
RP4800.503	<i>Passport</i>	Nov 3	F	\$6
RP4800.504	<i>*Stars</i>	Dec 1	F	\$6

\*Dr. Joel Goodman explore various scientific interpretations of the existence and appearance of the Star of Bethlehem for December's pre-feature presentation.

## NatureSphere at Noon

Explore Robinson Nature Center's trails, Discovery Room and Nature Place, and before you leave for lunch, join us for a short, family-friendly full-dome film! This program is held in the NatureSphere planetarium. No late seating.

\$3 per ticket with daily admission or annual pass

Sa Noon-12:30pm

RP4802.511	<i>Zula Patrol: Down to Earth</i>	3 yrs+	Sep 9
RP4802.512	<i>Zula Patrol: Down to Earth</i>	3 yrs+	Sep 30
RP4802.513	<i>Impact!</i>	7 yrs+	Oct 14
RP4802.514	<i>Impact!</i>	7 yrs+	Nov 11
RP4802.515	<i>We Are Aliens</i>	5 yrs+	Nov 25
RP4802.516	<i>We Are Aliens</i>	5 yrs+	Dec 23

## Lil' Stars (Parent/Child)

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. Preregister to secure your seats.

3-8 yrs with a parent 10:30-11am Sa

\$3 per person with daily admission or annual pass

RP4802.501	<i>Galaxies</i>	Sep 16
RP4802.502	<i>NEW! Monstrous Moons</i>	Oct 21
RP4802.503	<i>Giant Gas Planets</i>	Nov 18
RP4802.504	<i>Rocky Planets</i>	Dec 16

## Pre-Thanksgiving

### NatureSphere Movies

Have family in town? Treat them to a full-dome movie in the NatureSphere planetarium and then explore the Robinson Nature Center trails, outdoor Nature Place, children's Discovery Room, and two stories of interactive exhibits. No late seating.

Nov 23 \$3 per person with daily admission or annual pass

RP4800.511	<i>One World, One Sky</i>	3 yrs +	10-10:30am	W
RP4800.512	<i>Zula Patrol: Down to Earth</i>	5 yrs +	11:30am-noon	W
RP4800.513	<i>We Are Stars</i>	7 yrs +	1:30-2pm	W

## Family & Parent/Child

• Programs in this section require an adult to register with their child and accompany them at all times.

### First Saturday Stories

Join us for the first Saturday of the month as we introduce a special nature theme through an engaging story. Pick up your free ticket at the front desk. Each month's theme is highlighted for the remainder of the month at the Discovery Room Field Station (7 years +) and during special weekend hours with docent-led activities (all ages).

3-10 yrs Free with daily admission or annual pass

RP4803.501	<i>Fall Leaves</i>	Sep 2	11:30am	Sa
RP4803.502	<i>Bats</i>	Oct 7	11:30am	Sa
RP4803.503	<i>Animal Tracks</i>	Nov 4	11:30am	Sa
RP4803.504	<i>Bears</i>	Dec 2	11:30am	Sa

### Lil' Acorns Dinosaur Dash

#### (Parent/Child)

Hold your lil' acorn's hand through an unforgettable morning discovering dinosaurs through tot-friendly investigations! Look for dinosaur eggs in the woods, use your senses to explore a mini-dinosaur marsh and dig for bones in the sand. This parent/child, interactive program focuses on one-on-one interaction with your child, and includes song, sensory activities, a puppet show and a short walk through the woods.

2-3 yrs with an adult \$18 (one parent, one child)

RP4817.501	Sep 23	10-11:30am	Sa	\$18
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*Bring your little one to the Hungry Caterpillar Tea Party to discover the life cycle of butterflies and to enjoy tea and snacks.*

## NEW! Hawk Watch

Join Mike Kerwin of the Howard County Bird Club and a Robinson Nature Center Naturalist during the peak of Broad-winged Hawk migration to search the skies for Bald Eagles, Hawks, Vultures, Kestrels, Merlins, and Falcons. Bring a lawn chair and spend a relaxing morning learning about raptor ID, viewing bird behavior, and enjoying each other's company. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Meet at Robinson and caravan to Meadowbrook Park. This program is weather-dependent (cancelled with refunds issued, in case of heavy rain or high winds).

**Preregistration is required.**

12 yrs + Meadowbrook Pk

RP4828.501 Sep 23 10am-1pm Sa \$5

## NEW! Hungry Caterpillar Tea Party

Spend a fantastic afternoon at our hungry caterpillar tea party! Discover how caterpillars transform themselves into beautiful butterflies and enjoy photo ops as your little one dons his/her own pair of wings and journeys through the nature center. Make a plush, cuddly caterpillar companion to take home. Afterwards, sit and savor a full tea service by Sweet Simplic-Tea tea room. Tea service includes tea, lemonade and delightful treats just right for little fingers. Fee includes program, all materials, full tea service, and gratuity for service. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. As this is a catered event, **you must register no later than September 17 to attend.**

3 yrs + with an adult \$25, child; \$20, adult

RP4865.501 Sep 24 2-4pm Su

## NEW! Take Your Child Birding (Parent/Child)

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

**Preregistration is required.**

4-9 yrs with an adult \$10 (one child, one adult)

RP4828.502 Sep 30 9-10:15am Sa

## NEW! Finding the Way to Freedom

Discover how enslaved individuals found their way to freedom through Howard County, MD. Hear how the two Ellicott City Courthouses, now part of the National Park Service's Freedom Trail, challenged the institute of slavery through decisions made in historical court cases. Then, immerse yourself in the navigation of the Underground Railroad. On a short hike, learn how signals sewn into quilts, lyrics of songs, and natural signs were used to guide fleeing slaves North along a safe route. End in the planetarium where you discover the stars and constellations that served as their nightly beacons. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

7 yrs +

RP4874.501 Oct 6 6:30-7:30am F \$8



Choose from several themed programs that explore nature with staff from the Port Discovery Children's Museum.

## Animals, Animals, Animals

Families, come explore nature in an engaging, play-to-learn platform with staff from the Port Discovery Children's Museum. Programs integrate music, poetry, games, and nature exploration. Themes below.

No registration necessary. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

3-10 yrs with an adult

Free with daily admission or Robinson annual pass

**What am I?** – Learn about Earth's living creatures while exploring the rhythm of language through Japanese poetry!

Oct 8 1:30-2:15pm Su

**Creatures of the Night** – Use multimedia tools and games to investigate how bats navigate, and learn about other creatures with whom bats share the night.

Oct 22 1:30-2:15pm Su

**Our Wild Planet** – Play percussion instruments from all over the world as you explore the amazing animal kingdom and create the sounds of our wild planet!

Nov 12 1:30-2:15pm Su

**"Brown Bear / Polar Bear"** – A Bill Martin, Jr. Celebration – Introduce your child to theater play inspired by Bill Martin, Jr.'s classic children stories: "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" and "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?"

Nov 19 1:30-2:15pm Su

To register for a class or event,  
visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/visit](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/visit)  
or call 410-313-0400.

## Lil' Acorns Winter Wonders (Parent/Child)

Hold your lil' acorn's hand through an unforgettable morning discovering what animals do in the winter, making masks, and exploring the wonders of nature. This interactive program focuses on one-on-one interaction with your child, and includes songs, sensory activities, a puppet show, and short walk through the woods.

2-3 yrs with an adult \$18 (one adult, one child)

RP4817.502 Dec 2 10-11:30am Sa

## Youth

- For programs listed as "drop-off" programs at the Nature Center, parents are welcome to stay for the duration of the program, but are subject to the Center's \$5 per adult admission fee
- Listed by earliest start date.
- Fee/price is per person.

## NEW! Animal Tracker Mysteries After School with Robinson Nature Center

Set your backpacks aside, and navigate a fascinating natural mystery with staff from the Robinson Nature Center. Each week, clues build on one another towards the final solution. Classes incorporate live animal presentations, hands-on investigations, games and more. Make up classes for those canceled due to inclement weather occur in the two weeks following the initial 6 classes. Info/registration: 410-313-0400.

Grades K-4 \$99 Classes: 6

RP4812.551 Northfield ES Sep 27 3:15-4:15pm W

## School's Out:

### Living Off the Land Day Camp

While school is out, join us for an incredible day learning about how to use natural materials for survival skills and well-being. Explore the great outdoors, and create hands-on, historical crafts using beeswax, native plants and other natural resources. During live animal presentations, discover how humans copy and adapt survival strategies of animals for our own use. Take a short nature hike and practice building your own shelter! Pack a snack and a non-perishable lunch (no nut products).

6-12 yrs F Sep 22

RP4812.501	Day camp	8:30am-3:30pm	\$50
RP4812.502	After-care	3:30-5pm	\$10

*"My son who is in 3rd grade is not easily entertained (prefers Legos and video games), but he had a blast, so it must have been really awesome to keep his attention."*

## Kid's Night Out

### at Robinson Nature Center

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, enjoy your own evening out, and return to learn all about your discoveries. Moms, check out our Ladies Night Hike Out (this page, RP4883.501) that evening. This program is a drop-off program and requires a participant information form for each child.

5-10 yrs F Oct 13

RP4881.501	Non-member	6-9pm	\$40
RP4881.502	Member	6-9pm	\$30
RP4881.503	Add. sibling (non-member)	6-9pm	\$20
RP4881.504	Add. sibling (member)	6-9pm	\$15

## School's Out:

### Can You Dig It? Day Camp

While school is out, unearth a day of fun! Discover how to piece together proof of how an animal lived using clues from skulls, bones and other natural signs you find along a short nature hike. Enjoy the full-dome feature, "Dinosaurs Alive." Get your hands dirty as you learn about archeology (how humans used to live) and about different cultures who lived in the Columbia area. Pack a snack and a non-perishable lunch (no nut products).

7-12 yrs Oct 20 F

RP4812.503	Day camp	8:30am-3:30pm	\$50
RP4812.504	After-care	3:30-5pm	\$10



*Home school classes at Robinson are a great way for your child to learn about nature and science topics.*

## Home School

- For Pre-Home & Home School Classes, there are three seasons of classes (fall, winter and spring) that focus on different themes. (Themes are listed in course descriptions.)
- Parents may attend classes with their child(ren) at no cost.
- Siblings younger than 4 years old are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent at all times.
- Registration for classes opens June of each year.
- All participants must complete a participant form, which is e-mailed out prior to each season.

## Pre-Home School Classes 2017-2018

Give your young home schoolers a chance to learn skills and gain exposure to nature and science topics at an age-appropriate pace. Sign up to attend classes on either the first Thursday or first Friday of the month. Fall Topics: Maps & Directions, Native Americans, Farming Fun. Winter Topics: Solar system, Meteorites & the Moon, Rocks, Mud & More. Spring Topics: Mammals, Creepy, Crawly Critters, Taking Care of the Earth.

4-5 yrs \$30 per child, per season 2:30-4pm

RP4885.501	1st Thursdays in fall	Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2
RP4885.511	1st Fridays in fall	Sep 8*, Oct 6, Nov 3
RP4885.601	1st Thursdays in winter	Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1
RP4885.611	1st Fridays in winter	Dec 8*, Jan 5, Feb 2
RP4885.701	1st Thursdays in spring	Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3
RP4885.711	1st Fridays in spring	Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4

\*Classes are on the second Friday of the month.

*"These classes and workshops were age appropriate and educational and fun. We are hoping to sign up next year as well. Thanks for all you did to make it a success."*

## Home School Classes 2017-2018

Give your home-schooled students hands-on, immersive experiences in nature and science topics. Sign up to attend classes on either the first Thursday or first Friday of the month. Fall Topics: Navigation, Native Americans, Milling Era. Winter Topics: Solar System, Comets & Meteors, Geology. Spring Topics: Vertebrates, Invertebrates, Living Green.

6-9 yrs \$30 per child, per season 2:30-4pm

RP4885.502	1st Thursdays in fall	Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2
RP4885.512	1st Fridays in fall	Sep 8*, Oct 6, Nov 3
RP4885.602	1st Thursdays in winter	Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1
RP4885.612	1st Fridays in winter	Dec 8*, Jan 5, Feb 2
RP4885.702	1st Thursdays in spring	Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3
RP4885.712	1st Fridays in spring	Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4

9-13 yrs \$30 per child, per season 2:30-4pm

RP4885.503	1st Thursdays in fall	Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2
RP4885.513	1st Fridays in fall	Sep 8*, Oct 6, Nov 3
RP4885.603	1st Thursdays in winter	Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1
RP4885.613	1st Friday in winter	Dec 8*, Jan 5, Feb 2
RP4885.703	1st Thursdays in spring	Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3
RP4885.713	1st Fridays in spring	Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4

\*Classes are on the second Friday of the month.

## Home School Parent-Guided Workshop

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. Each adult and child that plans on attending must register individually for the workshop. Price per person/per season. No online registration; you must call 410-313-0400 to register.

4-13 yrs w/ registered adult 2:30-4pm

\$15, HC resident; \$18, nonresident; Free, siblings 0-3 yrs

RP4885.550	2nd Thursdays in fall	Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9
RP4885.650	2nd Thursdays in winter	Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8
RP4885.750	2nd Thursdays in spring	Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10



*Take a stroll through Robinson's woods and discover the history of coffee on the Coffee Lover's Hike.*

## Adults (18 yrs+)

### NEW! Coffee Lover's Hike, History, Tasting and Pairing

Enjoy a coffee-lovers morning at Robinson Nature Center! During a short walk through the woods, discover the history and ecology of the plant so many of us rely on every morning. Learn about growing conditions, challenges faced by coffee farmers and distinctions such as fair trade and organic. Discover the drink's history and its role in Colonial America as you witness a coffee bean roasting demonstration. End by fueling up with a coffee tasting and discussion of different coffee varieties and flavor profiles provided by local coffee roaster, Pfefferkorn's Coffee. Handmade, baked-good pairings by Sweet Simplic-tea accompany three of the six tastings. Coffee is available for sale on-site.

18 yrs + Nov 18 Sa

RP4826.501 10:30-11:45am \$25

*To register for a class or event,  
visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/rap](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/rap)  
or call 410-313-0400.*



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## Ladies Night Hike Out!

Join other nature-loving gals on this unique, Friday night adventure! Immerse yourself in the nocturnal wonders of the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA). Knowledgeable Robinson Nature Center naturalist are guides for this hour and a half-long wonders of the night hike. Meet at the Robinson Nature Center to caravan to the MPEA. See our "Kid's Night Out" program (previous column) as a childcare option for your evening out. The hike covers approximately 2 miles on unpaved terrain. Bring a flashlight.

18 yrs + Middle Patuxent Envir Area

RP4883.501 Oct 13 6:30-8:30pm F \$10

## NEW! Sippin', Strollin' & Succulents

Join us for a relaxed evening out at the Robinson Nature Center. Sip wine from Linganore winery, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and small desserts. Take a guided tour of, or stroll at your leisure through, the Nature Center's gardens, green roof and portions of the trail in the evening light of autumn. Create a succulent garden terrarium in a beautiful glass display bowl to take home while learning the amazing properties of succulents and how to maintain them in both outdoor, native plantings and indoor displays. Photo ID required for consumption of alcoholic beverages. All food, wine, plants and materials for terrarium included in price.

21 yrs + \$68

RP4883.511 Oct 14 7-9pm Sa

## Maryland Master Naturalist Certification Training

Become a Certified Maryland Master Naturalist! Applications are only accepted between Nov 1 and Dec 1, 2017 for the 2018 class. Individuals accepted into the training receive 60 hrs + of instruction from field experts. Topics range from insects, mammals and stream ecology to interpretation, astronomy and geology and include hands-on experiences outdoors. Classes are held each Tuesday (3/13-5/15, 2018) with two additional field trip dates. Certification requires attendance at classes and 40 hours of volunteer service to the Robinson Nature Center in 2018. Payment goes to the University of Maryland Extension and is due if an applicant is accepted into the program. Info/how to apply: [www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter) under "Education," or Kelly Vogelpohl at [kvogelpohl@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kvogelpohl@howardcountymd.gov).

18 yrs + Classes: 9

RP4837.501 Mar 13 9am-4pm Tu \$250



*Explore the woods behind Robinson Nature Center with GPS units during Fall Geocaching.*

## Adult (55 yrs +)

• See additional activities in the Adults (18 yrs +) section

## NEW! Fall Geocaching at Robinson Nature Center

Discover a whole new way to navigate in nature! Explore the grounds of the Robinson Nature Center during a crisp fall afternoon as you navigate through the woods using GPS technology. Enjoy a brief presentation on the history behind GPS technology and how it works. Then, learn how to use a handheld GPS unit to navigate along the Center's trails as you search for hidden caches. Please wear close-toed, sturdy shoes. Trails include both paved pathways and unsurfaced paths.

55 yrs + \$9

RP4842.501 Sep 28 2:30-4pm Th

## NEW! The "New" Moon

We remember Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon. We remember Apollo 13. But how are we exploring the moon today? Join us for a fascinating afternoon exploring the "New Moon" with Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab's Dr. Brett Denevi, Planetary Scientist, and Michael Paul, Space Exploration Mission Formulation Lead. Dr. Denevi presents recent developments in lunar science and exploration, including ongoing and future missions being designed right here in Howard County. Afterwards, enjoy a viewing of the full dome movie, "Back to the Moon for Good" in which groups of everyday citizens compete to launch their own rockets to the moon! Michael Paul, who led one of the Lunar Xprize teams, and is featured in the movie, speaks afterwards about the experience and takes questions.

55 yrs + \$9

RP4842.502 Nov 16 2:30-4pm Th



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NATURE CENTER

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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