

# Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

## May & June 2012 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  
days a week from dawn to dusk.

### Mailing Address:

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### Website:

<http://nashville.gov/parks/nature/sbnc/index.asp>



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

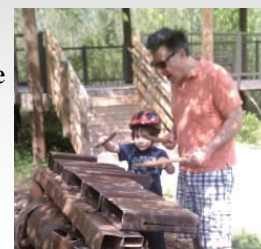


It sounds like summer's coming! Or is that just the constant chiming of the new Sound Garden?? Thanks to *Built Custom Works* for designing, constructing, installing, and, most importantly, donating our newest piece of the Nature Play experience! Thanks also to *Anderson Tree Specialists* which provided the construction

equipment and the MOMS Club of East Nashville which raised money to purchase the cool new metal crayfish mascot attached over the entryway to Nature Play. (Those are what makes those weird mud chimneys all over the ground!)

And since it was for a Sound Garden, *Sound Forest* got in on the fun, donating and planting many new young trees on the nature center's campus! Thanks to all involved, including the awesome volunteers, for making Nature Play even more fun! Look for more additions in the near future...

And speaking of fun and the future, we have some fun programs coming up for summer, including a Team Green & CrossFit Bootcamp! Take a look at the schedule and call or email to sign up for one or more programs today!



## MAY

### Sunset Picking Party



Friday, May 4  
5-7 p.m.  
Age level: All ages  
Call or email to register

This will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of hosting this fun event that brings two great things together for a pleasant evening: music and nature! If you play a string instrument and want to join in or if you just want to listen... everyone is welcome!  
Host: Christie Wiser

### "Green" Bike Ride



Saturday, May 5  
9:30-11 a.m.  
Age level: 14 & Up. **Under 18 must bring own bike**  
Call or email to register

Participants will be led by a naturalist on a bicycle tour of the Shelby Bottoms Greenway and will learn a bit about the natural history of the area and about Nashville's free GreenBikes program while getting a great workout too. *Teens aged 14-17 welcome but must bring own bike.*  
Leader: Lisa King

### What Predator are You?

Saturday, May 12  
10-11 a.m.  
Age level: All ages  
Call or email to register

Discover which Shelby Bottoms predator you would be! We will go on a hike looking for signs of predators and prey, take a ferocious predator test, then make a delicious treat fit for any wild animal!  
Leader: Bonnie Bowles



### Wild about Flowers



Saturday, May 19  
2-3 p.m.  
Age level: All ages  
Call or email to register

Warmer temps and sunny days bring one of the most eye-catching things found in nature... wild flowers! Join us for a short hike and discover some common flowers that are showcased this time of year.  
Leader: Christie Wiser

## May 24, 2012 — Last Day of School for MNPS!

### Intro to Nature Play 101

Friday, May 25  
10-11 a.m.  
Age level: All ages  
Call or email to register

Haven't been to check out the new Nature Play area yet? Not sure what to do there? Well, celebrate the first day of summer vacation with a naturalist facilitated experience. We'll play in the mud, sand, and gravel pits, maybe add to the fort, and whatever else we decide to do. Warning: you WILL get wet. Wear clothes to get filthy. Rinse off station available. Rain or shine.  
Leader: Denise Weyer

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### Back Porch Mammal Movie Marathon



Friday, May 25  
12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Age level: All ages  
Call or email to register

School is out for summer and it's time to get to the nature center and get involved in all the fun things we have to offer! Anyone is welcome to this movie marathon, but it is also a great opportunity to get started on our Jr. Naturalist requirements for this year's badge — mammals! Come learn more about mammals while enjoying the views from our back porch.  
Leader: Christie Wiser

### Camouflage in the Wild

Saturday, May 26  
10-11 a.m.  
Age level: All ages  
Call or email to register

Join us for a hike to discover where all of the animals have been hiding! We will take a few pointers from nature on how to disguise ourselves before we venture out into the wild of Shelby Bottoms!  
Leader: Bonnie Bowles

## JUNE

### School's out for Summer!

Friday, June 1  
1-2:30p.m.  
Age level: Ages 6-12  
Call or email to register

Now that school is finally over, it's time to have some fun! Join us for a field day of races and games here at the nature center. Make sure to wear your play clothes!  
Leader: Bonnie Bowles

### It's a "Trailgate" Party!



Saturday, June 2  
10-11 a.m.  
Age level: All ages  
Call or email to register

Today is National Trails Day and the theme this year is "World's Largest Trailgate Party," so let's show our support and hit the trails here at our park! We will meet at the nature center then hike about 1-2 miles on the primitive trails. After our hike, we will close our trailgate party with lemonade and trail mix!  
Leader: Christie Wiser

### Leaf Printing

Wednesday, June 13  
10-11 a.m.  
Age level: All ages  
Call or email to register

Join us to learn about the trees of Shelby Bottoms. We will make leaf prints, and then take a hike to see if we can identify the trees our leaves belong to.  
Leader: Bonnie Bowles

### Happy "Fur" Fathers Day



Saturday, June 16  
2-3 p.m.  
Age level: All ages  
Call or email to register

Come celebrate the members of the mammal family that live here in the park... especially the DADS! We will explore the roles that some male mammals serve as a dad, then take a hike and end with a fun craft!  
Leader: Christie Wiser

### Summer Solstice Party

Wednesday, June 20  
1-2p.m.  
Age level: All ages  
Call or email to register

We will celebrate the longest day of the year with solstice crafts and activities. Join us to learn what this day is all about!  
Leader: Bonnie Bowles

### Great American Backyard Campout

Saturday, June 23  
1-3 p.m.  
Age level: All ages  
Call or email to register

On June 23rd, thousands of families will come together for a day of exploration and adventure as part of Great American Backyard Campout. All you need is a taste for adventure and a desire to share the great outdoors with your children. Head over to the nature center this afternoon and we'll help you get ready for this nationwide event tonight!  
Leaders: Lisa King & SBNC Staff

### Team Green & CrossFit Baseball Bootcamp

Saturday, June 30  
Time: TBA  
Age level: Adults  
**Registration required!**  
Register online at  
[www.teamgreenadventures.com](http://www.teamgreenadventures.com)

This is a bootcamp unlike any other! Team Green Adventures and CrossFit Music City have combined forces to give you the most unique exercise experience you've ever had! This bootcamp takes the competitive structure of baseball and the high impact results of CrossFit training to give you a baseball game with no strikes, no bat, and no baseball...but you can still earn home runs! And best of all—it can fit all fitness levels and it's here at Shelby Bottoms! Check out Team Green website for more details.  
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