

AUTUMN 2008

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THE GREAT PUMPKIN FAIR!!!

Sunday, October 19, 1 PM – 5 PM

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



Pumpkins – you can buy them everywhere but do they come with a hayride & Live Owl Program or 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? Will there be a Pumpkin Patch Monster or a Beekeeper in the orchard? 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! This program gets better each year; who knows what autumn surprises may be added? **Pre-paid reservations** are required for this colorful autumn festival.

AUTUMN NATURE ADVENTURES

Weekdays, October 6-31

10 AM -11:30 AM and 12:00 PM –1:30 PM

Cost: **\$7/person**, \$70 minimum.



A **group** program to delight all ages: enjoy a hike, a hayride and a story then choose a pumpkin to take home. Perfect for schools, scouts and birthday parties.

OWL DAY

Saturday, November 8, 1-4 PM

Cost: **\$7.00/person**, 2 years old and older



Owls have been a fascinating part of cultures around the world for centuries. Come and fall under their spell as we celebrate OWL DAY, a time when adults, children and families gather to have fun learning more about these mysterious, beautiful creatures. Director, Jean Buchanan, and Curator of Live Exhibits, Amy MacKenzie, team up to present Live Owl programs while other Naturalists lead hikes through owl territory. Children and adults alike express their artistic talent creating one-of-a-kind owl pins, and everyone wants to browse through the Owl Boutique for the latest in owl goodies. **Pre-paid reservations** are required for this entertaining and educational family event.

OCTOBER TRAILS

Thursdays in October, 1-3 PM, **\$7/person**.

Tucked into a hidden valley in the midst of urban sprawl, Owl's Hill offers the perfect afternoon get-a-way to enjoy the glory of autumn. Trail guides lead guests through the woodland trails, along the creek or up the ridge allowing plenty of time for photos, plant, bird and butterfly identification or sheer enjoyment of the view. If you have never been to Owl's Hill, this is the time to come! Wear sturdy walking shoes; cameras and binoculars welcome. This is an **adults only** program.



VOLUNTEER TRAIL GUIDES NEEDED!!!

September 8, 9 and 10 from 9 AM – 12:30 PM

Owl's Hill has a small and dedicated paid staff, but the secret of the entertaining and educational events is the well-trained and enthusiastic volunteer corps - people who love nature and are committed to sharing that love with others. We are currently looking for Trail Guides for weekday school and scout programs. If you would like to join this elite group, register for the autumn Volunteer Trail Guide training. You must be 21 to volunteer in this position. For more information or to register, go to www.owlishill.org/volunteer, phone (615) 370-4672 or e-mail owlishill@bellsouth.net.

MEET SQUIRREL NUTKIN!

Wednesday, October 1, 10 -11:30 AM

Cost: **\$7/person**, pre-paid registration required.



Beatrix Potter's delightful story of an impertinent squirrel comes alive in this charming *Mommy and Me* program. Designed for children age 4 through second grade, the morning includes a visit to Owl Island, an introduction to the Owl's Hill Owls, a search for Nutkin's cousins, a hunt for autumn nuts and a reading of *The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin*. Recommended for home school families.

OWLING, HOWLING, AND PROWLING

Oct. 23, Nov. 12, 6:00 -8:30 PM

Dec. 2, 5 -7:30 PM

\$20/person, pre-paid registration required



As the autumn sun sets behind the hills, a deep haunting call floats down from the top of the ridge...Hoo - hoo hoo hooo hooo. Slightly higher, but just as haunting, comes the response Hoo - hoo hoo, hooo hooo. It is the mating season for Great Horned Owls. A few fortunate visitors, enjoying an *al fresco* dinner in the Owl's Hill Pavilion, witness this ancient ritual. Later, they will learn about other Tennessee owls, follow guides along the woodland trails and stop to call Barred and Screech owls. Perhaps these owls will answer with laughs and trills, or, even better, fly in silently to see who has invaded their territory. To be one of these fortunate visitors, register now for an Owl Prowl. You must be **at least nine years old** to attend.

SPECIES MONITORING (Adults and interested children only)

Labor Day Butterfly Count (With NABA)

Monday, September 15, 10 AM-2 PM

Registration requested. **\$3/person**



Fall Bird Count (With TOS)

Saturday, October 4, 7 AM-11 AM

Registration requested. No fee

Christmas Bird Count (With Audubon and TOS)

Saturday, December 20, 7 AM-11 AM

Registration requested. **\$5/person**

HOME SCHOOL DAYS

What Do Bees Make?

Friday, September 12, 10 AM, **\$6/person**



Don't Get Lost!

Monday, November 3, 10 AM, **\$7/person**

These two days have been reserved for home school participants. Register as a family or as a group. No children under 4, please. Prepaid reservations required. Space is limited, register early.

Additional Home School Days in the spring.

See our Home School Guide or website 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. Owl's Hill may also be rented for weddings, receptions, parties, meetings and other events. *See our Birthday Party Guide and Rental Guide for details.*

ADULT PROGRAMS

Reserve the Russell Gathering Pavilion or the Visitor Center for small meetings and luncheons. Special rental fee for weekday rental during business hours: \$40 for 1½ hours. Add a bluebird, butterfly or owl program for an additional \$20. Programs may include slide show.

See our Adult Program Guide or web site for details.



GROUP TOURS

Normal operating hours are Mon. – Fri., 9 AM – 5 PM. During these hours, the group hike is **\$4/person (\$40 minimum)**; special programs are slightly more. Allow 1½ hours for most programs. **Owl's Hill is open by reservation only.** *Check our web site for a full list of our programs.*

SCOUT PROGRAMS

Owl's Hill offers badge opportunities after school for both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Requirements for several **Brownie Try It** badges, **Cadette** and **Senior** interest projects, **Webelo Naturalist** badge and certain **Tiger**, **Bear**, and **Wolf** projects can be completed in this 1 ½ to 2 hour format. *Check our Scout Program Guide or web site for details.* **Ask about our Eagle Service Project and Gold Project programs.**