



Reed Creek Nature Park and Interpretive Center

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Program Schedule August 2017 - January 2018

General Information for All Classes and Programs

Space is limited and Pre-registration required

call 706-210-4027 or email reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov

All children must be accompanied by an adult when attending classes.

Homeschool and Afterschool Science & Nature Club

Please note that our weekly homeschool and afterschool Science and Nature Club information is not included on this schedule. All Science and Nature Clubs are full for the Fall Semester and we have started a waiting list for those who would like to join.

If you would like to be added to the waitlist please send an email to reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov with the subject "WAITLIST: Science & Nature Club".

Please include names and ages of children and good phone number to contact you.

Tiny Tot Story Time at Reed Creek (ages 2-4)

A special story and craft time for children ages 2 - 4. There is a different theme for each month and two stories per month. You can register for the ones you are interested in or the whole series. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

August Theme: Fall

- Tuesday, August 15th: *Dot and Jabber and the Acorn Mystery* by Ellen Walsh
9:30 am - 10:30 am
- Tuesday, August 29th: *Mouse's First Fall* by Lauren Thompson
9:30 am - 10:30 am

September Theme: Fruits & Vegetables

- Tuesday, September 12th: *Eating the Alphabet* by Lois Ehlert
ALLERGY ALERT We will be sampling fruits and vegetables during this class.
9:30 am - 10:30 am
- Tuesday, September 26th: *Pineapples Don't Grow on Trees* by Jeremy Shroeder
9:30 am - 10:30 am

October Theme: Patterns in Math

- Tuesday, October 10th: *Beep, Beep, Vroom, Vroom* by Stewart Murphy
9:30 am - 10:30 am
- Tuesday, October 24th: *Best Bug Parade* by Stewart Murphy
9:30 am - 10:30 am

November Theme: Migration

- **Tuesday, November 7th:** *Nest Full of Eggs* by Priscilla Jenkins
9:30 am - 10:30 am
- **Tuesday, November 21st:** *The Day the Goose got Loose* by Reeve Lindbergh
9:30 am - 10:30 am

December Theme: Hibernation

- **Tuesday, December 12th:** *Over and Under* by Kate Messner
9:30 am - 10:30 am

January Theme: Winter

- **Tuesday, January 9th:** *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen
9:30 am - 10:30 am
- **Tuesday, January 23rd:** *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you hear?* by Bill Martin, Jr.
9:30 am - 10:30 am

FREE Special Story Time Event presented by Spark Academy (ages 5-11)

Spark Academy, a STEM enrichment learning academy will be at Reed Creek Park for a special science story time. You won't want to miss this.

Saturday, August 5th 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Oh Deer! (ages 5+)

Join us to learn what living things need to survive. We will have a short indoor class followed by a fun game outside!

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, August 19th

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

What Makes a Wetland a Wetland? (ages 5+)

Did you know that not all wetlands have water year round? How do scientists identify a wetland? Come to Reed Creek Park and learn the characteristics of a wetland. We will be outside and may get muddy. Children should wear old clothing and rain boots.

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, September 9th

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Turtle Research Methods (ages 8+)

Join us for a hands-on research experience studying the turtle population at Reed Creek Park. Children will be wearing chest waders and getting into the wetland. Please wear old clothing. Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, September 9th

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

It's a Small World: Cells! (ages 8+)

In this class we will learn about the smallest unit of life as we practice using microscopes!

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, September 23rd

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

SPECIAL EVENT: Raptors, Incredible Birds of Prey (ages 5+)

Falconer and Wildlife Educator Wade Carruth will be here to introduce you to these beautiful birds and you will have the opportunity to see them up close and in person during this special program. This incredible group of birds is known for their keen adaptations developed for hunting and have had a special relationship with humans throughout history.

\$5/per person (children and adults)

Saturday, September 30th

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Really Cool Reptiles (ages 5+)

Come out and meet all of our awesome reptiles and learn about what makes them different from other animals. During this hands-on class you will meet snakes, turtles, alligators, geckos and a bearded dragon. Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, October 7th

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Pond Exploration (ages 5+)

With dip nets in hand, children will explore and learn about the critters that live in our pond. Be prepared to get wet and muddy. Children must wear closed toed shoes, rain boots preferred. Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, October 7th

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Monarch Butterflies (ages 5+)

Monarch Butterflies are easily the most recognizable butterfly species. Join us as we discover the wonders of the monarch butterfly. We will explore the outdoor pollinator garden and hopefully see monarch caterpillars munching milkweed! *We cannot guarantee the presence of monarch adults or larvae for this class. Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, October 14th

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Skulls, Scat and Tracks (ages 5+)

Ever wonder what animal left droppings or paw prints in your backyard? We'll learn to identify animal species based on their tracks, skulls, and scat (droppings). Definitely the best time you'll ever have while looking at poop! Members: Free; Non-members:

\$2/participant

Saturday, October 21st

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

All About Frogs (ages 5+)

Join us for this indoor and outdoor program to learn about our local frogs and how we are studying them through a calling survey at Reed Creek. We'll go outdoors to listen for frogs using the calling survey protocol. Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, October 21st

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



SPECIAL EVENT: Halloween Festival (all ages)

NO NEED TO REGISTER

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy our Halloween Festival! Wear your costume for our costume contest, take a haunting (not too scary) walk on the boardwalk, play games, win prizes and dance the night away!

\$2 per child

Friday, October 27th

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Full Moon Meander (ages 5+)

Learn about the lunar cycle and see nature by the light of the full moon with a walk through our wetlands after the sun has set. Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, November 4th

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Catch the Sun (ages 5+)

A suncatcher adds some "warmth" as winter nears. Join us as we collect leaves and make suncatchers for your windows at home. Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, November 18th

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Creek Exploration (ages 8+)

With dip nets in hand, children will explore and learn about the critters that live in Reed Creek proper. Be prepared to get wet and muddy. Children must wear closed toed shoes, rain boots preferred. Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, November 18th

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Migration, Hibernation, and Winter Adaptations (ages 8+)

Ever wonder how animals can survive when the temperature outside begins to drop? Come and learn about all the fascinating ways living creatures have adapted to survive the winter. Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

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Holiday Crafting Party (all ages welcome, parental help will be needed)

Adults and Children are invited to come out to the park to our holiday crafting party! We will provide the materials to make several different holiday crafts, décor and gifts for just in time for the Holidays! Coffee and Cookies will also be provided! Members: Free;

Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, December 16th

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Pollution Solution! (ages 5+)

During this class we will talk about different types of pollution and ways that we can help reduce our impact on the planet. Please bring an old t-shirt to turn into a re-usable bag.

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, January 6th

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

The World of Owls (ages 5+)

Learn about owls that live in Georgia, their adaptations, and their natural history. We'll take a walk outside at night to listen for owls, then we'll dissect owl pellets (regurgitated bones that cannot be digested by the owls) to learn about the food web. Members: Free;

Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, January 6th

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Egg Drop or Bust (ages 5+)

Experiment with different materials to create an egg parachute. We will drop them from the side of the building to see how well our designs work. Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, January 20th

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Keystone Species: How Wolves Changed Yellowstone (ages 8+)

Learn about the important role of keystone species in an ecosystem. We will look at Yellowstone National Park as a case study in the ecological effects of re-introduction of wolves to the park. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/participant

Saturday, January 27th

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Other Programs

Birthday Parties at Reed Creek Park

We have two options for you to choose from when planning a great birthday party:

A. You Host We Entertain (includes a 30 minute animal presentation)

With this option you customize and decorate for the party any way you wish and we will provide a 30 minute animal presentation. The total party time is 1 ½ hours. Cost is \$200 for up to 10 children (\$7 for each additional child with a maximum of 25).

B. Facility Rental

With this option you rent our facility and host your own party. Cost is \$25/hour for daytime rental (7am - 5pm) or \$30/hour for evening rental (5pm - 11pm).

Outreach Programs

Staff from Reed Creek Nature Park will travel to your school or group meeting to conduct an interactive wildlife program. Programs are tailored to any age group, including adults. Groups can be in a classroom setting or multiple classes together in a larger auditorium. Programs are approximately one hour long and can include reptiles, creepy crawlies and more. This programming is free of charge.

Field Trip Programs

We love to have school groups and homeschool groups visit us at the park. We can teach a variety of science and nature courses designed around your group. Programming is designed to help meet the Georgia Performance Standards for science. Please call 706-210-4027 for more information.

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