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adults, \$8
seniors 65 and over, \$6
children 3-12, \$5
children 2 and under, free
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Kingfisher



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Introducing the Cowie-Weiss Theater

A new INDOOR experience is making the Chattahoochee Nature Center the place to be this winter. Come in from the cold and enjoy the Cowie-Weiss Theater, the newest addition to our Discovery Center. Experience high definition, surround sound films on an enormous, 8½ foot wide screen. For live programs and performances, visitors can relax in one of the 65 theater style seats. Throughout the winter, CNC is proud to show off this new attraction with live performances and engaging films. Be sure not to miss all the exciting programming taking place in the Cowie-Weiss Theater!

Live Entertainment!

Films That Make You Think!

Camp Kingfisher Summer 2010 May 31- August 6 One & Two Week Sessions



Camp Open House!
Saturday, January 30th
1:00pm – 4:00pm
Learn more about Camp Kingfisher while you enjoy camp tours, animal demos, marshmallow roasting and much more!

Early registration for members begins January 4!
A summer of fun with nature for campers entering grades kindergarten through 9th. Each session focuses on a specific topic and is full of hands-on nature activities.

Activities include: canoeing, swimming, arts & crafts, nature hikes, science exploration activities, special performances, live animal encounters!

Travel Program! Our newest program is exclusively for entering 8th & 9th graders. Activities include: day trips to national parks, outdoor adventures, extended river trips, and an outdoor overnight at CNC.

Leadership Training Program! Entering 10th, 11th, and 12th graders can join the Leadership and Naturalist Training Program for experience in handling animals, leading hikes, playing with kids & canoeing.



For more information call (770) 992-2055, ext 222 or email campkingfisher@chattnaturecenter.org. To download registration forms please visit www.chattnaturecenter.org/camp-kingfisher.

Winter Break Camp 2009

REGISTRATION BEGINS NOVEMBER 9

Come explore nature in winter time! You'll learn what plants, animals, and camp counselors do to stay warm and cozy. Choose one week or both to add lots of fun to your winter break.

SUMMER SPECIAL!

Winter Break Camp attendees can register and pay in full for Summer 2010 between December 21st and 30th, 2009. Pay only \$300 per full day week!

Kindergarten – 7th Grade
Fees are per week. No charge for extended care.
Dates: Week 1: Monday - Wednesday, December 21–23
Week 2: Monday - Wednesday, December 28–30
Hours: Half Day 9:00am-12:50pm
Full Day 9:00am-4:00pm
Extended Care 8:30am-9am & 4pm-6:15pm
Fees: Half Day: \$160 Non-members, \$140 Members
Full Day: \$200 Non-members, \$180 Members

Saturday, December 12, 11:00 AM
Cathy Kaemmerlen - Tales for the Holidays
What better way to learn about holiday traditions and folklore than through stories? Cathy spins tales of the holidays and makes them all more fun, memorable and delicious! All ages.
Saturday, December 26, 11:00 AM
Dave Holland - Drumming up the Stories
Join in this fun-filled, percussion-loaded learning extravaganza as Dave sings, drums and narrates his way through an array of world folktales. All ages.
Saturday, January 9, 11:00 AM
Nella Rigell - Lyres, Kings & Gaelic Strings
Nella entrances audiences as she traces the harp's history from an ordinary hunter's bow to the magnificent modern concert grand harp. Visitors will get an opportunity to try out the harp in an unusual jam session. All ages.
Saturday, January 23, 11:00 AM
Tip Tap Two - Beat & Rhythm, Evolution of Tap
With rapid-fire footwork and flashy improvised moves, Tip Tap Two shows off the diverse styles of tap. Learn to make music with your feet! All ages.
Saturday, February 13, 11:00 AM
Laughing Matters - Acting Out
Laughing Matters' improvisation will tickle the funny bone as you share your ideas and take part in the unscripted, unexpected and hilarious results. A CNC favorite year after year! All ages.
Saturday, February 27, 11:00 AM
Piccadilly Puppets - Butterfly Ballad
Follow the story of butterflies Katy and Kevin Caterpillar as they grow and make an amazing journey to Mexico and back. All ages.

December 19 & 20, 1:00 PM
The Botany of Desire
Based on Michael Pollan's best-selling book, this film takes viewers on an eye-opening exploration of the human relationship with the plant world - seen from the plants' point of view. Appropriate for adult audiences.
December 27, 1:00 PM
The Natural History of the Chicken
Most people best know the chicken from their dinner plates. But what of the bird's many virtues? This film delightfully reveals that this seemingly simple animal is as complex as any of Earth's creatures. Appropriate for all ages.
January 2 & 3, 1:00 PM
Green Builders
Discover green building pioneers who reveal that building greener is less complicated and expensive than you probably thought, and more rewarding in the long run. Most appropriate for ages 10 and up.
January 16 & 17, 1:00 PM
The Naturalist
Kent Bonar is one of America's great naturalists. Living without modern amenities in the tradition of Thoreau, Leopold and Muir, Bonar has spent his life observing and recording the natural history of the Missouri and Arkansas Ozarks. Most appropriate for ages 10 and up.
January 30 & 31, 1:00 PM
King Corn
Follow Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis' journey to the heartland to learn where their food comes from. This film provides a unique look at how we eat and how we farm. Most appropriate for ages 10 and up.
February 20 & 21, 1:00 PM
Seeing in the Dark
This film introduces the wonders of the night sky and how casual stargazers and serious amateurs have made astronomy a part of their lives. Appropriate for all ages.

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Volunteers Make CNC Possible!

Wildlife Volunteers: Volunteers are the backbone of the Wildlife Department. They donate a combined total of more than 350 hours each month assisting with the daily care of our permanent residents, as well as the 400 or more injured snakes, turtles, tortoises, amphibians and raptors that CNC receives each year. While cleaning cages, cutting up food and medicating wild animals might not sound engaging to some people, approximately one-third of the volunteers have been with the department for more than 5 years! We also serve as a mentorship site for several area high schools' talented and gifted (TAG) programs. This year we have students from 4 different schools interning with us to explore the world of animal husbandry and conservation. Many of our previous interns have gone on to careers in animal-related fields such as vet school and veterinary illustration. We cannot thank our volunteers and interns enough for the support they give to the Wildlife Department. *Pictured L to R: Wildlife Volunteers Jim & Norma Solomon & Michael Bartell*



Docents: Docents are an important part of the CNC family. These are the folks that are out there sharing their love of the natural world with visitors through hikes on the River Boardwalk, getting a child's face to light up as the box turtle slowly walks around, or helping adults learn about the river's importance in the Discovery Center. Docents volunteer because it gives to them as much as it gives to CNC. Cori Holmes, a docent for 5 years, likes being able to volunteer with her friend Deb Krumb; together they are able to share their interest in nature with our visitors. Sally Warnken, a CNC volunteer for 19 years and a docent for 8 years, sums it up best about why she volunteers at CNC. "I think the Chattahoochee Nature Center is my favorite place to be. Because of the people who work and volunteer here, it's wonderful." Docents are what helped CNC become what it is today! *Pictured: Docent Lisa Simpson*



The ChattPACK: The charter members of our new friends' guild, The ChattPACK, had a fantastic first year! This exciting and dynamic team got involved with the Center on many levels, helping us create adult events for the community while connecting with each other through their own social events. We want to especially thank this dedicated group of charter ChattPACK members who helped raise funds while creating exciting new events such as the Wine & Cheese Grand Opening Preview Party and an Audubon Evening. They helped with the Grand Opening Donor Luncheon and Halloween Hikes as well as promoting CNC in the community.



L to R - ChattPACK Members Lou Tibickman,
Pat Price, Harriete Hoyt

Get to Know Our Staff!



Cindy Geisler - Camp and Adult Programs Coordinator:
I joined the nature center on a rather interesting day, Halloween 2008! My position is Camp & Adult Programs Coordinator and I couldn't be happier! Having moved back home (Atlanta) in September of 2008 I found myself searching for a job and a new path. The moment I stepped onto the CNC property I knew this is where I wanted to be! I can truly relate to the mission here at CNC and I am glad to be working within the environmental community of Georgia.



Lisa Cole - Horticulture:
Lisa joined the CNC in June as our new horticulturist and was thrown right into all of the work around the grand opening of our new facilities. During her studies to become an Environmental Horticulturist at North Metro Technical College she interned at the Nature Center and worked on the planting of the green roof of our new Discovery Center. She is a Marietta native and enjoys hiking in the North Georgia Mountains. "CNC represents many things that are important to me: the ability to be a part of the natural world, the ever-changing creative freedom in working with plants, and the education of others in why our world is to be treasured. I am honored to join such a devoted and talented team of professionals and volunteers."

Special Thanks!



L to R - Maureen Cowie,
son Samuel, daughter Sara
and David Weiss

When we planned the new Discovery Center, one of our principal goals was to provide an indoor space at CNC where our members and visitors could find year-round refuge from the heat, cold and rain. A major component of this plan was the theater that sits adjacent to the Nature Exchange. As our capital campaign drew to a close and we began construction of the building, we had to put this dream on hold until we could find the funding for the audio-video equipment and the theater seats. Short of cash, we opened the new Center in June without this exciting venue. Then, one day we received a phone call from CNC board trustee Maureen Cowie. Maureen, along with her husband David Weiss, stepped up with a major gift to CNC that made it possible for us to complete this important new venue. Beginning in December, we are proud to offer a wide variety of educational and entertaining programs that are sure to delight members and visitors of all ages. So, as the days grow cold and you are looking for an excuse to get on over to the Nature Center, check out the programs in the new Cowie-Weiss Theater. *Many thanks to Maureen and David for making this dream a reality.*

Outside the main entrance to the Discovery Center stands a beautiful sculpture entitled "Learning to Fly." This bronze sculpture of a wood duck and young boy, complete with a Camp Kingfisher t-shirt, is the creative collaboration of sculptors Don Haugen and Teena Stern. This husband and wife team worked countless hours sculpting each piece out of clay. Once the clay model is complete, the sculptures go through a process known as the Lost Wax method. Don and Teena have worked on countless sculptures throughout the country, including the Vietnam War Memorial in Roswell and the ballet dancers at the Atlanta Civic Center.



The Chattahoochee Nature Center would like to thank Don and Teena for their generosity in donating this unique, one-of-a-kind piece. It is a masterpiece we are proud to display!

To learn more about the work of Don Haugen and Teena Stern,
please visit www.haugensculpture.com

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Master Gardeners: The Cobb County Master gardeners that come out every Monday have done a tremendous job on the grounds at CNC. They have adopted the butterfly garden, a task that by itself is daunting. They also maintain various other gardens at CNC. One very important task they accomplish is using our greenhouse throughout the winter to propagate the plants that are our wonderful spring, summer and fall flowers. Special thanks go to Cheryle Kerr and Bill Goldstrom of the master gardening program that have taken on the task of communicating with the volunteers and sending out weekly updates on what needs to be done in the gardens or in the greenhouse. Thanks for keeping our gardens beautiful!



Master Gardeners meet at the CNC Greenhouse



Camp Kingfisher Leadership Training Program:

Each year when prospective candidates for Camp Kingfisher's High School Leadership Training (LIT) Program are interviewed, they are asked "Why do you want to spend your summer canoeing in the hot sun and working with kids?" The answers are a testament to the hard-working, dedicated and enthusiastic young adults that become LITs each summer. They want to spend their summers making a difference, being outside and helping kids be better stewards of the earth. It's a lofty goal, but one they never fail to accomplish. Some have such meaningful experiences that they come back as docents, staff, or support

CNC with an Eagle Scout Project or Gold Award. Camp Kingfisher is lucky to have the opportunity to support such dedicated teenagers as they make each day at Camp Kingfisher a "Summer of Fun with Nature!"

Recycling: A special thanks goes out to Horst Tauchert, CNC's recycling man! Horst collects all the recycling from CNC every Tuesday in his bright red pick-up truck. This is not an easy task, but Horst has become quite the pro at it! Originally from Germany, Horst moved to Roswell, Georgia in 1985 and has been visiting CNC since 1986. Horst, who has been volunteering for over 5 years, says "The CNC is a valuable asset to the Greater Atlanta community. I have enjoyed seeing the facility grow over the many years I have been visiting it." CNC says thanks for your dedication!



Board of Trustees: The Chattahoochee Nature Center would like to thank our dedicated volunteers that serve on our Board of Trustees. Our trustees work diligently to promote CNC's mission and to fulfill our organizational goals. We greatly appreciate the time, talent and commitment each of these individuals provide to make CNC a genuine community asset. CNC would like to recognize Scott Ward, Owner of Play it Again Sports. After six years of service to CNC, Scott Ward is

retiring from the Board of Trustees and leaves behind him a legacy of good work. Upon coming to CNC, Scott Ward immediately channeled his enthusiasm into starting an annual fund-raising golf tournament that has helped raise more than \$150,000 for CNC. Scott has been instrumental in promoting the value of CNC to the community and connecting CNC to his other passion, scouting. Pictured L to R: Board Members Scott Ward, Ronald Miller, Tanya Blalock, Al Edwards, and Mid Thorne

Thank you to all who dedicate their time and talents to CNC! Without you, CNC would not be able to offer such dynamic programming, special events, and more! You make it possible!

December

Celebrate the Season

Back to Nature Holiday Market and Festival

Saturday, December 5, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Come celebrate the season at the Chattahoochee Nature Center!

We will have a snowflake scavenger hunt, natural crafts for kids, hot cocoa to enjoy, musical entertainment to get you in the spirit and a holiday shop around! Choose from local hand-made goods to make your holiday gift giving special. Festivities conclude in time for you to join in with the lighting of Roswell's Town Square. Check out our website for more information.

If you know of exhibitors who may be interested in participating or for more information, please call (770) 992-2055 ext. 236 or send a message to r.gilbert@chattnaturecenter.org



Book Online!

Explore Your Watershed

Master Naturalist Certification Class - Ages 16 to Adult.
Classes held on 2nd Tuesday of the Month, December thru August.
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, \$240 non-members/\$210 members
The Georgia Master Naturalist program is a hands-on environmental education program that explores habitats and ecosystems in Georgia. A combination of lectures and hands-on learning through field studies and relevant resource materials. After completing this fun and interactive program, the Georgia Master Naturalists are encouraged to share their knowledge with their communities by volunteering in local schools or nature centers. For more information on this certification program visit <http://www.forestry.uga.edu/outreach/georgia-master-naturalist.php>.
Class offered 4 times each year. For future dates, please contact us.

Winter Weekends in December in the Cowie-Weiss Theater

It may be blustery outside – but at CNC we have exciting happenings indoors as well as outdoors! Join us for Saturdays full of music, film, dance, and theater. There will be something for everyone in the family!
Please arrive early!
Doors will close at start time.

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Dave Holland
Drumming up the Stories

December 27, 1:00 PM:
Film: *Natural History of the Chicken*

Find the rhythm of music with Dave Holland on December 26!

See front cover for more details!



Winter Stars

Sunday, December 13, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
(Two 25-Minute Sessions),
Ages 5 and up

It's chilly outside but warm inside our STARLAB! Children and adults will delight in learning what stars they will find in the winter sky inside our inflatable planetarium.

Except when noted, featured calendar events are included with admission costs and FREE to CNC Members

Pre-Registration: 770.992.2055 x 237, Scheduling@chattnaturecenter.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Story Time by the River Green Building Tour	4 Creature Feature	5 Creature Feature	6 Chattahoochee Challenge Urban Forestry Day Brownie Overnight Guided Hike Feeding Time Creature Feature
7 Winter STARLAB Green Building Tour Guided Hike Creature Feature	8	9 Pee-Wee Naturalist Feeding Time	10 Green Building Tour	11 Creature Feature	12 Bio Buggies Creature Feature	13 Winter Weekends Adult Bird Walk Guided Hike Feeding Time Creature Feature
14 Great Backyard Bird Count Green Building Tour Guided Hike Creature Feature	15 Spring Break Camp Registration Begins Bio Buggies	16 Feeding Time	17 Pee-Wee Naturalist Green Building Tour	18 Creature Feature	19 Creature Feature	20 Winter Weekends Junior Overnight Guided Hike Feeding Time Creature Feature
21 Winter Weekends Turtle Treats Guided Hike Green Building Tour Creature Feature	22	23 Feeding Time	24 Bio Buggies Green Building Tour	25 Nature Explorers Creature Feature	26 Creature Feature	27 Winter Weekends Guided Hike Feeding Time Creature Feature
28 Docent Orientation Green Building Tour Guided Hike Creature Feature						

Last Sunday of the Month - FREE admission to Roswell residents!

Creature Feature Outstanding Owls

Thursdays & Fridays, 4:00pm,
Saturdays & Sundays, 2:00pm
Discover what makes these raptors so outstanding! Did you know that February marks the beginning of the breeding season for some owls? Warm up in our Discovery Center and visit with a CNC non-releasable owl!

Feeding Time

Tuesdays & Saturdays at 4:00pm
Join a naturalist for an in-depth look at one of our resident animals as our Wildlife Department feeds them!

Guided Nature Hike

Saturdays & Sundays at 3:00pm
CNC docents will reveal the hidden mysteries of our unique trails!

Green Building Tour

Wednesdays at 1:00pm & Sundays at 4:00pm
Learn about our "green" building and what you can do for your home to go green!

Story Time by the River

Wednesday, February 3,
10:00 – 11:00am, Ages 3 – 5
Join volunteers for a fun story time at CNC. Using books, puppets, and other props, they tell stories about those nocturnal birds – owls!

Bio-Buggies

Friday, February 12, Monday, February 15, and Wednesday, February 24,
1:30 – 3:00pm, Ages 4 – 12
Visit the our Bio-Buggies to explore the variety of birds or insects that call the CNC home!

Turtle Treats

Sunday, February 21, 12:30 – 1:45pm,
Ages 3 – 6, \$30 Non-Members/\$15 Members,
Price per child. 1 adult required & admitted free.
Pre-Registration Required

Come explore the world of turtles with our naturalists and wildlife staff! Create your own turtle shell to wear, play turtle games, and get the opportunity to see what our turtles and tortoises eat while you enjoy some healthy and tasty turtle treats!

Docent Orientation

Sunday, February 28, 12:30 – 5:00pm, FREE,
Pre-Registration Required
In this introduction class, we will explore the various areas of education volunteering, including leading guided hikes on the weekends, interpreting exhibits around the grounds, and doing live animal presentations for visitors.



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**February 6, 2010
8:00AM**

A Peachtree Road Race Qualifier

Get your best time on a FUN, FAST & FLAT course!
Presented by **Big Peach Running Company**
Download a registration form at
www.chattnaturecenter.org/chattahoochee-challenge
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February *Explore the Winter Sky*

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Mystery Item Contest in the Nature Exchange

Good at solving mysteries?
Are you an expert at identification?
Need a challenge for winter days?



The Nature Exchange has a mystery for you to solve! Visit the Nature Exchange at chattnaturecenter.org/nature-exchange to check out the new mystery item. If you think you know what the object is, stop by the Nature Exchange and give the Naturalist your guess. Guess correctly and earn 300 bonus Nature Exchange points! New mystery items will be posted each week from January 4 through February 22!



Great Backyard Bird Count

Sunday, February 14, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, All Ages

Come and learn more about how you can be involved in the Great Backyard Bird Count. Explore the Bird Bio Buggy and see CNC's resident birds up close.

Winter Weekends in February in the Cowie-Weiss Theater

February 6, 1:00 PM:
Film: *Urban Forestry*

February 13, 11:00 AM:
Laughing Matters
Acting Out Improv

February 20 & 21, 1:00 PM:
Film: *Seeing in the Dark*

February 27, 11:00 AM:
Piccadilly Puppets
Butterfly Ballad



Get your giggles out with *Laughing Matters* on February 13th at CNC!

See Front Cover for more details!

GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION



Urban Forestry Day

Saturday, February 6, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Sponsored by the Georgia Forestry Commission in partnership with the Georgia Urban Forest Council

Come and explore the wonders of the woods – trees! Join in for the Statewide Arbor Day Celebration as experts help you learn how to correctly plant a tree, go on a guided hike in the woods, learn what trees are best to plant around your home, and more! Families can take home a free seedling to plant in their yard!



Explore Your Watershed



Bird Walk for Adults

Saturday, February 13, 8 – 10 AM
Join the Atlanta Audubon President and Master Birder, Stacy Zarpentine, for a morning bird walk to discover what feathered friends you will find around the grounds.

Winter Stars

Sunday, February 7, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
(Two 25-minute sessions),
Ages 5 - Adult

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6 Mammal Merit Badge Guided Hike Green Building Tour Creature Feature	7	8 Pee-Wee Naturalist Feeding Time	9 Green Building Tour	10 Creature Feature	11 Creature Feature	12 Winter Weekends Adult Bird Walk Guided Hike Feeding Time Creature Feature
13 Winter STARLAB Green Building Tour Guided Hike Creature Feature	14	15 Feeding Time	16 Pee-Wee Naturalist Green Building Tour	17 Creature Feature	18 Creature Feature	19 Winter Weekends Feeding Time Guided Hike Creature Feature
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Creature Feature:

Animal Decorations
Thursdays and Fridays at 4pm,
Saturdays and Sundays, 2pm, All Ages
Additional Creature Feature on the following dates: December 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, & 30 at 3:00pm

Nature has some interesting coloration over the winter. Animals come in a variety of colors and have a variety of adaptations that help them blend in (or stand out) in their surroundings. Come visit a CNC resident animal to find out how they are "decorated."

Feeding Time

Tuesdays and Saturdays at 4:00pm
Your chance for an in-depth look at one of our resident animals as our Wildlife Department feeds them!

Guided Nature Hike

Saturdays & Sundays at 3:00pm
CNC docents will reveal the hidden mysteries of our unique trails! Discover something new each week!

Green Building Tour

Wednesdays at 1:00pm & Sundays at 4:00pm
Learn about our "green" building & what you can do for your home to go green!

Story Time by the River

Wednesday, December 2,
10:00 - 11:00am, Ages 3 – 5
Join volunteers for a fun story time at CNC. Using books, puppets, and other props, they tell stories about nature's gifts!

Book Online!

Early Childhood Programs

adult helper required & admitted free,
Pre-Registration Required

Pee-Wee Naturalist Winter Series

Ages 3 & 4, 9:45 - 11:00am,
\$50 Non-Members/\$35 Members,
Tuesdays: December 8, January 12, & February 9
OR Wednesdays: December 16, January 20, & February 17
Explore nature while focusing on Flying South for Winter, Crazy Camouflage & Winter Hibernators!!

Bird Walk for Adults

Saturday, December 12, 8:00 – 10:00am
Join the Atlanta Audubon Society President and Master Birder, Stacy Zarpentine, for a morning bird walk to discover what feathered friends you will find around the grounds.

Mammal Study Badge for Boy Scouts

Sunday, December 6, 12:30 – 5:00pm,
Special Price \$15 Per Scout*,
Pre-Registration Required
In this 4-hour workshop, discover what makes a mammal a mammal, learn about one of the mammals that CNC has in rehabilitation, find out how we get our biofacts and what we have to do to preserve them and discuss the delicate balance of the Chattahoochee River's ecosystem. A half-hour break is included. Register at 770-992-2055 ext. 249 or email scouts@chattnaturecenter.org.

*Program sponsored by the Will Alexander Scout Scholarship which reduces the normal \$25 fee.

Winter Break Camp

December 21 -23
&
December 28-30

See Back Cover for More Details!

January *Discover Animals of Winter*

Except when noted, featured calendar events are included with admission costs and FREE to CNC Members

Mystery Item Contest in the Nature Exchange

Good at solving mysteries?
Are you an expert at identification?
Need a challenge for winter days?



The Nature Exchange has a mystery for you to solve! Visit the Nature Exchange at chattnaturecenter.org/nature-exchange to check out the new mystery item. If you think you know what the object is, stop by the Nature Exchange and give the Naturalist your guess. Guess correctly and earn 300 bonus Nature Exchange points! New mystery items will be posted each week from January 4 through February 22!



Opossum Breakfast

January 30, 9:45 – 11:00 AM,
Ages 5 – 10,
\$30 Non-Members/\$15 Members
(price per child – 1 adult required and admitted free)
Pre-Registration Required
Come meet the CNC resident marsupials and have breakfast with them! Explore what makes these creatures so unique through games and activities and enjoy a light breakfast!

Winter Weekends in January in the Cowie-Weiss Theater

January 2 & 3, 1:00 PM:
Film: *Green Builders*

January 9, 11:00 AM & 12:00 PM:
Nella Rigell - Lyres, Kings, & Gaelic Strings

January 16 & 17, 1:00 PM:
Film: *The Naturalist*

January 23, 11:00 AM:
Tip Tap Two - Evolution of Tap

January 30 & 31, 1:00 PM:
King Corn

Tap Your Toes
with Tip Tap Two
on January 23!

See Front Cover
for more details!



Certified Interpretative Guide

Become a Certified Interpretative Guide (CIG) with the National Association for Interpretation and connect minds and hearts to the beauty of nature & the mysteries of history. The CIG training in interpretive techniques is gaining recognition by parks, zoos, museums, nature centers and aquariums around the world. You can learn more about the National Association of Interpretation at www.interpnet.com. CNC will be offering individual sign-up classes and can customize a class for a group of 8-20 in any location.

This is a 4-day certification class (daily, weekly or monthly).

Class fees range from \$230-\$360 per student.

For upcoming dates, to schedule group trainings or to learn more, contact Amy Bram at (770) 992-2055 x232 or a.bram@chattnaturecenter.org.



Explore Your Watershed



Winter Stars

Sunday, January 10, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
(Two 25-Minute Sessions), Ages 5 and up
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Last Sunday of the Month -
FREE admission to
Roswell residents!

creature Feature: Movers & Sleepers
Thursdays & Fridays, 4:00pm,
Saturdays & Sundays, 2:00pm
What do animals in Georgia do during the wintertime? Do they change colors or move away? Do they sleep all day? Find out about the movers and sleepers while you visit with a CNC resident animal!

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Bird Bio-Buggy
Monday, January 4,
1:30pm – 3:00pm, Ages 4 – 12
Visit the Bird Bio-Buggy to learn about birds you may see during the winter! Try to spot some of our feathered friends with binoculars.

Story Time by the River
Wednesday, January 6,
10:00 – 11:00am, Ages 3 – 5
Join volunteers for a fun story time at CNC about what animals do in the winter. Watch as the stories come to life!

CNC Service Day
Monday, January 18,
10:00am – 2:00pm, Ages 10 to adult,
Pre-Registration Required
Come help CNC clear trails, pull privet, mulch trails, and other projects that are needed around the grounds. The registration deadline to volunteer for this event is Mon., Jan. 11, 2009. Contact r.gilbert@chattnaturecenter.org or 770-992-2055 ext. 236.

2nd Annual Cardboard City
Sunday, January 24,
12:30pm – 4:30pm, All Ages
Let's create our own city out of cardboard boxes! Bring in your empty cardboard boxes and other recyclable items (tin cans, plastic bottles, PVC pipes, just to name a few) to recreate downtown Atlanta as you see fit. Use your creativity to turn everyday objects into a booming metropolis!

Nature Explorers Ages 5 & 6
Thursday, January 28 and February 25,
3:30 – 4:45pm,
\$35 Non-Members/\$25 Members,
Pre-Registration Required
Explore nature while focusing on Magnificent Mammals and Creepy Crawlies!

Wildlife Conservation Pin for Cub Scouts
Sunday, January 31, 1:00 – 2:30pm, \$10 Scout
(packs only, please; no individuals),
Pre-Registration Required
Bear and Webelos scouts can earn their Wildlife Conservation Pin at CNC! Learn how and why animals use camouflage, discover how you can help conserve wildlife, and make a plaster cast of an animal track to take home! To register or for more information, please contact the Scout Coordinator at 770-992-2055 ext 249 or email scouts@chattnaturecenter.org.

Book
Online!