

Groundhog Day

Saturday, January 31, 10 am – noon
Cost: \$7/person, reservations please



How many North American animals have a holiday all to themselves? Only the humble Groundhog, weather prognosticator *extraordinaire!* Celebrate this child friendly holiday at Owl's with a burrow search, stories in the Owl's Hill People Burrow and Groundhog games and crafts. A perfect family event.

Bluebird Workshop



Saturday, February 21, 9 am–Noon
Cost: \$7.00/person, reservations please

Did you know winter is the Bluebird "househunting season?" Now is the time to prepare nest boxes for inspection and this Workshop at Owl's Hill will help you do just that. Following a program and discussion, participants inspect different styles of boxes on our Bluebird Trails. Our well-stocked Bluebird Boutique offers books and other items designed for Bluebird loving friends and family.



HOME SCHOOL DAY Fossil Hunt

Thurs., Feb. 19, 4 pm; \$7/person

This day is reserved for Home School students in fourth grade and up. Learn basic geology, study the Sanctuary's fossil collection and look for fossils along the trail. Do you know why we won't find dinosaur bones? Register as a family or a group. No babies or children under 4, please. Reservations required. www.owlshill.org/homeschool

April Wildflowers

Thursdays in April, 1-3 pm; cost: \$7.00/person

Spring Beauty, Blue-eyed Mary, Larkspur - Middle Tennessee wildflowers are remarkable, so we offer a series of guided walks for **adults ONLY**. Come to one or come to all and watch the progression of spring at Owl's Hill. Walks begin promptly at 1; reservations suggested.

Jeremy Fisher Day

Thursday, April 23, 10-11:30 am

Cost: \$7/person, children must be 3 years old.



This Beatrix Potter story is a perfect introduction to aquatic ecology for young children, complete with a feet-dry tour of a pond. The program includes a sharing of the story and a very Froggy game! Ages 3-7. Reservations, please.

SUMMER CAMP 2009!

Owl's Hill offers "summer as it used to be" day camps for **children ages 3 – 17**. Information & registration available at www.owlshill.org/camp09.

NEW! Boomerang's Birthday!

Saturday, May 16, 1-4 pm
Cost: \$8/person, reservations please.



You are invited to celebrate the joys of spring with this nature extravaganza. Owls, butterflies, wildflowers, nesting birds and schools of tadpoles – all will help Boomerang, our blogging Great Horned Owl, celebrate his birthday. A great family event complete with games, activities, crafts, party favors and birthday cake. Groups welcome. Reservations required.

☆ **NEW!** Explorotopia! Spring Break Activities for Adventurous Naturalists

April 6-9, 9 am -1:30 pm
Cost: \$40/day, registration required

Give your children a real break from the classroom! Owl's Hill Explorotopia offers hikes, games, stories, crafts and outdoor playtime centered on the joys of nature. Each day will feature different hikes and activities; register for one or all. Ages kindergarten (age 5) through 12. www.owlshill.org/camp09

NEW! Earth Day Twilight Hike!

Wed., April 22, 6-7:30 pm;
Cost: \$10.00/person, must be 5 to attend
Gate opens at 5:30 – bring a picnic

Celebrate Earth Day with a picnic & Twilight Hike at Owl's Hill. The program begins at 6; picnickers should arrive at 5:30.

NEW! Private Family Tours

Cost: \$8/person, minimum \$50.00, limit 12 people.
Available on a limited basis; call early to schedule.

Schedule a private tour of Owl's Hill, tailored to the age and interests of your group. All tours include an introduction to our owls. Available during regular business hours.

NEW! Holiday Happenings!

Cost: \$5/person, two and older

Enjoy some outdoor time with your children; check www.owlshill.org/familyprograms for hikes and events on special days like President's Day and Valentine's Day.

Summer Nights at the Hill (choose one or all!)

June 10, July 7 or Aug. 4, 6:30-8:30 pm

\$10/person, must be five to attend

Gate opens at 6 – bring a picnic

A mini-camp for adults & families! Gather in the Pavilion for a Nature talk; then follow Guides through gathering dusk to enjoy the sights & sounds of a Southern Summer Evening. Look for owls & bats— perhaps a daring fox or bobcat. Listen for chirps & trills of frogs, crickets & other nocturnal creatures – maybe the eerie howl of coyotes? Prepaid reservations required.

NAME THE (NEW) BARRED OWL CONTEST!

Check www.owlshill.org/nameowl to enter a name for our owl.

Scout Badge Programs

Owl's Hill offers field trips designed to complete badge requirements for Girl & Boy Scouts of all ages. Call or check online at www.owlshill.org/scoutprograms09 for details. Scout troops are also welcome at all public programs; these fulfill many requirements for wildlife and environmental badges. Ask about Greenleaf Credits for adult attendees.

Eagle & Gold Service Projects available; call for details.

Children's Birthday Parties Site Rental



Owl's Hill offers seasonal children's birthday parties throughout the year. We provide activities; you provide food and paper products. The site may also be rented for meetings, receptions, weddings, parties and other events. Parties and Rentals available Monday through Saturday. See www.owlshill.org/partiesrentalsgiftshop for details.

Trail Guide Training

January 20, 22, 27 & 29, 9:30 am–2 pm

Bring lunch; plan to attend all sessions.

Fight the blahs of winter while training to share the wonders of the outdoors with the many guests that visit the Sanctuary each year. Requirements? A love of nature, the stamina for moderate hiking and the availability to volunteer during the school year on weekday mornings. owlshill@bellsouth.net or www.owlshill.org/volunteer. Training also offered in Sept

Not a Trail Guide? You Can Still Help!

Do your schedule or interests not coordinate with the Trail Guide requirements? Owl's Hill has other needs. You like to garden? We need weekday help keeping up our gardens. You recycle? Check out *Cans to Cash to Mice* at www.owlshill.org/contribute. You have scrapbook skills? You could sort & save our collection of photos & press releases. Perhaps you have old binoculars you no longer use. All donations to Owl's Hill are tax deductible. Would you like to join the Owl's Hill team? Call and we'll talk!

SPECIES MONITORING PROGRAMS

(Recommended for adults & children 13 and over.)

Assist with these important wildlife census events. Data is sent to national databases to help track migration, diversity and other wildlife population concerns. No experience necessary; trained specialists lead each group. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Binoculars are helpful. All fees go the national organizations compiling the count data. Register in advance. www.owlshill.org/adultprograms

Butterfly Counts

- Memorial Day Count; Mon., May 18, 10 am-3 pm, \$3/person
- North American Butterfly Association 4th of July Count Saturday, July 11, 10 am–3 pm, \$3/person

Bird Counts

- TN Ornithological Society Spring Migratory Bird Count Time and Date TBA, no fee