



Reed Creek Nature Park and Interpretive Center

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Program Schedule February - May 2018

IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

We are no longer taking registrations by phone or email.
Pre-registration is required through our website reedcreekpark.com
Due to space limitations walk-ins are not permitted
All children must be accompanied by an adult while attending classes.

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

A special story and craft time for children ages 2 - 4. There is a different theme for each month and two stories per month. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

February Theme: How Big is Big

- Monday, February 12th: *How big is a Million* by Anna Milbourne
10am - 11am
- Monday, February 26th: *Mysterious Tadpole* by Steven Kellogg
10am - 11am

March Theme: What Comes Up in Spring?

- Monday, March 5th: *The Thing About Spring* by Daniel Kirk
10am - 11am
- Monday, March 26th: *The Giant Carrot* by Barney Root
10am - 11am

April Theme: Rain

- Monday, April 16th: *Rain, Rain, Rivers* by Uri Shulevitz
10am - 11am
- Monday, April 30th: *Dot & Jabber and the Mystery of the Missing Spring* by Ellen Walsh
10am - 11am

May Theme: Fact or Fiction?

- Monday, May 7th: *Three Little Pigs* by Steven Kellogg
10am - 11am
- Monday, May 21st: *Who Wants a Dragon?* by James Mayhew
10am - 11am



Reed Creek Saturday Classes (ages vary by class) FREE

Public classes with varying topics designed to educate and inspire participants to explore the world around them.



Wilderness Survival (ages 8+)

This is a fun program for those interested in backcountry camping or anyone wanting tips in emergency survival skills. We'll go over compass and map work, what to bring when you go camping, as well as tips on making fires and shelters in the wilderness (without matches and a tent). **Participants should wear closed-toe shoes and be prepared for the outdoors.**

Saturday, February 10th

11am - 12pm

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!

Saturday, February 10th

4pm - 5pm

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.

Saturday, March 24th

11am - 12pm

Creek Exploration (see ages by dates below)

With dip nets in hand, children will explore and learn about the critters that live in the creek.

We are doing two Creek Exploration classes this spring; one for ages 5+ and one for ages 8+, see the dates below.

Be prepared to get wet and muddy. Participants must wear closed-toe shoes, rain boots preferred.

**(ages 5+) Saturday, March 24th
1:30pm - 3pm**

**(ages 8+) Saturday, May 19th
1pm-2:30pm**

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.

Participants should wear closed-toe shoes and be prepared for the outdoors.

**Saturday, April 14th
8pm - 9pm**

**Saturday, May 26th
8:30pm - 9:30pm**

Snake Identification (ages 8+)

Special guest speaker Nate Hobbs will teach you how to properly identify snakes in our area and answer questions about these misunderstood animals. You'll get a chance to test your knowledge as we explore the park in search of snakes.

Participants should wear closed-toe shoes and be prepared for the outdoors.

Saturday, April 21st
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Saturday, May 19th
3pm-5pm

Brilliant Birds (ages 5+)

Special guest speaker Jess Sharp-Miner will be bringing the Ambassador Birds from Feathered Friends Forever, the country's largest exotic bird sanctuary. She will be teaching basic bird biology and ecology through demonstrations with parrots and finches. **This class is free but we will be accepting donations on behalf of Feathered Friends Forever.**

Saturday, May 12th
2pm - 3pm

Nature Explorers (ages vary by class) \$12 for 6 week session

An outdoor-based educational program designed to engage all of the senses while learning by observation. Children will be outside come rain or shine. This program is intended for home-schooled children ages 5-7 and after-school children ages 5-11. If you are a homeschooler ages 8-11, please see our "Science & Nature Club" program. Each Nature Explorers session is 6 weeks long and we have several meeting times available:

****Child must be required age by January 1, 2018****

****Registration is restricted to ONE session only this spring****



Polliwogs (ages 5-7)

Tuesdays 10am-11am

Session 2: 2/20-3/27

Session 3: 4/10-5/22

*no class May 1

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm

Session 2: 2/21-3/28

Session 3: 4/11-5/23

*no class May 2

Thursdays 10am-11am

Session 2: 2/22-3/29

Session 3: 4/12-5/24

*no class May 3



Treefrogs (ages 8-11) Thursdays 4:30pm-5:30pm

Session 2: February 22 - March 29

Session 3: April 12 - May 24

*no class May 3

Science & Nature Club (ages 8-11) \$12 for 6 week session

An academic science program for home-schooled children ages 8-11. Classes will be held indoors and outdoors depending on the topic. Each session will learn the same 6 topics. New topics will be taught each spring and fall semester.

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Spring 2018 Topics:

Week 1: What is Energy

Week 2: Photosynthesis

Week 3: Energy Cycle in an Ecosystem

Week 4: It's Not Easy Being Green: Global Climate Change & Energy Conservation

Week 5: It's a Small World: Cells!

Week 6: Single-celled and Multi-cellular Organisms

Wednesdays 1:30pm - 2:45pm

Session 2: February 21 - March 28

Session 3: April 11 - May 23

Thursdays 1:30pm - 2:45pm

Session 2: February 22 - March 29

Session 3: April 12 - May 24

Special Events and Volunteer Opportunities



9th Annual Chocolate Festival (all ages)

Enjoy a luminary lit evening walk on our boardwalk as you sample chocolate treats. Come inside the interpretive center for more chocolate tasting and learn the history of chocolate. LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE.

\$5 per person (ages 3 & under free)

Saturday, February 24th

7pm - 9pm

RIP: Remove Invasive Plants - Chinese Privet Removal (volunteers ages 16+)

Volunteers aged 16+ needed to help rid our park of the non-native, invasive privet plants. We will be cutting the plant out and applying small amounts of herbicide to the cut area of the plant. This is a big job and many volunteers are needed. **Volunteers should wear long-sleeved shirts, pants, closed-toe shoes and thick gloves.**

Saturday, March 10th 7am-11am

Earth Day Park Clean-up (volunteers all ages)

Join us for a special park clean-up in honor of Earth Day. All ages are welcome with parental supervision. We need all hands on-deck to help clean-up our park. **Volunteers should wear long-sleeved shirts, pants, closed-toe shoes. If you have trash pickers or pool skimmers please bring those as well.**

Saturday, April 21st

8am - 10am

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. \$30/hour

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 can be up to 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.

**To Schedule Birthday Parties, Facility Rentals, Outreach or Field Trips
Call 706-210-4027 or email reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov**



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