

2009 HOME SCHOOL GUIDE 2010

For the **2009-2010** school year **four days** are reserved specifically for home-school students. 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.



NATIVE TREES IN AUTUMN

Wednesday, September 30, 10 AM

Hike through the autumn forest using leaves, bark and shape to identify native trees. Learn how Native Americans, early settlers and later residents used these natural resources. Younger students learn to identify several common tree species as well as explore the animals "Food Court," the old orchard. Older students are introduced to a key and visit our "Old Giants." Each student makes a simple leaf press and begins a leaf collection.

Cost: \$7/person in advance; \$10/person at the gate.

ANIMALS IN WINTER

Tuesday, January 26, 10 AM



Prepare for Groundhog Day! Look for groundhog burrows and discuss winter adaptations of plants and animals. Learn to check the weather predictions of our furry friend. In our own kid-sized burrow, enjoy an age appropriate groundhog story. Designed for lower elementary school students

Cost: \$7/person in advance; \$10/person at the gate.



WHAT'S IN A SEED?

Thursday, April 8, 10 AM

Learn about seeds – how they form, how they get planted in the wild, how they develop into plants. Find out what eats them and what kinds of seeds people eat! Take-home project included. Designed for upper elementary students.

Cost: \$7/person in advance; \$10/person at the gate.

LIFE IN THE WATER

Tuesday, May 18, 10 AM



What makes a pond a pond? Who lives there? Who visits? This program teaches about watersheds, pond life and the importance of water in the ecosystem. Children in third grade or older should arrive prepared to wade in the water and walk in the mud. Younger children will have a feet-dry experience.

Cost: \$7/person in advance; \$10/person at the gate.

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



BUTTERFLY DAY

Saturday, September 19, 10 am - Noon

Cost: **\$7/person** in advance, \$10 at the gate.

Two years old and under free

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 includes a short slide show.

MEET SQUIRREL NUTKIN



Thursday, October 1, 10 AM

Cost: **\$7/person** in advance; \$10 at the gate



JEREMY FISHER DAY

Tuesday, April 13, 10am

Cost: **\$7/person** in advance; \$10 at the gate

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.

WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE MOMMY AND ME PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

HOOTS AND HAYRIDES:

A GREAT PUMPKIN FAIR!!



Sunday, October 18, 1-5 PM

Cost: **\$12.00/person** in advance, \$15 at the gate

Two years old and under free

Choose and paint a pumpkin, ride the **hay wagon taxi** to nature and **live animal programs**, take a nature walk, participate in games and races; get your face painted with autumn nature designs. Refreshments will be available for purchase at Mother Nature's Café. 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!!



OWL DAY

Saturday, November 7, 1-4 PM

Cost: **\$7/person** in advance, \$10 at the gate

Two years old and under free

Meet Thoreau, our **new** Barred Owl, 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.

PROWL FOR OWLS

Oct. 22 or Nov.11: 6-8:30 pm, Limit 16/evening.

Dec. 1, 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 *a/fresco* supper, then it's off to the trails to call the owls.

NATURE CAMP 2010

Owl's Hill offers both Spring Break and summer day camps for children entering kindergarten through high school. Information available in January 10. Call or check on-line.

AFTER SCHOOL SCOUT PROGRAMS

Owl's Hill offers after scout 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



Plan a seasonal nature related birthday party for your child's next birthday. 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.owlishill.org

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

AVAILABLE ON-LINE

www.owlishill.org

School Program Guide

Public Program Guide

Scout Program Guide

Summer Camp Guide (Available Jan. 2010)

Adult Program Guide

Rental Guide

Birthday Party Guide