

2016

CAMPS & PROGRAMS

GUIDE

FALL



The Heron symbol signifies our signature events. 

SEPTEMBER

MORNING NATURE TOUR (Standup Paddle Boarding)

Pohick Bay Regional Park, Lorton

Saturday, September 3, 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

A stunning and picturesque exploration of wildlife on the marsh wetlands. Water bottle and water shoes required. Previous standup paddle boarding experience required.

\$30 per person ages 14 and up.

[Click here to register](#)

WONDERS OF THE WOODS

Occoquan Regional Park, Lorton

Sunday, September 4, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Come on a hike to unveil the mysteries of a forest; from the top of the canopy to the complexities of the soil and the wildlife among it all.

Free, ages 8 and older.

[Click here to register](#)



ADVENTURES IN HISTORY: TALES FOR THE NIGHT

Mt. Zion Historic Park, Aldie

Saturday, September 10, 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Costumed storytellers will share sensory tales of the past, using the 1851 Mt. Zion Church, cemetery, battlefield and old roadbed as the settings. Ages 16+. \$15/person in advance; \$18 at the door. Co-sponsored by Mosby Heritage Area Association.

Call 540-687-6681 for advanced tickets.

2016 ZNA POTOMAC KOI SHOW

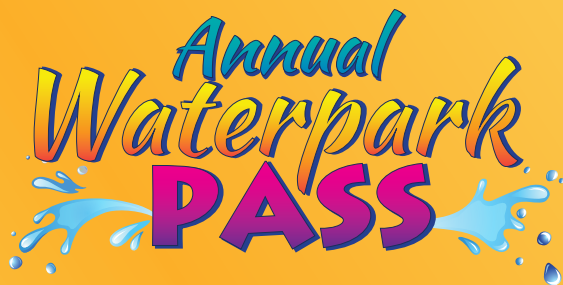
Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Saturday, September 10, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 11, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The public is welcome to view this competition with more than 200 koi fish. Koi and related merchandise will be available for sale. Free. www.znapotomac.org

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TEN UNUSUAL GARDEN BEATIES TOUR

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Saturday, September 10, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Follow Horticulturist Carol Miranda on a walk through the gardens to discover plants that can add pizzazz to any garden. Adults and children age 8+. Free with paid admission to the Gardens. Preregistration is required.

[Click here to register](#)

SUMMER CONCERT: HOUK/ROBINSON DUO

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Saturday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Musical performances by local groups are held at our open air stage area on selected Saturday evenings during the summer. Donations of \$5+ per person are requested as they help fund our concert series. Picnic suppers are welcome (no alcohol, please). No reservations required.

GARDENS OPEN AT 6 a.m.

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Sunday, September 11, 6:00 a.m.

Photographers, birders, strollers, and anyone who enjoys a peaceful morning walk are invited to visit during special hours starting at 6:00 a.m. (The Gardens normally open at 10:00 a.m.) Regular Garden admission applies (\$2.50-\$5.00). No reservations are necessary.

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A TASTE AND TOUR OF THE GARDEN

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Sunday, September 11, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Join our Master Gardener volunteers for an enjoyable – and TASTY – late summer tour of our Demonstration Organic Garden. No reservations required.



HOW SMART IS NATURE?

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Sunday, September 11, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In our modern world we are no longer just learning about nature, but rather, from nature. Join us on a short hike in Meadowlark's wooded areas to explore the wonders of biomimicry. Ages 6 and older. Free with paid admission to the Gardens.

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PRESCHOOL NATURE NUTS – A BUTTERFLY FLUTTERS BY

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Friday, September 16, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Children, age 2-4, will learn about butterflies through a craft and garden exploration. \$6 per child.

Preregistration is required.

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HOW TO ATTRACT POLLINATORS TO YOUR GARDEN

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Saturday, September 17, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Discover how to help increase populations of various pollinators in your own garden on a walking tour led by Senior Horticulturist Tammy Burke. Adults and children age 8+. Free with paid admission to the Gardens.

Preregistration is required.

[Click here to register](#)

SUNSET KAYAK NATURE TOUR

Pohick Bay Regional Park, Lorton

Saturday, September 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Come paddle in the beauty of sunset on Pohick Bay Regional Park. This trip is a memorable outdoor experience that highlights the rich natural and historic features of the area. \$30 per person, ages 8 and older (8-12 year olds must be accompanied by an adult).

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SCOTTISH HERITAGE OUTLANDER DAY AT CARLYLE HOUSE

Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Visitors are invited to tour this beautiful 18th century house museum and attend a day of programming on Scottish culture.

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SPIRITED HISTORY WHISKEY DINNER

Aldie Mill Historic Park, Aldie

Saturday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The 6th annual Whiskey Dinner at Aldie Mill features five of the finest whiskeys available, each paired with food as part of a multi-course meal. Accompanied by commentary from Catoctin Creek Distilling Company owners & local historians, and ending with a cigar and final dram, it's an evening not soon forgotten. Worth every drop!

Ages 21 and older. \$105/person.

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OUTLANDER TEA

Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria

Sunday, September 18, 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Do you love the Outlander books and/or the television show? Then come join us for Outlander Tea on the Magnolia Terrace! \$45.00

- [Click here to register for the 12:00 p.m. seating](#)
- [Click here to register for the 2:30 p.m. seating](#)

TEMPLE HALL
FALL
 *festival*
& CORN MAIZE

*Fridays, Saturdays
& Sundays*

**SEPTEMBER 30
to NOVEMBER 8**

WWW.TEMPLEHALLFALLFEST.COM

POTTERY SALE

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Saturday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Handmade functional and sculptural pottery from the Kiln Club of Washington will be available for sale in the Lilac Pavilion.

www.kilnclubwdc.com

ANIMAL FEEDING 101- BULLFROGS

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Saturday, September 24, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

What's that deep bellow you hear? It can only be our hungry Bullfrog! Learn how our largest native frog finds and captures its dinner. Appropriate for families with children ages 4 & up. \$5 per participant. Reservations required.

[Click here to register](#)

FORESTRY MERIT BADGE

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Saturday, September 24, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Explore Forestry at Potomac Overlook Regional Park! This program will cover all requirements needed to obtain the Forestry Merit Badge. The requirements covered in class will be 1, 2c, 3a, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 5a, 6a, 6b, and 6c. Requirement 7 will need to be completed prior to the program date and brought in for approval but the merit badge counselor. Cost is \$25 per scout.

[Click here to register](#)

HERE COMES FALL! HIKE

Fountainhead Regional Park, Fairfax Station

Sunday, September 25, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a hike to see how our natural world undergoes the amazing seasonal transformation from Summer to Fall. Free. Ages 6 and older.

[Click here to register](#)

EYEWITNESS TO WAR: FOURTH SUNDAYS AT MT. ZION

Mt. Zion Historic Park, Aldie

Sunday, September 25, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A local historian and Civil War living history medical interpreter provide guided tours of the 1851 church turned field hospital and adjacent cemetery. Learn the stories of the church's Civil War battle. All ages. Free.

No registration required.

OCTOBER

THE UNION ARMY AT MT. ZION

Mt. Zion Historic Park, Aldie

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 2, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Visit with members of the Union forces bivouacked at Mt. Zion, watch musket firing demonstrations, see a cavalryman's horse and equipment, and learn about the life of a Union soldier during the Civil War. All ages. Free. No registration required.



MIGRATION MORNING BIRD WALKS

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Saturdays, October 1 & 8, 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.:

Get up and out early as we explore the park and see what bird species are arriving and leaving during the migration season. Our naturalist will demonstrate basic bird identification techniques by using songs, call notes, and behavior. Meet at the Nature Center. \$5 per participant.

[Click here to register](#)

WILD ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Temple Hall Farm Park, Leesburg

Sundays, October 2, 16, 30, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As part of the Temple Hall Fall Festival & Corn Maize, this is an exciting opportunity to learn about local wild animals and how to safely handle them. Open to all ages. Festival tickets are required.

AUTUMN LANDSCAPE PAINTING FOR FAMILIES

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Friday, October 7, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Children, ages 8-18, and their parents can try their hands at painting autumn landscape scenes. All materials provided. \$15 per person. Preregistration is required.

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PRESCHOOL NATURE NUTS – FALL LEAF FUN

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Friday, October 14, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Children, age 2-4, will learn about fall leaves and the change of seasons through a craft and garden exploration. \$6 per child. Preregistration is required.

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GARDENS OPEN AT 6 a.m.

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Saturday, October 15, 6:00 a.m.

Photographers, birders, strollers, and anyone who enjoys a peaceful morning walk are invited to visit during special hours starting at 6:00 a.m. (The Gardens normally open at 10:00 a.m.) Regular Garden admission applies (\$2.50-\$5.00). No reservations are necessary.

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FALL LEAF COLLECTING AND ART FOR KIDS

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Saturday, October 15, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

A walk to collect and learn about fall leaves is followed by an art project and hot cider at the Visitor Center. Children, age 4 and older. \$7 per child. Preregistration required.

[Click here to register](#)

LOUDOUN SKETCH CLUB EXHIBIT AT THE MILL

Aldie Mill Historic Park, Aldie

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 16, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The mill hosts a special art show and sale of original works by members of the Loudoun Sketch Club, showcasing paintings, drawings and photographs by dozens of Loudoun artists. October 15 is also the annual Aldie Harvest Festival, with crafts, vendors, food and entertainment throughout the 19th century village. All ages. Art exhibit is free. No registration required.

ANIMAL FEEDING 101- THE SNAPPING TURTLE

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Saturday, October 15, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Why do snapping turtles snap? Find out why and what they like to snap.

Appropriate for families with children ages 4 & up. \$5 per participant. Reservations required.

[Click here to register](#)

THE UNIVERSE NIGHT HIKE

Seneca Regional Park, Great Falls

Saturday, October 15, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join us for an exciting exploration of the forest at night under a moonlit sky. Learn about the incredible discoveries we have made of our Earth and the Universe itself. Free, ages 8 and older.

[Click here to register](#)

ASTONISHING EARTH FALL HIKE

Rust Nature Sanctuary, Leesburg

Friday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A crisp Fall season hike that explores the fascinating secrets on how the living and non-living things coordinate a magnificent symphony of life on our planet.

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A MANSION HOUSE WHISKEY TASTING

Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria

Saturday, October 22, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$50.00

Come join history lovers and fans of the new hit PBS show “Mercy Street” for an inspired evening of Mansion House Hotel elegance.

[Click here to register](#)



EYEWITNESS TO WAR: FOURTH SUNDAYS AT MT. ZION

Mt. Zion Historic Park, Aldie

Sunday, October 23, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A local historian and Civil War living history medical interpreter provide guided tours of the 1851 church turned field hospital and adjacent cemetery. Learn the stories of the church's Civil War battle. All ages. Free.

No registration required.

PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Saturday, October 23, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Get in the Halloween spirit by carving or painting a pumpkin! We will provide tools, paint, and pumpkins. The cost is \$10 per pumpkin. Meet at the nature center.

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FALL COLORS KAYAK TOURS

Explore the natural beauty and wildlife of the Fall season on our local waterways. \$30 per person ages 8 and older (8-12 year olds must be accompanied by an adult).

- *Fountainhead Regional Park, Fairfax Station*
Saturday, October 22, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
[Click here to register](#)
- *Pohick Bay Regional Park, Lorton*
Sunday, October 23, 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
[Click here to register](#)



FALL COLORS BIKE RIDE

Washington & Old Dominion Regional Park, Purcellville

Saturday, October 29, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Participants will use their own bikes and, as a group, cover sections of the bike trail by Leesburg with frequent stops. Free for all ages, children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY AND HAUNTED NATURE CENTER!

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Saturday, October 29, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.:

Join us at the park for a grand Halloween party, snacks, games, arts and crafts, storytelling, and guided hikes through the woods. People of all ages are welcome! Cost is \$15 per participant for the party, \$20 per participant includes the Haunted Nature Center experience. Children 3 and under are free.

Advanced reservations and payment required.

[Click here to register](#)

CARLYLE HOUSE WALKING DEAD FOOTSTEPS ZOMBIE EVENT

Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria

Saturday, October 29, 6:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission charged.

Visitors will experience firsthand some encounters with zombies from the 18th-century, a-la-walking dead style.

[Click here to register](#)

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING

Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria

Monday, October 31, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free admission.

Bring your little ghost and goblins to Carlyle House for a Halloween treat.

[Click here to register](#)

NOVEMBER

BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR: CARLYLE HOUSE ARCHITECTURE

Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria

Sunday, November 6, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Guests will have a personalized, behind the scenes tour of the mansion with the Site Manager, discussing the architecture of Carlyle House. Cost is \$10 per participant.

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November 18 to January 8

9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court
Vienna, VA 22182 | T: 703-255-3631

Meadowlark's
Winter Walk of Lights

www.winterwalkoflights.com

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MERIT BADGE

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Part 1

Tuesday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Part 2

The environmental science merit badge comes to Potomac Overlook. Our expert staff will work with boy scouts to help them complete all the requirements needed to achieve their badge. This program is taught in two parts. Part 1 will focus on requirements 3a, 3b, 3c, 3f, and 4a. Requirements 5 and 6 must be completed by the scout before part 2. You will need to bring those requirements with you in class for part 2. The cost is \$40 per scout for both sessions.

[Click here to register](#)

WILD ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Temple Hall Farm Park, Leesburg

Monday, November 7, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

As part of the Temple Hall Fall Festival & Corn Maize, this is an exciting opportunity to learn about local wild animals and how to safely handle them. Open to all ages. Festival tickets are required.



A VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT MT. ZION CEMETERY

Mt. Zion Historic Park, Aldie

Friday, November 11, Time to be determined

Historic Mt. Zion Cemetery contains the graves of twenty-three veterans from the War of 1812 through World War II. Their graves will be highlighted with military markers during a ceremony to honor them.

All ages. Free. No registration required. For more information, call 703-327-9777.

OWL PROWL

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Saturday, November 12, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Learn what species of owls are out and about at night in the park. Meet one of our permanently injured resident owls, and then explore the trails after dark in search of a close encounter of the owl kind! After our search, warm up with a campfire and s'mores! Appropriate for families with children ages 8 & up. Cost is \$10 per participant. Meet at the nature center. Reservations required.

[Click here to register](#)

ALDIE MILL TOURS & GRINDING DEMONSTRATIONS

Aldie Mill Historic Park, Aldie

Saturdays & Sundays through

November 13, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The historic 1809 grist mill opens its doors to the public for tours and milling demonstrations on weekends except during special events. All ages. Free. No registration required.



ASTONISHING EARTH FALL HIKE

Occoquan Regional Park, Lorton

Sunday, November 13, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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MEADOWLARK'S WINTER WALK OF LIGHTS

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Nightly Friday, November 18, 2016 through Sunday, January 8, 2017 www.WinterWalkofLights.com

WINTER WREATH WORKSHOP

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

Saturday, November 19, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Create a winter wreath using a variety of natural materials. All materials provided. Adults and teens. The fee for this workshop is \$45 per person which includes instructions, supplies, and garden admission. Preregistration is required.

[Click here to register](#)

ANIMAL FEEDING 101- COPPERHEADS

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Saturday, November 19, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Discover the feeding habits of our only venomous snake found in the park. Learn how snake venom works to kill their prey and what they hunt for. Appropriate for families with children ages 4 & up. \$5 per participant. Reservations required.

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**November 23
to January 8**

7700 Bull Run Drive
Centreville, VA 20121 | T: 703-631-0550

www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com



ASTONISHING EARTH FALL HIKE

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Sunday, November 20, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A crisp Fall season hike that explores the fascinating secrets on how the living and non-living things coordinate a magnificent symphony of life on our planet.

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THE UNIVERSE NIGHT HIKE

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FALL TREE IDENTIFICATION HIKE

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington

Saturday, November 26, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fall back on Naturalist Jason at Potomac Overlook Regional Park. Learn the tricks to identifying many of our native species in the park during this informative walk. Meet at the nature center. Appropriate for ages 8 & up. Reservations required. Cost is \$10 per participant.

[Click here to register](#)



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