Warner Park Nature Center

2014 Fall Schedule

Fabulous fall is here! Four months of opportunities await you to get out and explore, learn about, and connect with the outdoors through the Nature Center. This season we will are offering opportunities for artists, foodies, and nature enthusiasts, and, as always, lots of fun-filled family and youth programs. Preschool and Story Time programs are back, and we are also presenting a new programs series specifically for homeschoolers. Be sure to sign up for big events like bird banding day, the fall star party, and the winter celebration in December. There will be new StoryWalk® books and a special visiting puppet show, too! Kids still have time to complete the Jr. Naturalist program to receive a butterfly patch, and adults can enjoy bird and wildflower hikes throughout the fall. Stop by anytime to visit the museum, check out the garden, visit NaturePlay, or go for a hike!

Warner Park Nature Center is open Tues-day-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Percy and Edwin Warner Parks are open 7 days a week, from sunrise to 11 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER

Hummingbird Happy Hour

Thursday, September 4
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens August 20

Enjoy our ruby-throated hummingbirds on the back porch of the Nature Center during the peak of migration.
Leaders: Heather Gallagher & Sandy Bivens

Nature Center Story Time

Friday, September 5
10:30-11 a.m.

Age Level: Pre-K
Call to register

Join us for seasonal nature stories under the giant beech tree!
Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers

Full Moon Pickin' Party

Friday, September 5
7-11 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Tickets may be purchased through

Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food and drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve the Warner Parks.

Harvesting Honey

Saturday, September 6
9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not required

Here's your chance to observe the fascinating process of honey harvest from hive to jar. The Warner Park beekeepers will be on hand to demonstrate the process and answer questions about bees and the hives.
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

"The Frog Prince" Puppet Show & StoryWalk® Kickoff!

Saturday, September 6
10-11 a.m.

Age level: All ages
Call to register

We have a special celebration planned for this fall's StoryWalk®! Nashville Public Library's Puppet Truck will be presenting our featured book "The Frog Prince"! Join us for the puppet show and then walk our Little Acorn Trail to read an unusual version of this age-old fairytale. Coordinator: Rachel Koch

Call 615-352-6299 to register for programs. Registration is required and space is limited.

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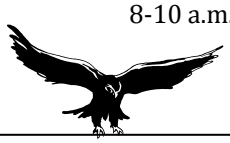
Homeschool Journeys: Signs of Fall	Thursday, September 11 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 5-13 years (grades K-8) Registration opens August 27	Designed just for homeschool students, this program will provide a grade/age appropriate science-based field experience focusing on the fall season and living things in nature. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Slugs, Snails, and Other Small Wonders	Friday, September 12 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.	Age level: 3-5 years Registration opens August 28	Join us to explore the world of some of the park's smaller residents! Leader: Kim Bailey
Trail Dogs	Saturday, September 13 7-10 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Get up, get out and get together with Friends of Warner Parks. The dog days of summer are behind us and it's time to give the parks some TLC to get ready for the fall. Sign up to be a volunteer trail dog and join us for some tooling about along the trails. Leader: Paul Fowler
Butterfly Fun at Butler Field	Friday, September 13 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens August 29	Take a walk around Butler Field in Edwin Warner Park and see how many different butterflies you can find. We'll especially keep a lookout for monarchs! Leader: Kim Bailey
International Garden Cooking: A Taste of Columbia	Thursday, September 18 5-7 p.m.	Age level: Adults Registration opens September 2	Explore the spices of Colombia in this vegetarian cooking class using garden fresh vegetables and herbs. Come prepared to chop, dice, and enjoy a delicious meal! Leaders: Gloria Leal and Kim Bailey
Fall Migration Bird Hike 	Friday, September 19 8-10 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Many birds are only seen in Nashville during spring and fall migration. Join local birders and Nature Center staff as we hunt for warblers, vireos, tanagers and more. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and
Nature Center Story Time	Friday, September 19 10:30-11 a.m.	Age Level: Pre-K Call to register	Join us for seasonal nature stories under the giant beech tree! Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers
Secret World of Salamanders	Saturday, September 20 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens September 4	What eats worms, breathes through its skin, and are found all over Tennessee? Salamanders! They may be nocturnal, but you can discover them during the day if you know where to look! Explore the world of these amazing amphibians. Leader: Rachel Anderson
An Opening Reception for *Local Landscapes:* photography by	**Saturday, September 20 5-7 p.m.** **Exhibit runs September-December**	Age level: All ages Registration not required	After thirty six years behind the lens of a camera Cheryl Stewart understands art when she sees it. Her photographic adventures have taken her to the European Alps, Pacific Northwest, Texas Hill Country, Hawaii, and New England. But her roots run deep when photographing her beloved Tennessee. The Nature Center is pleased to exhibit Cheryl's photographs of ***Local Landscapes***, capturing the grandeur and beauty of Warner Parks and natural scenery from across Middle Tennessee. Coordinator: Vera Vollbrecht
Teacher Workshop: Science Investigation in the Outdoors	Thursday, September 25 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Age level: Adults/ Educators Call to register	Educators are invited to this hands-on workshop to help them develop science standards-based lessons for their students. Focusing on the themes of water, plants, and wildlife, participants will learn content and activities to make curriculum connections in the outdoors. Leaders: Kim Bailey, Heather Gallagher, and Vera Vollbrecht

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Fall Wildflower Hike	Thursday, September 25 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	We will stroll on a path through a beautiful meadow, enjoying the amazing array of fall flowers. Leader: Deb Beazley
Fall Migration Bird Hike	Friday, September 26 8-10 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Many birds are only seen in Nashville during spring and fall migration. Join local birders and Nature Center staff as we hunt for warblers, vireos, tanagers and more. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteer Birders
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Fall Bird Banding Day	Thursday, October 2 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Join us for live bird banding demonstrations, exhibits and activities focusing on our resident chickadees, cardinals, and more, and hopefully a few fall migrants. Leaders: Sandy Bivens, Nature Center Staff and Volunteer Bird Banders
Fall Migration Bird Hike	Friday, October 3 8-10 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Many birds are only seen in Nashville during spring and fall migration. Join local birders and Nature Center staff as we hunt for warblers, vireos, tanagers and more. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteer Birders
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OCTOBER

Full Moon Pickin' Party	Friday, October 3 7-11 p.m.	Age level: All ages Tickets may be purchased through NowPlayingNashville.com	Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food and drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve the Warner Parks. Leaders: Paul Fowler and Patrice Nelson
Fall Migration Bird Hike	Saturday, October 4 8-10 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Many birds are only seen in Nashville during spring and fall migration. Join local birders and Nature Center staff as we hunt for warblers, vireos, tanagers and more. Leader: Heather Gallagher
Fall Break Fossil Finding!	Tuesday, October 7 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens September 23	Calling all "Fossil Fanatics"! Join Molly Miller, professor of earth and environmental sciences at Vanderbilt University, and the Nature Center staff, to discover the mystery of the plants and animals that once lived in the limestone of Warner Parks. Leaders: Dr. Molly Miller and Nature Center Staff
Outdoor Painting with *The Chestnut Group*	Wednesday, October 8 10 a.m.-noon THE CHESTNUT GROUP *plein air* painters for the land	Age level: 8-12 years Registration opens September 23	You are invited to join acclaimed artists learning to paint nature first hand in the great outdoors! ***The Chestnut Group*** is dedicated to the conservation & preservation of vanishing landscapes in Middle Tennessee. During this program, you will get to learn the basics of "plein air" painting (painting in the open air) and create a landscape painting of your own. Leaders: Artists of the Chestnut Group

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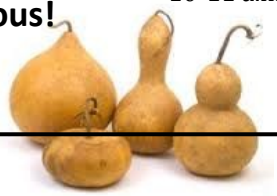
Homeschool Journeys: Insects and Plants	Thursday, October 9 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 5-13 years (grades K-8) Registration opens September 25	Designed just for homeschool students, this program will provide a grade/age appropriate science-based field experience focusing on insects and plants. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Astronomy Fun!	Thursday, October 9 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens September 25	Enjoy fall break under the stars and planets! We'll share an evening of stargazing and stories in Ridge Field, looking for constellations and more. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Fall Migration Bird Hike	Friday, October 10 8-10 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Many birds are only seen in Nashville during spring and fall migration. Join local birders and Nature Center staff as we hunt for warblers, vireos, tanagers and more. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteer Birders
Scavenger Hunts All Day	Friday, October 10 9:30 a.m. –3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by anytime today and grab a scavenger hunt! Investigate the pond, the garden, or find colors and more in the museum. Complete your hunt for a valuable prize! Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Greenway Getaway	Saturday, October 11 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens September 26	We have a greenway in Warner Parks! It begins at the Edwin Warner parking lot, and travels to the Little Harpeth River and beyond. Join the naturalist to discover a new way to enjoy the Parks! Leader: Heather Gallagher
International Garden Cooking: A Taste of India	Tuesday, October 14 5-7 p.m.	Age level: Adults Registration opens October 1	Explore the spices of India in this vegetarian cooking class using garden fresh vegetables and herbs. Come prepared to chop and dice, then enjoy a delicious meal! Leaders: Subha Arul, Inimai Rajesh, & Kim Bailey
Nature Center Story Time	Friday, October 17 10:30-11 a.m.	Age Level: Pre-K Call to register	Join us for seasonal nature stories under the giant beech tree! Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers
Deep Wells at Dark	Friday, October 17 7-8:30 p.m.	Age level: 6 years & up Registration opens October 2	Join us for an epic night-time adventure! We'll look and listen for owls, coyotes and other nocturnal critters as we hike a portion of the Mossy Ridge trail at night. Leader: Rachel Anderson
Rock & Road Relay, Marathon &	Saturday, October 18 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages rockandroadmarathon.racesonline.com to register	Race through the roadways and trails of Percy Warner Park! Whether you tackle the 5k, split up the relay marathon with teammates, or conquer the full marathon solo, this event is an exhilarating way to enjoy the Parks in fall. Start 2 Finish Event Management and Friends of Warner Parks are teaming up to bring you a first-class race experience with proceeds going back into the Warner Parks. Coordinators: Katherine Williams and Patrice Nelson
Autumn Sunrise Hike	Friday, October 24 7-8:30 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Celebrate the autumn with an early morning walk through the park, enjoying the rustle and color of leaves and the low morning sunrise. Leader: Vera Vollbrecht
Darling, You Look GOURDgeous! 	Friday, October 24 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.	Age level: 3-5 years Registration opens October 9	The days are getting cooler and the gardens are beginning to reveal their autumn bounties. Come learn all about gourds, squashes, and everyone's October favorite…the pumpkin! Leader: Rachel Koch

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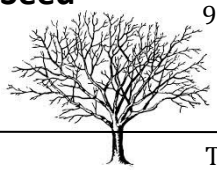
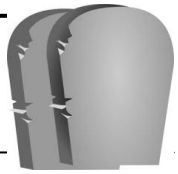
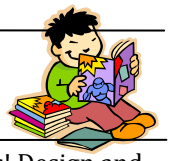
Bob Brown Program Series: Warner Parks Tree Hike	Saturday, October 25 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Join Naturalist Deb Beazley on this informative, inspirational tree walk through Warner Park, while honoring and remembering long-time Volunteer and Friend, Bob Brown and his dog Trouble. Leader: Deb Beazley
Webelos Scouts: Forester Badge	Saturday, October 25 1:30-3 p.m.	Age level: Webelos & Junior Girl Scouts Registration opens October 10	Webelos and Juniors: check off some of your Forestry badge requirements during this fun-filled workshop. This program is open to individual scouts or troops. Space is limited, and registration is required. Leader: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Gone to Seed 	Wednesday, October 29 9-11 a.m.	Age Level: Adults Call to register	Take a stroll through Warner Park to learn your trees; we will use a dichotomous key, field markings, and naturalist clues to identify most that we encounter. Leader: Heather Gallagher
Explore Vaughn's Cave	Thursday, October 30 5-7 p.m.	Age Level: Adults Registration opens October 16	Explore Vaughn's Cave with a naturalist, searching for wildlife and geologic features unique to this underground ecosystem. Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Vera Vollbrecht

NOVEMBER

Hill Forest Hike	Saturday, November 1 9 a.m.-noon	Age Level: Adults Registration opens October 17	Bring your camera and hiking boots to experience this magical forest! Leader: Heather Gallagher
Citizen Science: Project Feeder Watch	Tuesday, November 4 10-11:30 a.m.	Age Level: Adults Call to register	Join us to learn all about winter bird research and how to become a Project Feeder Watch Citizen Scientist! Project Feeder Watch, coordinated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, is a survey of the abundance and distribution of birds that visit feeders in the winter. Leader: Melissa Donahue
Nature Center Story Time	Friday, November 7 10:30-11 a.m.	Age level: Pre-K Call to register	Join us for seasonal nature stories under the giant beech tree! Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers
Beekeeping 101	Saturday, November 8 9 a.m. –noon	Age level: Adults Call to register	Join us for this workshop with a special presentation on bee biology led by Mississippi State Entomologist Dr. Clarence Collison. In addition to his presentation, we will give an overview of hobby beekeeping and the how to's of starting your own hive. Leaders: Dr. Clarence Collison, Melissa Donahue, and
Homeschool Journeys: Geology	Thursday, November 13 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 5-13 years (grades K-8) Registration opens October 30	Designed just for homeschool students, this program will provide a grade/age appropriate science-based field experience focusing on the geology of Warner Parks. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Mushrooms	Saturday, November 15 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Always amazing and somewhat unbelievable, a mushroom hunt turns up the weirdest things. Leader: Deb Beazley
Explore the Fallen Forest	Saturday, November 15 1-2:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens October 31	Under, inside and all around fallen trees are mini-habitats teeming with termites, millipedes, spiders, fungi, beetles and more. Bring a sketch book and your curiosity as we take a closer look at the amazing communities that develop when trees fall.
Nature Center Story Time	Friday, November 21 10:30-11 a.m.	Age level: Pre-K Call to register	Join us for seasonal nature stories under the giant beech tree! Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers

DECEMBER

Cemeteries of Warner Parks	Saturday, November 22 8:30 a.m.-noon	Age level: Adults Registration opens November 7; $15 participation fee	Visit the historic cemeteries by driving tour and on foot to learn about families that called the land their home. Leader: Heather Gallagher 
Pickin' on Privet	Saturday, November 22 9 a.m.-noon	Age level: Adults Call to register	Pitch in on the effort to protect the parks from non-native plant invaders. Learn more about this threat and remove privet and honeysuckle in defense of our native species. Leader: Paul Fowler
Organic Gardening	Thursday, December 4 9-10:30 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	It's time to start planning next year's garden! Learn all about when and how to grow a beautiful organic garden. Leader: Deb Beazley
Souper Supper	Friday, December 5 5-7 p.m.	Age Level: All ages Registration opens November 20	The smell of soup will be in the air as we hike at sunset. Bring a vegetable to add to our broth and let the soup simmer as we hike! After the hike we will gather around the campfire and enjoy a soup supper. Leaders: Heather Gallagher and Melissa Donahue
Winter StoryWalk®	Saturday, December 6 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Age Level: All ages Registration not required	It's time to reveal our new winter book! Be among the first to see it! Meander along the Little Acorn Trail and enjoy our story revealed page by page. Coordinator: Rachel Koch
Hill Forest Hike	Saturday, December 6 12:30-2:30 p.m.	Age level: 8 years & up Registration opens November 21	Lace up your hiking boots, throw on your fleece and join us for a rugged hike through the Hill Forest. Leader: Melissa Donahue
Homeschool Journeys: Habitats of Warner Park	Thursday, December 11 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 5-13 years (grades K-8) Registration opens November 26	Designed just for homeschool students, this program will provide a grade/age appropriate science-based field experience comparing the varied habitats of Warner Parks. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Nature Center Story Time	Friday, December 12 10:30-11 a.m.	Age level: Pre-K Call to register	Join us for seasonal nature stories under the giant beech tree! Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers 
Coast into Winter… with Roller Coaster Science!	Saturday, December 13 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 6 years & up Registration opens November 26	Slide into the season with a little physics! Design and build your own small-scale roller coaster – complete with loops, hills and jumps. All you need is your creativity and a little gravity to unlock the potential energy of your coaster! Leader: Rachel Anderson
Preserve the Past	Saturday, December 13 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Spend a day giving back to the parks to protect a culturally significant and historic cemetery. Assist with preservation of this unique landscape as we work to maintain access and beautify the grounds. Leader: Paul Fowler
Fall Star Party: Geminid Meteor Shower	Saturday, December 13 7-9 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Meet at the Special Events Field in Edwin Warner Park for the Geminid meteor shower! Local astronomers will be on hand with telescopes for night sky viewing. Coordinators: Sudekum Planetarium, Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society, WPNC Staff/Volunteers
Hike the Hill Forest	Thursday, December 18 9 a.m.-noon	Age level: Adults Registration opens December 4	Explore the undisturbed ecosystem of the Hill Forest, one of Nashville's natural treasures! Leader: Vera Vollbrecht
Winter Celebration	Saturday, December 20 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens December 5	Join us as we celebrate the Winter Solstice by watching the sunset on one of the shortest days of the year, warming up around a campfire, and walking through the woods along a luminary-lit pathway. Coordinator: Vera Vollbrecht

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