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DIVE INTO NATURE THIS FEBRUARY AT THE CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER

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[Roswell, GA] This month we are excited to bring to bring back many popular and family-favorite events, as well as some new ones. One of our new events we look forward to sharing with you is Enchanted Evening. This event is the perfect date night or friend's night out under the stars. Plus, we want you to help pick out our movie! Be sure to follow us on Facebook to participate.

While we can't wait for our new events, we are just as excited for our annual ones as well. Whether you are a seasoned visitor, or new to the area, we welcome you to CNC, and hope you come explore nature with us this month.

February Article: Shimmery Minerals and Rad Rocks The Shore That Once Was – By Wes Hatch, CNC Camp Coordinator

It's hard to believe that glaciers have had a major impact on the Georgia coast, especially when the closest glacier is more than 2,000 miles away. Glaciers are responsible for the rise and fall of the ocean. As glaciers grow, the ocean falls, and as the glaciers recede, the ocean rises. Here in Georgia we have evidence of this rising and falling just an hour to the south of Atlanta.

The Fall Line can be found running northeast from Columbus to Augusta and is about 20 miles wide. This line actually represents an ancient shoreline that existed 65.5 million years ago, back when Georgia was located on the equator. Can you imagine only having to drive an hour to get to the Georgia coast? The Atlantic has since receded to its modern-day place, due to the increase of glaciers at both poles.

The Fall Line is an important divide for plants, animals, and habitats. To the south you can see such animals as the Nine-banded Armadillo or the American Alligator. The habitats differ as well: North of the Fall Line are clay soils and deciduous hardwood forest, including oaks, cherries, and hickories, while the south is composed of sandy soils with pine and swamp forests and tidal marshes. Go out and try to find evidence of this ancient shoreline and compare it to your own backyard.

Events at CNC this February – visit www.chattnaturecenter.org for more events and registration info.

When You Visit

Roswell Rocks

February 19–23, 11 a.m. daily

Get crafty by creating painted rocks. We are painting rocks to "hide" around Roswell and the surrounding area to spread joy and brighten people's day. Add your rock to public areas for others to find. *Included with general admission and free for CNC members.*

Shimmering Minerals Throughout February

When we think of crystals, we often think of ice. This month in the Nature Exchange, we will take a closer look at rocks, minerals, and crystals using hand lenses and microscopes. *Included with general*

admission and free for CNC members.

Homeschool Science: Wetlands Topography

Monday, February 12, 1:45–3 p.m.

Understanding maps is a crucial skill for exploring nature. This month, students will learn how to read simple maps to understand the space around them. We will create a simple scaled map of a wetlands area then build a 3-D model. *Ages 5–13. Included with general admission and free for CNC members.*

STARLAB

Sunday, February 11, 1 p.m. (two 25-minute presentations)

Come to the CNC's inflatable planetarium and have a front-row view of the winter constellations right before your eyes. Because we had a blue moon back in January, we do not have a full moon in February. This event is called a black moon. Come to our STARLAB to learn about moon events and more. *Ages 6+; included with general admission and free for CNC members.*

Special Event

Enchanted Evening

Saturday, February 10, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Whether you're on a first date or have been together for years, come to CNC for a movie date night. Don't have a date? Grab a friend. This event is definitely a departure from the ordinary. Bundle up, bring your favorite blankets, and enjoy a movie on our lawn under the stars. We provide the movie and a cash bar for your convenience. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner. Help us select the movie: Visit our Facebook page to vote. We will announce the winning selection by January 15. *Included with general admission and free to CNC members.*

Family Programs

Mammal Merit Badge

Sunday, February 25, 12–4:30 p.m.

Earn your Mammal Study Merit Badge with hands-on experiences with CNC's own mammal biofacts like furs, skulls and tails. Learn how we acquired these biofacts and spend time with one of CNC's non-releasable mammals. Discuss how important mammals are to the Chattahoochee River's ecosystem with one of our naturalists. *\$40 per scout; register by February 22 (limited spaces)*

Family Night Hike and Campfire

Saturday, February 24, 7–9 p.m.

Winter is one of the best times of year to explore nature at night. The winter world of CNC is one that deserves exploration in the dark. Take a journey with our naturalists along the river boardwalk or venture into the forest on your hike. A campfire will be waiting for you to wrap up the evening. *All Ages; \$12 general public/\$10 CNC members; register by February 22 and save \$2.*

Wetland Restoration Project

Saturday, February 24, 1–4 p.m.

We will remove invasive Chinese privet and other non-natives in and around our wetlands to encourage native plant restoration. Please contact us to reserve a spot for your family or group. *Ages 5+; registration required and open until February 16 or until event has filled. To reserve your spot, email l.lintel@chattnaturecenter.org.*

Adult Programs

Docent Orientation

Sunday, February 18, 12:30–5 p.m.

In this introductory class, we will explore the various areas of education volunteering, including leading guided hikes, interpreting exhibits, and doing animal presentations. *Ages 10+ (children 16 and under must have an adult); free admission; register by February 9 (limited spaces).*

The Nature Club Dine and Discover: Half a Billion Years of Changing Climate

Thursday, February 22, 7–9 p.m.

Dr. Bill Witherspoon, co-author of the popular *Roadside Geology of Georgia*, describes climate change as an enduring part of Earth history. Learn how climate has been driven by the movement of tectonic plates, changes in heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere, volcanoes, and asteroid impacts. *Ages 16+; \$10 general public/\$5 CNC members.*

Winter Bird Seed Fundraiser

Pre-purchase February 2-11; Pick up February 16-18

Just in time for the Great Backyard Bird Count, fill your feeders with Cole's premium birdseed and benefit the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Orders can be placed online or at the Nature Store. Don't forget: CNC Members save 15% on all birdseed.

On Going Programs Throughout the Month

"The Chattahoochee: Re-Imagine Our River" Film Showings: Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and Sundays, 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Wildlife Feeding Time: Tuesdays and Saturdays, 4 p.m.

Trail Hike: Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m.

Creature Feature: Thursdays – Sundays, 2 p.m.

Animal Encounter: Sundays, 4 p.m.

Story Time by the River: 1st Wednesday of Each Month, 10:30 a.m.

Roswell Fine Arts Alliance Exhibit: Roswell Fine Arts Alliance presents this quarter's gallery hanging that highlights works of art created from a variety of mediums, including watercolor, oils, pastels, and more. Works are available for purchase.

About the Chattahoochee Nature Center

CNC is a private non-profit environmental science that is one of North Atlanta's major attractions. CNC's 127 acres along the river in Roswell includes a Discovery Center with the only Nature Exchange in the SE that serves as the interpretive center for the river; plus garden, woodland and river boardwalk trails featuring rehabilitated native wildlife. We serve over 140,000 visitors annually and provide education programs for over 40,000 students. Our mission is to 'connect people with nature' which we do daily through our summer camps, canoe trips, evening concerts, and community programs for all ages. Our Unity Garden provides over 10,000 pounds of fresh produce to North Fulton Community Charities Food Pantry each year.

See Updates on our [FACEBOOK page](#).

For more information or questions, please contact Jon Copsey, marketing manager, at j.copsey@chattnaturecenter.org.

Monday - Saturday from 10-5 pm & noon to 5pm Sunday. Find our programs on our website at

www.chattnaturecenter.org.

General admission: \$6 for Child/\$10 Adult/\$7 Seniors 65+/\$7 Students 13-18/Free CNC Members & Kids 2 and under.

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