

# Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

## September & October 2013 Program Schedule

Shelby Bottoms Nature Center is open:  
Tues/Thurs/Sat – 9 am to 4 pm  
Wed/Fri – 12 to 4 pm

Shelby Bottoms Greenway is open  
7 days a week from dawn to dusk.

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Requests for ADA accommodation should be directed to the Nature Center at (615) 862-8539.



The Milkweed seeds are blowing, the leaves are changing and that fall feeling is in the air. Summer was a relatively cool and wet one, so with some nice sunny days and cool nights now, we should have fabulous color this fall. While the carotenoids which give us yellows and oranges are always present in leaves in fairly stable amounts, the abovementioned type of weather pattern allows the acanthocyanins (reds, purples) to develop well in leaves to help recover nutrients. This gives us a vibrant and fiery-colored fall!

For our fall programming, we have some fun and informative programs planned. First on our favorites list is the return of our electric powered golf car tours along the greenway for folks who are not able to get out in the park as they would like. If you have an elderly parent or neighbor who would like to see the fall colors, call and schedule a tour with us today! They will run from mid-Sept to mid-Nov. We also have a Twilight Hike (vampires not included) to celebrate the opening of Cornelia Fort Trailhead. We'll have river excursions with our partner, EXPLORE; a woodcarving workshop with volunteer instructors, the Cartwrights; and a nature face painting booth at the Cumberland River Compact's Dragon Boat Festival at Riverfront Park in downtown Nashville. Much to do! Join us!

### SEPTEMBER

<p><b>Hummingbird Sip and See</b></p>	<p>Friday, September 6 5-6 pm All ages Call or email to register</p>	<p>Hummingbirds are busily "sipping" at the feeders on our porches! We will gather on the covered back porch to watch them while we sip on lemonade! Leader: Christie Wiser</p> 
<p><b>Cumberland River Dragon Boat Festival</b></p>  	<p>Saturday, September 7 8 am—4 pm <b>Riverfront Park in Downtown Nashville</b></p> <p><i>The Dragons are coming!</i></p>	<p>Get ready for the 7th annual Cumberland River Dragon Boat Festival at Riverfront Park; Nashville's premiere river event! Join the Nature Center in DragonLand children's area! Thousands of spectators will join you in a large viewing area where they can cheer paddlers, support the advocacy work of the <a href="http://CumberlandRiverCompact.org">Cumberland River Compact</a>, and celebrate the long tradition of dragon boat racing with a cultural festival unlike any other in Music City. <b>For more info on being a paddler, vendor, spectator, sponsor, volunteer, or to register a team, please go to: <a href="http://NashvilleDragonBoat.org">NashvilleDragonBoat.org</a></b></p>
<p><b>Groovy Grasshoppers</b></p>	<p>Friday, September 13 10-11 am Pre- K (3-5 years) Call or email to register</p>	<p>This time of year is perfect for spotting this fun and active insect! We will have story time, make a craft and take a short hike. Leader: Christie Wiser</p>
<p><b>Celebrating Native Americans</b></p>	<p>Saturday, September 14 11 am—noon All ages Call or email to register</p>	<p>National Native American day is this month! We will celebrate by exploring the history and culture of those tribes which once occupied this area. Activities include craft making and a myth busters round! Leader: Sarah Gilmore</p>
<p><b>Cornelia Fort Twilight Hike</b></p> 	<p>Friday, September 20 6-7:30 pm All ages Call or email to register</p>	<p>Join us to celebrate the opening of the new Cornelia Fort Trailhead. We had a sneak peak during daylight in May, so this time we'll check it out at twilight with hopes of seeing the <a href="http://crepuscular">crepuscular</a> wildlife become active. And with the moonrise at 7:24pm, we will greet the night as we depart the park. Leader: Denise Weyer</p>



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## SEPTEMBER Continued

### Greenway Golf Car Tours



September 21-  
November 16  
By appointment only  
Call to schedule

Do you, a friend, or family member have trouble navigating the Greenway due to compromised mobility? Would you like to see the Greenway and beautiful Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge this fall? Then give us a call! We have leased a 6 seat electric golf car (thanks to Friends of Shelby Park & Bottoms!) from mid-September to mid-November and will offer naturalist led tours along the Greenway. Please call to inquire!

### Face to Face with the Universe

Saturday, September 21  
10-11 am  
Ages 12+  
Call or email to register

Join us for a community discussion about light pollution and how it affects wildlife, plant life cycles and our connection with our natural surroundings as well as our view of our magnificent universe. And if you want to learn more about light pollution, check out our exhibit and the documentary we will show throughout the day, *The City Dark*.  
Leader: Bonnie Bowles

### Autumnal Equinox



Saturday, September 21  
1-2 pm  
All ages  
Call or email to register

Tomorrow is the first day of fall so come celebrate this gorgeous, nostalgic, sweater-wearing season with us! We will sip on homemade apple cider and eat yummy goodies while we learn more about this special time of the year.  
Leader: Sarah Gilmore

### Cornelia Fort Star Party

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Saturday, September 21  
8-10 pm  
All ages  
No registration necessary  
\*Call or check Facebook if weather is questionable

Join us for our first Star Party outside of late fall and winter months! Baseball and softball field lights in Shelby Park are too bright for us to hold a star party at the nature center March-October. With the addition of the Cornelia Fort Airpark property, we have an open space away from lights! So join us with one of our newest partnering organizations, the [Cumberland Astronomical Society](#) for a night of viewing the heavens!

### Welcoming Fall Wildflower Hike

Saturday, September 28  
10-11 am  
All ages  
Call or email to register

Join us for a short hike through the park to seek out the beautiful wildflowers that can be found!  
Leader: Christie Wiser

## OCTOBER

### Birds of Prey: TN Species

Saturday, October 5  
10-11 am  
All ages  
Call or email to register

Who hasn't looked in wonder as a hawk soaring through the sky suddenly swooped toward earth in pursuit of its prey? Ever wondered why an owl is so silent in flight? Come learn what separates birds of prey from the rest and what species inhabit your TN stomping grounds.  
Leader: Paul Pleiman, Seasonal Naturalist intern

### Writing for Halloween



Saturday, October 5  
2-3 pm  
Ages 13+  
Call or email to register

For this Halloween-themed workshop, we will discuss the art of writing spooky, eerie, and otherworldly poetry and stories. We will read poetry from Edgar Allen Poe, Robert Burns and Edith Wharton as well as get the chance to write our own poems and prose about Halloween. Share your own scary stories, write the next great poem about a raven and discover ways to captivate your readers through supernatural imagery!  
Leader: Kiki Dombrowski

### Happy Harvest Time

Friday, October 11  
10-11 am  
Pre-K (3-5 years)  
Call or email to register

Bring your little one over to the nature center to learn more about what types of veggies can be harvested from local gardens and farms this time of year! It is sure to make the idea of eating fresh produce more fun!  
Leader: Christie Wiser

### Birds of Prey: Owl Prowl

Friday, October 11  
7-8 pm  
All ages  
Call or email to register

If the Birds of Prey: TN Species wasn't enough, come by after dark to try and see nocturnal owls in the wild. We will be using a bird calling method to persuade our native owls to join our company as we watch in amazement.  
Leader: Paul Pleiman, Seasonal Naturalist intern



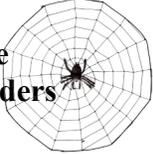
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## OCTOBER

<b>At Home with Spiders</b>		Saturday, October 12 10-11:30 am All ages Call or email to register	Learn about spiders that call your house home too. We'll explore a few species that live in houses, basements, backyards and such, then go exploring for the different types of webs...and maybe find a few of our study subjects as well! Stick around at the end to make a tasty spider craft if you like! Leader: Denise Weyer
<b>Fall Break Fun</b>		Wednesday, October 16 10-11 am All ages Call or email to register	It's fall and you are on break, so let's have some fun! We'll go out in the park and pick up logs, learn about galls, hike around, look for spiders and other arthropods, and just have fun in nature! Leader: Denise Weyer
<b>Fly Fishing Techniques</b>		Saturday, October 19 10-11 am Ages 12+ Call or email to register	This is an ideal opportunity to learn more about the art of fly-fishing and great places in our region to practice it! Special guest Peter Jones will lead this class with a brief overview of the sport and followed by a tutorial that will be taught outside in the open grassy field. All participants should bring their own rod. Space is limited. Leader: Peter Jones
<b>Cumberland River Picking Party</b>		Saturday, October 19 2-4 pm Ages 12+ Call or email to register	Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Cumberland River on our partner organization's vessel, the EXPLORER, while we enjoy a floating picking party. Space is limited and registration is required. Hosts: Christie Wiser, Denise Weyer and EXPLORE
<b>Pumpkin Carving &amp; Movie Night</b>		Friday, October 25 5-7 pm All ages Call or email to register	Tonight we'll celebrate Halloween by carving pumpkins together and watching a "spooky" nature movie all ages can enjoy. Bring your own pumpkin to the carving and we'll take care of the snacks and drinks! Leader: Sarah Gilmore 
<b>Nature Woodcarving</b>		Saturday, October 26 10 am—noon Ages 8+ Call or email to register	Join Mary and David Cartwright, a retired officer of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, for a fun wood workshop designed for beginners. You'll learn how to carve a small songbird out of wood, and get to take your new creation home!
<b>Crafts and Nature Play</b>		Saturday, October 26 2-3 pm All ages Call or email to register	It's perfect weather to play outdoors and make crafts! We will have autumn craft tables set up in our Nature Play area for both parents and kids to enjoy. Leader: Bonnie Bowles 



Do you, a friend, or family member have limited mobility but would like to see the Greenway and Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge?

Call us to schedule a golf cart tour! We will be offering tours mid-September until mid-November.

Make your reservation early!



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