

# 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 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 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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 www.friendsofwarnerparks.com

# 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 [NowPlayingNashville.com](http://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, FOWP

## 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**

Saturday, 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 Colombia**

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 Volunteer Birders

**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 Cheryl Stewart**

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

**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

**Nature Center Story Time** Friday, October 3 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, October 3 7-11 p.m.  Age level: All ages Tickets may be purchased through [NowPlayingNashville.com](http://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

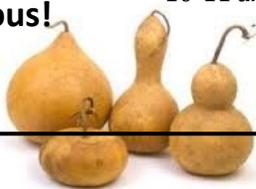
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**Fall Break Fossil Finding!** Tuesday, October 7 10 a.m.-noon Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens September 23 Calling all "Fossil Fanatics"! Join Molly Miller, professor of earth and environmental sciences at Vanderbilt University, and the Nature 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

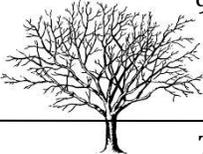
**Outdoor Painting with The Chestnut Group** Wednesday, October 8 10 a.m.-noon Age level: 8-12 years Registration opens September 23 You are invited to join acclaimed artists learning to paint nature first hand in the great outdoors! **The Chestnut Group** is dedicated to the conservation & preservation 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 

**OCTOBER**

<b>Homeschool Journeys: Insects and Plants</b>	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
<b>Astronomy Fun!</b>	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
<b>Fall Migration Bird Hike</b>	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
<b>Scavenger Hunts All Day</b>	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
<b>Greenway Getaway</b>	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
<b>International Garden Cooking: A Taste of India</b>	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
<b>Nature Center Story Time</b>	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
<b>Deep Wells at Dark</b>	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
<b>Rock &amp; Road Relay, Marathon &amp; 5k</b>	Saturday, October 18 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages <a href="http://rockandroadmarathon.racersonline.com">rockandroadmarathon.racersonline.com</a> 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
<b>Autumn Sunrise Hike</b>	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
<b>Darling, You Look GOURDgeous!</b>	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



# NOVEMBER

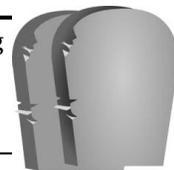
<b>Bob Brown Program Series: Warner Parks Tree Hike</b>	Saturday, October 25 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Join Naturalist Deb Beazley on this informative, inspirational tree walk through Warner Park, while honoring and remembering long-time Volunteer and Friend, Bob Brown and his dog Trouble. <b>Leader: Deb Beazley</b>	
<b>Webelos Scouts: Forester Badge</b>	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. <b>Leader: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers</b>	
<b>Gone to Seed</b>	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. <b>Leader: Heather Gallagher</b>	
	<b>Explore Vaughn's Cave</b>	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. <b>Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Vera Vollbrecht</b>
<b>Hill Forest Hike</b>		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! <b>Leader: Heather Gallagher</b>
<b>Citizen Science: Project Feeder Watch</b>		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. <b>Leader: Melissa Donahue</b>
<b>Nature Center Story Time</b>	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! <b>Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers</b>	
<b>Beekeeping 101</b>	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. <b>Leaders: Dr. Clarence Collison, Melissa Donahue, and Volunteer Beekeepers</b>	
<b>Homeschool Journeys: Geology</b>	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. <b>Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers</b>	
<b>Mushrooms</b>		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. <b>Leader: Deb Beazley</b>
<b>Explore the Fallen Forest</b>	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. <b>Leader: Rachel Anderson</b>	
<b>Nature Center Story Time</b>	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! <b>Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers</b>	

## 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



# DECEMBER

## 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