

## 2009 SPRING HOME SCHOOL GUIDE 2009

For spring, 2009, **one day** is reserved specifically for home-school students. The program on this day is designed for mixed ages, but does have a suggested grade range. **It is NOT appropriate for children under 4**; please make babysitting arrangements for these younger children. Register as a group or as a family. **Prepaid reservations are required.** Fees are refunded only if Owl's Hill cancels the program. Additional programs, suitable for families and focusing on outdoor and environmental education are also listed.

### HOME SCHOOL DAY: 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

## PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES



### 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.

### GROUNDHOG DAY CELEBRATION!

Saturday, January 31, 10 am - noon  
Cost: \$7/person, everyone 2 years old and older.

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. There will be a burrow search, stories in the Owl's Hill People Burrow and **Groundhog** games and crafts. Come and welcome spring at this perfect family event, full of fresh air and fun. Prepaid reservations required.

### Exploratopia!

**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 **Exploratopia** 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](http://www.owlshill.org/camp09)

### Boomerang's Birthday!

Saturday, May 16, 1-4 pm

Cost: \$8/person, reservations please.

**NEW!**

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.

### 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



**NEW!**

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

### Private Family Tours

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

**NEW!**

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.

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### Holiday Happenings!

Cost: \$5/person, two and older

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



### SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE HILL

Wednesday, June 3, Tuesday, July 7, Tuesday, August 4

6:00 – 8:30 PM, gates open at 5:30 a

Cost: \$10/person, Ages 5-adult

This program offers a mini-camp for adults and families. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy in the Russell Gathering Pavilion, listen to a short Nature talk, and then follow Naturalists through the gathering dusk to enjoy the sights and sounds of a Southern Summer Evening. Look for owls and bats– perhaps even a daring fox or bobcat. Listen for chirps and trills of frogs, crickets and other nocturnal creatures – maybe the eerie howl of coyotes? Ages 5 and older. Prepaid reservations required.

### 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.

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Home school groups may register for education programs not offered as Home School Days. Check the School program guide for the appropriate age group. A minimum fee of \$75 applies.

## 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](http://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](http://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