

# Wissahickon Environmental Center Calendar

Connecting children, adults and families to the outdoors!

Autumn '15

## THURSDAY TOTS

Bring your little one for an hour of discovery at the Tree House. Each month we will explore a new topic that celebrates the season.

### September 17 | Migrating Monarchs

Explore our meadow of milkweed in search of Monarchs and their eggs, caterpillars, or chrysalises. Collect milkweed seeds to transplant at home or near the tree house.

### October 15 | Pumpkins & Seeds

Pumpkins are so much fun to scoop, squish, and squash. After we have explored the sweet, slimy, orange fruit, we will share them with our wild friends.

### November 19 | Little Lenape

Tots will explore native artifacts, learn about the Lenape children, and create a game, just as they have done.

### December 17 | Evergreen Art

Tots will use their 5 senses to investigate the evergreen trees. Then they will use its bark, cone and needles to create unique pieces of art.

1:00-2:00 p.m. | Ages 3-5 | Parents stay with their child.  
Registration Required | \$5.00 per child per lesson

## Meadow Bird Walks

Sundays, Oct. 25 & Nov. 15

8:00 - 10:00 am



Hosted by local birder, Martin Selzer, these bird hikes take place during fall migration. We'll meet at and check out the birds in Houston Meadow.

All ages. Registration required. FREE

## Adult Full Moon Hike

Tuesday, October 27

6:30-8:00 pm

Hike by the light of the full "Hunter's Moon" and enjoy the peaceful sounds of the darkened forest. Discover the tree silhouettes against the moonlit sky, listen to the crunching sounds of the fallen leaves, or maybe hear the hoot of an owl.

Registration required. Adults Only. FREE



## Candle Dipping

Saturday, November 14

1:00 - 3:00 pm



Candles play a big role in many of the winter holidays. Make your own candles to use during this darker season or give them away as a gift in the spirit of the season! \*This is an outdoor program. Ages 6 & up. Space is limited. Registration required. \$2 per person

## Moth Night

Thursday October 1

7:00-9:00pm

Join us to learn about these nighttime beauties and the moth database registry. Learn how to best observe moths in your home garden, how to construct a simple moth trap, and how



to set up UV light lures. Learn the secret recipe for "B3 Moth Bait". Bring: flash-lights & camera. Be prepared to walk quietly on the trails and woods in the dark. Presented by *Kris Soffa*, Friends of Wissahickon Trail Ambassador. Ages 10 and up. Registration required. FREE

## Apple Pressing on Forbidden Drive

Saturday, October 3

11:00 am - 3:00pm

Join us on Forbidden Drive (near Northwestern Avenue) for this annual celebration of autumn. Help make fresh apple cider using an old-fashioned cider press. Toss an apple in, take a turn at the crank and watch as the cider pours out. Enjoy a taste of the finished product...fresh & delicious apple cider! **NO REGISTRATION.** All ages. Rain or Shine. FREE



## Kids Gone Wild

Saturday, December 12

2:00-3:30 pm

Ready for your kids just to be kids in the woods? Led by our staff, equipped with a few Band-Aids, the kids will go climbing over fallen trees, scrambling over rocks, running through a field, playing in the leaves, and much more! Ages 6-12. Drop-Off. Registration required. FREE



The Tree House is Open  
10 am-4 pm  
every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month!



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