

2013 Summer Schedule

Warner Park Nature Center is open Tuesday-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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 Call 615 352-6299 for ADA Assistance.



Take the Mayor's Challenge this Summer!

Summer *always* means outdoor fun at Warner Park Nature Center! This summer there are an abundance of programs and activities to get folks out in the Parks, exploring and learning about the natural world. Celebrate the amazing life cycles of amphibians by becoming a Jr. Naturalist, enjoy the restorative power of making mud pies, become an entomologist for an evening during the 20th Insects of the Night Festival, and much more!

In addition to fun-filled youth and family programs, this year we're "taking the **Mayor's Challenge**" to encourage Nashvillians to become "green", "healthy", and "involved" in their neighborhoods and the community. Look for more information in coming soon about this exciting challenge!



"Green" means **ENVIRONMENT**; engaging in activities that conserve natural resources and support sustainability. Examples include: neighborhood cleanups and recycling, water conservation projects (such as rain barrels and rain gardens), community gardening and neighborhood farmers markets, native tree planting and landscaping, and home energy audits. Look for programs throughout the summer focusing on "greening" your household and neighborhood!



"Healthy" means **ACTIVE**; engaging in lifestyle choices and activities that support health and wellness. Examples include: walking, biking, hiking, using public transportation, or even canoeing and kayaking. Summer is a great time to get out and active in the Parks!



"Involved" means **VOLUNTEERING**; giving time and energy to improve your neighborhood and community. Examples include: leading or participating in litter cleanups or neighborhood recycling days, planting trees and gardens, leading an educational workshop or children's activity, or even teaching a local food cooking class. Warner Parks always needs willing volunteers. Ask at the nature center or visit www.friendsofwarnerparks.com/volunteer.html for more information about how to volunteer!

JUNE

**Summer Saturdays:
Celebrate National Trails Day**



Saturday, June 1
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not required



It's about more than hiking now: everyone can participate in National Trails Day. Warner Park offers primitive trails for running, strolling, and hiking, as well as paved greenway trails for power walking, roller blading, and biking! Learn your trees by walking the Meadow Tree Trail or Old Roadway Tree Trail in Edwin Warner Park. Maps and information will be available at the Nature Center all day (and are always available at the Nature Center trailhead!)

Leaders: Heather Gallagher and Nature Center Staff

Summer StoryWalk® Kickoff Saturday, June 1 9 a.m.– 4 p.m. Age level: All ages Registration not required

Read any good books lately? Try our newest StoryWalk® selection with your little ones! StoryWalk® will feature a new book beginning in June, focusing on salamanders. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.
Coordinator: Rachel Koch



Food, Nature and Sustainability Film Series: Forks Over Knives Tuesday, June 4 6:30 p.m. Age level: Adults, 13+ Registration not required

Join Warner Park Nature Center and Good Food for Good People as we present a screening of *Forks Over Knives*, a feature film which “examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting animal-based and processed foods.”
Leaders: Nature Center Staff



The Secret Lives of Honeybees Wednesday, June 5 10 a.m.– noon Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens May 21

Our honeybee friends lead complex and fascinating lives both inside and outside of the hive. Learn all about the queen, drones, and many roles of workers as we observe and investigate the secret lives of honeybees.
Leaders: Vera Vollbrecht, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

The Children’s Picnic Saturday, June 8 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Age level: All ages Registration not required

Come one, come all, to the annual Friends of Warner Parks Children’s Picnic! This year we’ll celebrate with music, face painting, crafts, games, and much, much more.
Leaders: Heather Gallagher and Patrice Nelson



Jr. Naturalist Kick-off: Amphibians Wednesday, June 12 10 a.m.– noon Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens May 28

Calling all junior naturalists! Join us as we learn about the frogs and salamanders that call Tennessee home and soon you’ll be on your way to earning a beautiful tree frog patch.
Leaders: Kim Bailey, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers



Celebrate Flag Day with Red, White and Blue Friday, June 14 6-7:30 p.m. Age level: All ages Registration opens May 31

How many things can we find in the Park that are red, white, or blue? Let’s go on a scavenger hunt! Not only will we honor our American flag on this special day, we will talk about our Tennessee state flag, too.
Leader: Rachel Koch

Summer Saturdays: The Buzz about Bees Saturday, June 15 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Age level: All ages Registration not required

Bees not only make yummy honey, they are vitally important pollinators for local gardens, agriculture, and all of nature. Do the “bee dance”, take a honeybee scavenger hunt, taste some local honey, while learning about these amazing social insects.
Leaders: Nature Center Staff



Backyard Beekeeping 101 Saturday, June 15 9-11 a.m. Age level: Adults, 13+ Registration opens May 31

Have you always thought about keeping honeybees in your backyard but just didn’t know where to start? Join us for an introduction to the ins and outs of small-scale residential beekeeping.
Leaders: Vera Vollbrecht and Dganit Eldar



Food, Nature and Sustainability Film



**Series:
Mother Nature's Child**

Tuesday, June 18
6:30 p.m.

Age level: Adults, 13+
Registration not required



Join Warner Park Nature Center and Good Food for Good People as we present a screening of *Mother Nature's Child*, a film which "explores nature's powerful role in children's health and development through the experience of toddlers, children in middle childhood and adolescents. The film marks a moment in time when a living generation can still recall childhoods of free play outdoors; this will not be true for most children growing up today."
Leaders: Nature Center Staff

Let's Go Fishing

Wednesday, June 19
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: 6-12 years
Registration opens June 4

Join us as we visit a beautiful section of the Harpeth River that winds through Edwin Warner Park. Program participants will make a bamboo cane fishing pole while being introduced to the sport of fishing.
Leaders: Lisa King, Warner Parks Staff and Volunteers

Full Moon Pickin' Party

Friday, June 21
7-11 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Call (615) 370-8053 for more information or to volunteer



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: Patrice Nelson, Paul Fowler and Volunteers



**Summer Saturdays:
The Great American Backyard Campout**



Saturday, June 22
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age Level: All ages
Registration not required



Learn all about family camping and how to enjoy being outdoors this summer! Visit us for camping tips, learn some campfire songs or activities, share your favorite camping recipe, and catch the camping "fever"! Hopefully you'll be happily camping out in your own backyard when the day is done and we'll have you prepared!
Leaders: Nature Center Staff

Soil Surveyors

Wednesday, June 26
10 a.m.- noon

Age level: 6-12 years
Registration opens June 11

Wear clothes to get dirty as we explore soil using microscopes, hand lens, and our own senses of smell, touch, taste, and more!!
Leaders: Erin Pitts and Nature Center staff and volunteers

International Mud Day Eve

Friday, June 28
5-6:30 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens June 13

Tomorrow is *International Mud Day*! Let's start the celebration early with an evening of mud pies, mud sculpture and mud painting.
Leader: Melissa Donahue

Creek Crawling



Saturday, June 29
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not required

Crawdads, stonefly nymphs, hellgrammites and fresh water snails are just a few of the many macro-invertebrates we will discover in Vaughn's Creek.
Leader: Erin Pitts

JULY

Eventide in the Park

Friday, July 5
7:30-9 p.m.

Age level: 6 years and up
Registration opens June 21

Come work off your holiday cookout with an evening hike in the Warner Parks. We'll experience the evening "glow" as sun sets and darkness takes over the woods.
Leader: Kim Bailey



**Summer Saturdays:
Butterfly Fun**



Saturday, July 6
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not required



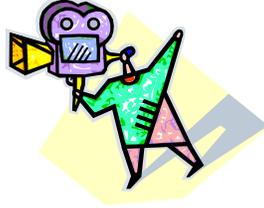
Did you know there are over 20,000 species of butterflies worldwide? There will be crafts, activities, and a chance to help the North American Butterfly Association with their butterfly count. If you love these beautiful insects and want to learn more, come visit us!
Leaders: Shannon Moore and Nature Center Staff



Food, Nature and Sustainability Film Series: Food Stamped

Tuesday, July 9
6:30 p.m.

Age level: Adults, 13+
Registration not required



Join Warner Park Nature Center and Good Food for Good People as we present a screening of *Food Stamped*, "an informative and humorous documentary film following a couple as they attempt to eat a healthy, well-balanced diet on a food stamp budget. Through their adventures they consult with members of U.S. Congress, food justice organizations, nutrition experts, and people living on food stamps to take a deep look at America's broken food system."
Leaders: Nature Center Staff



Surviving Summer Hazards

Wednesday, July 10
10 a.m.- noon

Age level: 6-12 years
Registration opens June 25



Let's talk about summer hazards such as poison ivy, snakes, and chiggers. The easiest way to prevent these hazards is to know how to identify and avoid them! Learn how to stay safe and "found" in the woods!
Leader: Rachel Koch and Nature Center Staff

Sounds of the Night

Friday, July 12
8-9:30 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens June 28

Katydid, owls, amphibians and more will be harmonizing during this noisy night hike!
Leaders: Erin Pitts, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

**Summer Saturdays:
Finding Your Way**

Saturday, July 13
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens June 28



Join your neighbors at the nature center and come discover the family friendly sport of geocaching. Participants will also learn how to navigate with a map and compass.
Leaders: Lisa King, Warner Parks Staff and Volunteers

River Romp

Wednesday, July 17
10 a.m.- noon

Age level: 6-12 years
Registration opens July 2

Come enjoy a day cooling off in the Little Harpeth River and learning about all the amazing animals that call the river home.
Leaders: Shannon Moore and Nature Center Staff

Full Moon Pickin' Party

Friday, July 19
7-11 p.m.

Age level: All ages
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Leaders: Patrice Nelson, Paul Fowler, and Volunteers

Water, Water Everywhere

Saturday, July 20
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not required

Explore the water cycle, get wet in Vaughn's Creek, and learn about your own water usage during this celebration of life-giving water.
Coordinators: Heather Gallagher and Nature Center Staff





Food, Nature and Sustainability Film Series: *Gasland*

Tuesday, July 23
6:30 p.m.

Age level: Adults, 13+
Registration not required

Join Warner Park Nature Center and Good Food for Good People as we present a screening of *Gasland*. "When filmmaker Josh Fox is asked to lease his land for drilling, he embarks on a cross-country odyssey uncovering a trail of secrets, lies and contamination. A recently drilled nearby Pennsylvania town reports that residents are able to light their drinking water on fire. This is just one of the many absurd and astonishing revelations of a new country called GASLAND."
Leaders: Nature Center Staff



Pizza Palazzo

Wednesday, July 24
10 a.m. – noon

Age level: 6-12 years
Registration opens July 9

Calling all garden fresh chefs! The vegetables in the garden are ripe and ready. Knead, chop, sprinkle, and eat your way to pizza delight.
Leaders: Melissa Donahue, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers



Insects of the Night XX!

Friday, July 26
7:30-9:30 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Call to register

Join us as we celebrate 20 years of educating families about nocturnal insects! Come dressed as your favorite beetle or bug and jump into the festivities with all 6 feet! We'll have games, night hikes, crafts, and insect explorations galore!
Leaders: Kim Bailey, with Nature Center Staff and Volunteers



Summer Saturdays: Incredible Insects!

Saturday, July 27
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not required

Come learn about insects as you admire the wide array of species that make up the Nature Center's insect collection. From local butterflies and bees to unusual insects from far-flung locales, our collection is something to be seen!
Leaders: Nature Center Staff



Happy Trails

Saturday, July 27
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Age level: Adults, 13+
Call to register

Join us for a walk in the park and whistle while you work as we tackle trouble spots along the trails. With your help, we'll make them better!
Leader: Paul Fowler



Nearby Nature: Canoe or Kayak the Harpeth River

Saturday, July 27
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: 12 years & up
To register call (615) 862-8400 or email neel.deshpande@nashville.gov

This trip is designed to introduce participants to the sport of paddling, with a perfect opportunity to explore a local river and learn basic skills. Join Metro Parks on a local Nashville Blueway and explore a great section of the Harpeth River. This trip is designed to introduce participants to canoeing or kayaking in a fun, safe, and scenic environment. \$25 per person includes canoe or kayak, paddle, life jacket, shuttle, and guide service.
Leaders: Lisa King and Neel Deshpande



AUGUST

Bats are the Best!

Friday, August 2
7:30-8:30 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens July 18

Bugs bugging you? Bats eat those pesky bugs, and have amazing life cycles and abilities. Learn all about bats during this fun-filled evening of games, songs, and evening exploration.
Leader: Vera Vollbrecht and Nature Center Staff



Summer Saturdays: Searching for Spiders

Saturday, August 3
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not required

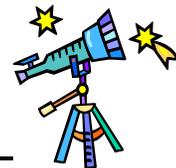
What has 8 legs, no antennae, and spinnerets for making web? Spiders! We will look for Writing Spiders in the garden, Long-jawed Orb Weavers and Fishing Spiders in the pond, and Purse-web Spiders on the road. Crafts and more will round out our spider spectacle!
Leaders: Heather Gallagher and Nature Center staff

Summer Saturdays: Things that Fly By in the Night Saturday, August 10 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Age level: All ages Registration not required It is time again for the Perseid Meteor Shower and this year it's predicted to be spectacular! Stop by the Nature Center to learn about these fabulous flying objects, and other celestial objects that "fly by in the night!" Leaders: Nature Center Staff



Splash the Trash Saturday, August 10 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Age level: Adults, 13+ Call to register Volunteer to help clean up the Little Harpeth River. Have fun, get wet and experience the river in a whole new way. We'll hike right down the middle and clean up trash along the way. Leader: Paul Fowler

Perseid Meteor Shower Watch Saturday, August 10 8-10 p.m. Age level: All ages Registration opens July 26 Meet at the Nature Center to count meteors with staff and volunteers! Leaders: Heather Gallagher, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers



Summer Salsa Creations Friday, August 16 5:30-7 p.m. Age level: All ages Registration opens August 2 What is better than salsa on a hot summer evening? Starting with fresh tomatoes from our garden, or yours, let's create and eat a wonderful, delicious salsa! Leader: Melissa Donahue

Summer Saturdays: Celebrate Hummingbirds Saturday, August 17 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Age level: All ages Registration not required Hummingbird migration is in full swing! Join the Nature Center staff and volunteers in sending off our ruby-throated visitors. We will have banding demonstrations, children's activities, and hummingbird exhibits to teach you about our smallest bird. Leaders: Heather Gallagher, Nature Center Staff, and Volunteers



Full Moon Pickin' Party Friday, August 23 7-11 p.m. Age level: All ages Call (615) 370-8053 for more information or to volunteer 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 Parks. Leaders: Patrice Nelson, Paul Fowler, and Volunteers



Summer Saturdays: More Hummingbirds! Saturday, August 24 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Age level: All ages Registration not required Can't get enough of our smallest bird? The celebration will continue as we say goodbye to ruby-throated hummingbirds. Leaders: Heather Gallagher, Nature Center Staff, and Volunteers



Duck River Canoe Float Saturday, August 24 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Age level: 12 years & up To register call (615) 862-8400 or email neel.deshpande@nashville.gov Spend your Saturday on the beautiful Duck River, known for its beauty and biodiversity. This trip is designed to introduce participants to canoeing or kayaking in a fun, safe, and scenic environment. \$25 per person includes canoe or kayak, paddle, life jacket, shuttle, and guide service. Leaders: Lisa King and Neel Deshpande



Summer Saturdays: Signs of Autumn Saturday, August 31 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Age level: All ages Registration not required The days are getting shorter, neo-tropical birds are migrating, and fall wildflowers are blooming. The dry summer months are causing leaves to become thick and coarse, and insects fill the fields. Come explore signs of fall! Leaders: Nature Center Staff