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Fall into Harvest Fun with the Delaware Nature Society

The Delaware Nature Society is the place to be this autumn, with a bounty of programs and events that celebrate the season. With locations throughout Delaware – from Milford to the city of Wilmington -- you won't need to travel far from home to enjoy the fun.

Thousands will flock to Coverdale Farm on Oct. 2-3 for the annual **Harvest Moon Festival**, an action-packed weekend for all ages. This fall festival features pumpkin carving, hayrides, a corn maze, hawk watch, live animal programs, farmers' market, live music and much more. The fun takes place from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day.

Also taking place the same weekend at Coverdale Farm is **Farm to Fork**, a dining event featuring preeminent local chefs who will pair the farm's fresh vegetables, herbs, eggs and meats with locally produced wines and beers.

A variety of food workshops at Coverdale Farm will help you enjoy the bounty of the harvest, such as a **Preserving the Harvest** session on Sept. 26 that teaches creative ways to pickle, can and freeze freshly harvested vegetables. On Nov. 13, learn **What to Do with a Winter Squash?** and make appetizers to desserts. **Perfect Polenta** is the focus on Nov. 20 when you'll get a chance to harvest organic corn, mill the grain and create a plethora of polenta dishes. .

Want to be a ghostbuster? If you "ain't afraid of no ghosts" then head to Cooch-Dayett Mills on Oct. 30 for a **Ghost Hunting** event and to Buena Vista for a **Ghost Tour of the Old House** on Nov. 20. Presented by Delaware Ghost Tours, you'll hear tales of fires and treasure, battles and ghosts then investigate the property – if you dare.

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You'll also find fall fun at Ashland Nature Center on Oct. 22, at a **Halloween Hike at Flint Woods** family program. Gather by a fireplace in the woods and listen to tales of darkness, then hike through the woods, where you may encounter bats, owls, spiders and other creatures of the night.

The harvest season wouldn't be complete without **The Great Coverdale Farm Pumpkin Carve** on Oct. 29. Families will learn how to take a twist on the traditional jack-o-lantern and create glowing, one-of-a-kind works of art.

For more information about these and all Delaware Nature Society programs, go to www.delawarenaturesociety.org or call 302-239-2334.

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