

Programs & Events

The Nature Center invites you to learn more about our natural world by attending one of our programs or events. We offer a variety of adult and family programming throughout the year both onsite and off; registration and additional information is available online at shakerlakes.org.

NEW! Shaker Lakes Challenge

Let the Shaker Lakes Challenge nudge you into nature this year. Earn beautiful medallions to adorn your hiking stick as you complete 12 missions. Visit www.shakerlakes.org to sign up and start earning your Conserve, Connect, and Inspire medallions. \$25 to register (includes hand-carved hiking stick).



Retrofitting Suburbia for 21st Century Challenges

Professor Ellen Dunham-Jones, Georgia Institute of Technology

Friday, December 9, 7 pm at

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Shifts in market demand are driving redevelopment of vacant suburban properties into thriving sustainable places. This lecture, co-sponsored by the Nature Center, shows how the next generation of urban retrofits are helping larger communities address the challenges posed by the 21st century. Book signing follows the lecture. Register by calling (216) 231-1177. \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members, \$6 for students.

117th Annual Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 17, 8 am

The longest running citizen science survey in the world, the Christmas Bird Count provides critical data on population trends. Help gather data with the Nature Center. Free.

Family Fireside Night: Imagine That!

Friday, January 20, 6:30 to 8 pm

Outside it may be dreary, but our fireside festivities are sure to be cheery! Join us for charming entertainment as our environmental educators put on a fabulous puppet show with fun-filled audience participation. Hands-on activities include face painting, crafts, games and hot chocolate. \$5 per person, or \$25 per family, maximum of 6.



Winter Hike: Last Night in the Woods

Sunday, January 29, 2 to 3 pm

Follow animal tracks in the snow or mud and follow the stories that played out the night before. Come look for tracks and learn about winter wildlife on a one-mile hike. Free for members and \$5 for non-members.

Build-a-Birdhouse Workshop

Saturday, February 4, 10 am to noon

There is a lot of competition for tree cavities in our suburbs. Fortunately, many birds will readily accept a birdhouse — made by you! We cut the lumber, you put it together! A fun family activity and lesson in conservation. These houses will attract wrens and chickadees. \$25 per bird house. Please register by January 24.

Build-a-Mason Bee House Workshop

Saturday, March 4, 10 am to noon

Mason bees are small docile bees that are important early season pollinators for fruit trees and other spring flowering plants. Get your garden started right and help declining native bee populations by making a 4"x 4" house for mason and other cavity-nesting bees. We cut the lumber, you put it together! A fun family activity and lesson in conservation. \$25 for the first mason bee house and \$20 for additional houses. Please register by February 21.

Bird Walks

Sundays, December 11, January 8, February 12 & March 12, 8:30 to 10:30 am

Join us on the second Sunday of each month as we walk through different parts of the Shaker Parklands in search of birds. Meet in the Nature Center parking lot. Free. Binoculars available for use with ID.

Volunteer News

The Nature Center recognizes the following groups for their continuing support and assistance with education, land management and special event projects: Eagle Scout Project – Troop 662 (William Canaday); First Day of Service – CWRU; Greenview School – PEP; Gross Schechter; HandsOn Northeast Ohio Volunteers; Hyland Software; Jewish Family Services; Swagelok; and Teens Learning to Connect.

Project FeederWatch Volunteers Needed

Identify, count, record bird species and fill feeders during a two hour shift. Volunteers need to commit to a minimum of four dates on select dates through April.

Spring Break Camp Volunteers

March 27 – March 31, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Get outside and explore spring at the Nature Center during Spring Break Camp. Volunteers of all ages can assist educators with games, crafts and activities.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Join us for these Nature Center volunteer favorites: Family Campfire Night, Pancake Breakfast with the Birds, Plant Sale Committee and other programs.

For more information or to register, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Jessica Brand at (216) 321-5935 x 237, or brand@shakerlakes.org or sign-up online at shakerlakes.org.

