

2008 HOME SCHOOL GUIDE 2009

For the **2008-2009** school year **four days** are reserved specifically for home-school students. The programs on these days are designed for mixed ages, but do have a suggested grade range. **None are appropriate for children under 4;** please make babysitting arrangements for these younger children. Programs last 1½ -2 hours. Register as a group or as a family. **Prepaid reservations are required.** Fees are refunded only if Owl's Hill cancels a program.

WHAT DO BEES MAKE?

Friday, September 12, 10 AM



Find out how honey from a beehive ends up on your biscuits. What tools does the beekeeper need? Why is beeswax so valued for candle making? Students will see, taste, and touch products made by bees and have an opportunity to study the bees in our observation beehive. Intriguing for all ages. Cost: \$7/person.



DON'T GET LOST!

Monday, November 3, 10 AM

Students learn the important survival skills of reading and following a compass and using a map through hands-on games and activities. We have some compasses; if you bring your own, it should have at least 2' gradations. Designed for students in fourth grade and up. Students MUST understand basic circle geometry. Cost: \$7/person.

FOSSIL HUNT

Thursday, February 19, 4 PM



Students examine fossils from the Owl's Hill collection, learn about common fossils in Middle Tennessee, consider what it means to be extinct, and then hike Owl's Hill trails in search of the remains of ancient creatures. Designed for children in fourth grade and older. \$7/person

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 17, 3:30 PM



Visitors learn to use common household items for cleaning, make a terrarium, "tour" a hybrid car, participate in a Can Stomp and a Recycling Race, learn Earth Day songs, view examples of items made from recycled materials, paint an Earth Day banner then enjoy a hotdog dinner in the lovely Owl's Hill Gathering Pavilion. Designed for First through Fourth grade. Cost: \$10/person. Pre-paid by April 1, 2009.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Home school groups may register for education programs not offered as Home School Days. A minimum fee of \$75 applies.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

MEET SQUIRREL NUTKIN

Wednesday, October 3, 10 AM

Cost: **\$7/person**



JEREMY FISHER DAY

Wednesday, April 22, 10am

Cost: **\$7/person**

Enjoy Beatrix Potter's charming tales, meet relatives of Nutkin or Jeremy Fisher, participate in story-related games. These are perfect *Mommy and Me* programs for children age 3 through second grade.

THE GREAT PUMPKIN FAIR

Sunday, October 19, 1-5 PM (prepaid reservations by Oct. 1)

Cost: **\$12.00/person**, everyone 2 years old and older.

Pumpkins – you can buy them everywhere - but do they come with a Hayride, a Live Owl Program, Face Painting and Mask Making? How about surprises along the "NatureCrow Trail" or a Guided Nature Hike? Can you paint your pumpkin before you take it home or play nature games? Will there be a Pumpkin Patch Monster or a Beekeeper selling his fresh honey? What about freshly grilled hotdogs at Mother Nature's Café to add to the fun? The pumpkins at Owl's Hill come with so many activities even the Great Pumpkin will have trouble doing them all! Make your reservations early!!

PROWL FOR OWLS

Oct. 23 or Nov.12: 6-8:30 pm, Limit 16/evening.

Dec. 2, 5 - 7:30 pm; Limit 16/evening.

Cost: **\$20/person** (includes dinner), Ages: **9-Adult**

A Naturalist talks with us about native owls while we enjoy a light *al fresco* supper, then it's off to the trails to call the owls.

OWL DAY

Saturday, November 8, 1-4 PM

Cost: **\$7/person**, everyone 2 years old and older.

Enjoy Live Owl Programs, take a Guided Hike through owl territory and make an Owl Pin. Best of all, our beautiful owls will be here to greet you in person. This is a perfect event for the whole family.

BUTTERFLY DAY

Saturday, May 16, 10 am - Noon

Cost: **\$6/person**; everyone 2 years old and older



Celebrate these delicate beauties while learning to attract them to your own yard. See how to raise local caterpillars, study the lifecycle and identify common local butterflies. The program may include a short slide show.



SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE HILL

Summer 2009 dates to be announced, spring 2009

6:00 – 8:30 PM, **Ages 5-adult**

SUMMER CAMP 2009

Owl's Hill offers day camps during June and July for children entering kindergarten through high school. Information available in January 09. Call or check on-line.

AFTER SCHOOL SCOUT PROGRAMS

Owl's Hill offers after school badge opportunities for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of all ages. Call or check on line for our scout program brochure and reservations. Call about our Eagle Service Project and Gold Project program.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES



Owl's Hill offers seasonal nature related birthday parties throughout the year. We provide activities, decorations, a favor for each child, and a gift for the birthday child. You provide snacks and cake. Call or check online for our Birthday Party Guide and reservations.

PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

Owl's Hill is a protected natural area. Plants that scratch, prick and make you itch as well as animals that bite and sting live undisturbed in this unique sanctuary. Trails are unpaved and unsuitable for strollers or wheelchairs. Your visit through this peaceful acreage will be more comfortable and pleasant if you arrive prepared for the experience.

- Dress for the outdoors and be weather-wise
- Wear sturdy closed-toe shoes or boots, and socks.
- Use the restroom before you come. (Portable toilets available)
- Use tick/insect repellent for visits April 1-October 15.

VISITOR RULES

- Stay with the group
- Stay on the trails and behind the leader
- Do not pick anything or take away found objects.
- Do not throw objects, even into the ponds.
- Do not disturb nest boxes or live exhibits
- No cell phones or beepers, please

REGISTER ON-LINE: www.owlshill.org

Check our web site for the latest information, to download additional brochures and to make reservations.

AVAILABLE ON-LINE

www.owlshill.org

School Program Guide

Public Program Guide

Scout Program Guide

Summer Camp Guide (Available Jan. 2009)

Adult Program Guide

Rental Guide

Birthday Party Guide