

# PROGRAMS

DuPont Environmental Education Center  
September–December, 2010

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# DEEC AT A GLANCE

The **Delaware Nature Society (DNS)** operates the DuPont Environmental Education Center (DEEC) in Wilmington, showcasing where the city, river and marsh meet. Located on the edge of the 212-acre Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge adjoining the tidal Christina River, the site is home to many species of amphibians, birds, mammals, fish, reptiles and native plants. The Riverfront Development Corporation of Delaware owns the facility and provides maintenance and security services and an operational budget to DNS for its management and programming. For information on renting DEEC for a private event, please call 302.425.3929 x177 or email [kmcniff@centerontheriverfront.com](mailto:kmcniff@centerontheriverfront.com). The facility is open to the public year round and features indoor and outdoor exhibits, a 10-acre botanic garden and a boardwalk that extends into the marsh.

At DEEC, DNS provides safe, fun and educational outdoor experiences for all ages and offers programs for school groups, teachers, community and recreation centers, faith-based groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and professional organizations. DNS is also building upon established relationships with Wilmington-area schools and organizations with a wide variety of free and low cost programs. DNS works to improve the health of the environment and community through citizen science activities, including water quality monitoring and other volunteer supported opportunities.



## About the Delaware Nature Society

DNS, a nonprofit membership organization, fosters understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the natural world through education, preserves ecologically significant areas and advocates stewardship and conservation of natural resources. We welcome new members and encourage you to join today! Membership benefits include: special pricing for DNS programs and events, online program enrollment, Native Plant Sale preview sale days, discounts at retail partners and much more!

**MEMBERSHIP LEVELS** – Visit our website to join online or call (302) 656-1490

### Individual Levels

\$30 - Super Saver Individual - For those who are 60+ or enrolled as full-time college student

\$40 - Individual - Adult, 18+, not enrolled as full-time student

### Household Levels

\$55 - Household; Includes all Individual benefits for two (2) named adults, and their children or grandchildren, under the age of 18, living at the same address

\$85 - Household Plus; Includes all Individual benefits for two (2) named adults, and their children or grandchildren, under the age of 18, living at the same address; Plus exclusive, two-week priority registration for summer week-long programs

### Hours

Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge  
Gates open everyday: Dawn - Dusk

DuPont Environmental Education Center  
March 16 – November 15:  
Tuesday – Saturday: 11 am – 5 pm  
Sunday: 12 pm – 4 pm

November 16 – March 15:  
Tuesday – Saturday: 10 am – 3 pm  
Sunday: 12 pm – 4 pm

### Admission

Free to individuals and families.

Groups by reservation only.

### Contact Information

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# Free & Low-Cost Programs, Events & Activities for All Ages

**NOTE:** For some free programs, registration is required. Call 656-1490 or email [dnsinfo@delawarenaturesociety.org](mailto:dnsinfo@delawarenaturesociety.org) and provide your name and number of people attending.

## DELAWARE RIVER DEEPENING PUBLIC FORUM

Thursday, September 2, 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Free, registration required

Learn more about the Delaware River Deepening Project and how it will affect Delaware's economy and environment through presentations and a question and answer session with panelists. Refreshments offered.

## MONARCH MIGRATION CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 18, 10 am – noon  
\$3 per person, ages 3 & up. DNS members, Free

Celebrate one of nature's wonders... the great Monarch butterfly migration! Encounter live butterflies and help us tag Monarchs for migration research. Create a butterfly craft, take butterfly walks and participate in a Monarch butterfly release at noon.

## BOOK SIGNING:

*Last Chance: Preserving Life on Earth*  
Thursday, October 7, 6 - 8 pm  
Free, registration required

Join us for a presentation and book signing with Larry Schweiger, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Wildlife Federation. During his lecture, Larry will discuss the facts about global climate change and the duty we all have to think and act as the earth's caretakers, not just its inhabitants.

## "BIG SIT" AT DEEC

Sunday, October 10, 4 am – 7 pm. Free

Join Jim White and other birding enthusiasts for this unique birding experience. A Big Sit is an annual, international event where a team of birders sit at one location for up to 24 hours and identify every bird species they see or hear. Join us anytime during the event on the DEEC boardwalk!

## VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

Friday, October 22, 12 – 1 pm & 5 – 6 pm  
Free

Learn about volunteer opportunities. Tour the building, walk the boardwalk and hear about the many ways that you can enjoy getting involved. Have fun and meet new friends! For more information contact John Harrod, DEEC manager, at 302-656-1490 x156 or [john@delawarenaturesociety.org](mailto:john@delawarenaturesociety.org).

## WATER MONITORING AT DEEC

Tuesday, October 26, 12:00 pm  
Leader: Ginger North,  
Free, registration required

Bring your lunch and learn about the Technical Monitoring sites at DEEC. This program supplements the state of Delaware's monitoring efforts by providing valuable and reliable baseline data collected by citizen science volunteers who monitor the sites on a monthly basis.

## WILDLIFE GARDENING IN THE CITY

Wednesday, December 8th, 7 – 8 pm  
Free, registration required

The 10-acre garden at DEEC is now certified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat™ in partnership with the National Wildlife Federation and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and features the necessary elements for wildlife habitat. Join us to learn more about creating a wildlife habitat on your property.

## PUBLIC WORKSHOP: Protecting the rivers and streams of the Christina Watershed

Wednesday, January 12, 5:30 – 7 pm  
Speaker: Ginger North, Free, registration required

Stable banks and trees planted along-side rivers and streams protect against erosion and provide clean and healthy stream habitats for the fish and insects that live in the water. Hear about the water quality data collected in the Christina River watershed this summer by volunteers and what it means to you. Snacks and drinks provided.

## Recurring Programs

### NETTING IN THE MARSH

(through Nov. 14)  
Tuesdays through Sundays: 2:00 pm  
\$3 per person

Explore the marsh using dip nets and more! See how many creatures and insects you can catch and identify!

### BIRDING AT THE MARSH

(beginning Nov. 16)  
Tuesdays through Sundays: 2:00 pm  
\$3 per person

Search the marsh with binoculars to see how many different birds you can find! Bring your own binoculars or borrow ours.

### NATURE WALKS - FREE!

Tuesdays through Fridays: 3:00 pm  
Saturdays and Sundays: 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Enjoy walks around the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge marsh.

### LUNCH WITH A NATURALIST - FREE!

Last Tuesday of each month: September 28, October 26, November 30, December 28.

Bring your lunch anytime between noon and 1 pm and observe and learn about the wildlife, plants, and natural history events happening in the marsh that day.

Programs are  
30-45 mins  
in length!

# SEASONAL PROGRAMS

## Children & Families

### Parents Night Out

Ages: 5-12      Max: 25  
Fridays, 6 - 8 pm

Program #: F10-200-DC  
September 10, Marsh Migrants

Program #: F10-201-DC  
October 22, Wildflower Romp

Program #: F10-202-DC  
November 19, Nocturnal Animals

Program #: F10-203-DC  
December 10, Winter Wildlife

Member/Non-Member: \$20/\$30  
Leader: Lesley Bensinger

Set mom and dad loose to have dinner along Wilmington's Riverfront while you stay at DEEC and have all the fun with games and a scavenger hunt! Take an evening hike. Dinner provided.

## Children Ages 1½- 2½

Parent participation required (no extra fee)

### Small Seed, Big World

Program #: F10-204-DC      Max: 15  
Wednesday, September 15, 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Member/Non-Member: \$8/\$14  
Leader: Helen Fischel

Catch the wind and hitch a ride! Burst seeds from pods and see how many ways they can travel. Look for seeds on the move!

### Who Stays? Who Goes?

Program #: F10-205-DC      Max: 15  
Thursday, October 21, 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Member/Non-Member: \$8/\$14  
Leader: Helen Fischel

Some fly south, some bulk up, others dig down - the animals of the marsh are busy in fall preparing for the winter. Search for animals preparing for cold weather!

## Families

### SpongeBob Science

Program #: F10-206-DC      Max: 15  
Saturday, September 4, 10 am - Noon  
Member/Non-Member:  
Adult \$10, Child \$5/Adult \$15, Child \$7  
Leader: John Harrod

Attention SpongeBob Fans...your cartoon friends come to life in this aquatic exploration. Observe life in our pond and compare them to your friends at the Crusty Crab. Use a special net to catch plankton and observe them under a microscope. Introduce yourself to our marsh community and invent your own SpongeBob adventure!

### The Artistic Side of a Marsh

Program #: F10-207-DC      Max: 15  
Saturday, October 2, 10 am - Noon  
Member/Non-Member:  
Adult \$10, Child \$5/Adult \$15, Child \$7  
Leader: Nancy Carol Willis, award-winning illustrator and author

Come and enjoy the beauty and serenity of the marsh. Draw and record your observations as you hike the freshwater tidal marsh. Create a nature journal of your experience complete with a lesson in illustration and an additional surprise!

### Marshland Melodies

Program #: F10-208-DC      Max: 15  
Saturday, October 9, 10 - 11:30 am  
Member/Non-Member:  
Adult \$10, Child \$5/Adult \$15, Child \$7  
Leader: Donna Falkowski and Lesley Bensinger

It's our very first Birthday at the DuPont Environmental Education Center! Make plans to come and stay. Dance, Learn, Sing and Sway. Explore the marsh, meet live animals, sing and dance and blow out the candles on our birthday cake!

### What's Up Wilmington?

Program #: F10-209-DC      Max: 15  
Friday, October 15, 7:30 - 9 pm  
Member/Non-Member:  
Adult \$10, Child \$5/Adult \$15, Child \$7  
Leader: Sheila Vincent  
Note: Ages 8+.

Join us under the dark skies for a naked eye, telescopic and binocular tour of the early autumn sky. If the night is clear expect to view the Summer Triangle still high overhead, Sagittarius with its array of nebulae and star clusters low in the south, and dazzling Jupiter trailing the bright half-moon along the Zodiac.

### Marsh Maneuvers

Program #: F10-210-DC      Max: 15  
Saturday, November 6, 1 - 2:30 pm  
Member/Non-Member:  
Adult \$10, Child \$5/Adult \$15, Child \$7  
Leader: Lesley Bensinger  
Note: Ages 6+.

Become a scientist for an afternoon. Use a cast net, water testing kits and a microscope to determine water quality.

### Animals' Winter Sleep

Program #: F10-211-DC      Max: 15  
Saturday, November 13, 10 - 11:30 am  
Member/Non-Member:  
Adult \$10, Child \$12/Adult \$15, Child \$14  
Leader: Nancy Carol Willis, award-winning illustrator and author

Winter will soon be here! Hike to look for animals in the marsh and discover how they will spend the winter. Enjoy a snack, an art lesson and each child will receive a book from the author!

## Adults & Teens

### Rivers of Wilmington Cruise

Program #: F10-212-DC      Max: 35  
Wednesday, September 1, 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Member/Non-Member: \$25/\$38  
Leader: John Harrod

Take a scenic cruise to see Wilmington's Rivers: the Brandywine, Christina and Delaware, and enjoy a fun and lively interpretation of the rich cultural, industrial, and natural history from the entertaining boat captain. Meet at the Dravo Plaza dock on the Wilmington Riverfront. To cap off your evening, have dinner at a local restaurant on the Riverfront.

**Twilight Yoga**

*Program #: F10-213-DC Max: 15*  
*Tuesdays, Sept 7, 14, 21, 28, 5:30 - 6:45 pm*  
*Member/Non-Member: \$36/\$44*  
*Leader: Laura Bensinger*

Erase the tension of the work day by practicing breathing, stretching and strengthening basics as you enjoy the city skyline, marsh and river scenery. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.

**Canoe and Brew (21 & older)**

*Program #: F10-214-DC Max: 13*  
*Saturday, September 11, 3:30 - 6:30 pm*  
*Member/Non-Member: \$30/\$45*  
*Leader: John Harrod and DNS Staff*

Canoe down the Christina looking for wildlife such as birds of prey, waterfowl and aquatic mammals. Finish the trip at Timothy's Restaurant where you will be treated to drink specials and FREE hors d'oeuvres! (Drinks not included.)

**Night in the Marsh**

*Program #: F10-215-DC Max: 12*  
*Wednesday, October 6, 6:30 - 9:30 pm*  
*Member/Non-Member: \$10/\$15*  
*Leader: Jim White*

Nocturnal animals are ever-present but rarely seen. Join us on a nocturnal exploration of the marshes and woods of the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge in search of the sights and sounds of insects, beaver, owls and more. Bring a flashlight and wear shoes that can get dirty.

**Trees on the Brandywine**

*Program #: F10-216-DC Max: 15*  
*Friday, October 8, 9 - 11 am*  
*Member/Non-Member: \$10/\$15*  
*Leader: John Harrod*

Observe and learn to identify beautiful trees and shrubs of Wilmington's Brandywine Park as you walk along with John Harrod, former Longwood Fellow. Meet at the park entrance on the corner of Lovering and Hancock.

**Autumn Breakfast and Bird Walk**

*Program #: F10-217-DC Max: 14*  
*Friday, October 15, 7:30 - 10 am*  
*Member/Non-Member: \$20/\$30*  
*Leader: Sally O'Byrne*

Start the morning off with a healthy breakfast overlooking the city of Wilmington. Then, enjoy a walk to look for resident

birds and others migrating south. Wear footwear that can get wet. Bring binoculars or borrow ours.

**Water Utilities Tour**

*Program #: F10-218-DC Max: 13*  
*Monday, November 1, 2010, 8:30 am - 3 pm*  
*Member/Non-Member: \$20/\$30*  
*Leader: Sally O'Byrne*

Where does the water come from that flows from your faucet? Tour the two water filtration plants operated by the City of Wilmington and learn about the history of water delivery. Participate in a water-tasting and walk to the top of Hoopes Dam. Bring a lunch.

**Worm Composting in the City**

*Program #: F10-219-DC Max: 12*  
*Thursday, November 18, 6 - 8 pm*  
*Member/Non-Member: \$35/\$55*  
*Leader: Jane Griffin*

Take care of kitchen waste without adding to the landfill! Vermiculture, or worm composting, is an easy way to turn food scraps into nutrient rich compost for your summer veggies. Learn how to make this garden gold and take home your very own worm composting bin.

**Upcoming 2011 Programs****Adults****Atlantic Sturgeon: Historic Problems and Recovery Efforts**

*Program #: W10-220-DC*  
*Member/Non-Member: \$12/\$18*  
*Thursday, February 10, 6:30 - 7:30 pm*  
*Speaker: Dewayne Fox, Delaware State University, Associate Professor: Fisheries Science*

Learn the fascinating life of the Atlantic Sturgeon, the history of its fishery and management in the Delaware River Estuary, and the current research efforts and findings to help them recover from a difficult past. Take home a free copy of *Delaware's Freshwater and Brackish-water Fishes: A Popular Account* by Maynard Raasch. Coffee and refreshments provided.

**Families****Lights, Camera, Action!**

*Saturday January 22, 2:00 pm*  
*Planet Earth, Part 3: Fresh Water*  
*Saturday February 26, 2:00pm*  
*Bambi*

*Saturday March 26, 2:00pm*  
*Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad:*  
*The Wind in the Willows.*

*Leader: Lesley Bensinger*  
*Free, registration required*

Cure the winter blues with an afternoon at the movies! Enjoy a themed nature movie and popcorn in our osprey room followed by a wildlife boardwalk stroll.

**Ages: 6+****Leave it to Beaver**

*Program #: W10-210-DC*  
*Saturday, January 15, 10-11:30 am*  
*Member/Non-Member:*  
*Adult \$10, Child \$5/Adult \$15/Child \$7*  
*Leader: John Harrod*

Learn about the habits of beavers while visiting an onsite beaver lodge. Find out how these "engineers" construct their lodge and protect their young. Finish the day with a beaver craft.

**Beavers As Builders**

*Program #: W10-211-DC*  
*Saturday, March 19, 10 - 11:30 am*  
*Member/Non-Member:*  
*Adult \$10, Child \$5/Adult \$15/Child \$7*  
*Leader: John Harrod*

Visit a beaver lodge in the marsh to observe construction and engineering techniques used to build it. Return to the center to test your creativity and engineering skills with your own creation.

**Need More  
Information?**

**Visit our website  
or call**

**(302) 656-1490**

# GROUP PROGRAMS & GROUP TOURS

*Programs and tours for community/recreation centers, professional organizations and clubs, faith-based groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other groups can be scheduled for daytime or evening hours on weekdays or weekends. Advance reservation is required and programs/tours require a 12 person minimum. Programs and tours are 1.5 hours in length and cost \$6 per person unless otherwise noted. To reserve a program or find out about other opportunities at DEEC email [Lesley@delawarenaturesociety.org](mailto:Lesley@delawarenaturesociety.org) or call 302-656-1490, ext. 157.*

## Group Programs

### What's in the Water?

Explore what's in the marsh water! Use nets to catch aquatic animals in the Tidal pond and examine them with magnifying lenses and microscopes in the lab. Discover how animals and plants in the marsh depend on each other and construct your own food chain to take home.

### Fantastic Fish

Meet the many fish of the Christina River and the marsh at DEEC. Use a spinning cast net, reel in fish traps, and dip with nets to try your luck catching fish. Examine a variety of fish to learn what they eat and how they live.

### Marsh Mammals

Hunt for animal tracks and other evidence that the furry residents of the marsh leave behind. Learn how they survive in the marsh and touch real animal furs. Use clues to identify the animals that visit the pond when no one is looking.

### Eco-Explorers

How do you affect the environment? Search for signs of human activity in the marsh and test the quality of the water as you look for evidence of our impact on nature. Learn about wildlife and what you can do to protect the animals and plants that call DEEC home.

### Marshy Adventures

Explore the biodiversity of the marsh habitat. Look for marsh residents in air, on land, in soil, and in water. Examine plants and animals using nets and magnifiers. Learn about marsh food chains, the water cycle, and why the Christina River is important to Northern Delaware.

### Nature Journaling

Use digital cameras, draw pictures, and record your observations as you hike through the marsh ecosystem of the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge. Identify plants and animals found in the marsh and make a record of your experiences in a nature journal of your own to take home.

### Nature Photography

Capture the urban wildlife refuge through the lens of a digital camera. Learn photography skills and how to compose outstanding photos where the city, river and marsh meet. Print and decorate a frame for your favorite photo. 2 hours, \$8/student

### Marsh Insects

Hunt for insects found in the air, land and water at DEEC. Collect and observe insects up close, learn insect anatomy, assemble a marsh food web puzzle, and discover some of the important jobs insects have in nature.

### Marsh Amphibians

Explore the marsh for frogs, toads and salamanders. Listen to the frogs' chorus, use nets to catch live amphibians and view them up close, and find eggs and tadpoles in the pond. **Spring only.**

## Group Tours

### Backyard Habitat Gardening

Stroll through the DEEC botanic garden and see how beautiful native plants provide for wildlife in Delaware. Discover how you can easily turn your property into a welcoming home for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. 1 hour, \$6 per person

### DEEC at a Glance

Discover the DuPont Environmental Education Center, Delaware Nature Society, and the many unique features of the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge. Following the tour, explore the site on your own with a more careful eye. 30 minutes, \$3 per person

### Building and Boardwalk Exploration

Listen to the history of the marsh, see plants currently in bloom, and look for animals that are active in the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge. Bring binoculars or share ours to catch glimpses of great blue herons, bald eagles, and much, much more from our boardwalk and building! 1 hour, \$6 per person

# SCHOOL PROGRAMS & TEACHER WORKSHOPS

*Specific connections with Delaware Science Content Standards including coding for Standard, Strand, and Statement at each grade level are available by request. Email [Lesley@delawarenaturesociety.org](mailto:Lesley@delawarenaturesociety.org) for additional information.*

## School Programs

### Senses

*Pre-K – Kindergarten*

*1.5 hours, \$6 per student*

Use your senses to discover Wilmington's wild side. Listen for sounds of nature and wildlife. Look for plants and animals and discover the textures and scents found in our botanic garden. After a hike around the gardens, use your keen senses to participate in a "senses challenge".

### Weather is a Breeze

*1st Grade, 1.5 hours, \$6 per student*

Become a junior meteorologist as you explore how weather affects plants, animals and humans. Collect weather data using thermometers, identify cloud types and construct a water cycle. Put your knowledge to the test and dress for the weather in the "I'm prepared for precipitation" relay race.

### Land and Water

*4th Grade, 2 hours, \$6 per student*

Look at the land from the perspective of an osprey, raccoon, and snapping turtle. Create aerial maps to explore the marsh and prominent Wilmington features. Investigate how humans affect soil erosion and deposition, and find evidence of water interacting with the land in the marsh.

### Forces in Motion

*5th Grade, 2 hours, \$6 per student*

Look to the air and in the water and discover forces in motion. Explore the unique adaptations birds have for flight. Discover the effect of load on the movements of a rubber band powered bird. Celebrate the Christina River's rich maritime history and design a boat to compete in a DEEC boat race.

### Wilmington's Wetlands and Watershed

*7th Grade, 2.5 hours, \$7 per student*

Learn what wetlands and watersheds have to do with the quality of our streams and rivers. Test four water quality parameters (dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, and temperature), investigate point source and non-point source pollutants, and measure biodiversity along the Christina River and its adjacent wetlands.

### Remnants of Wilmington's Past

*6 - 8th Grade, 2 hours, \$6 per student*

Explore the remnants of Wilmington's past in this walk along the Christina River. Imagine Wilmington as it was when the Swedes arrived in the 1700's. Discover evidence of human activity from the colonial, industrial, and post-industrial eras. Play colonial games, experience "a day in the life" of a Dravo ship builder, and learn about Russell W. Peterson, a former Delaware Governor, premier environmentalist and living legend.

## Teacher Workshops

### Land and Water

*Thursday, September 30, 4:30 - 7:30 pm*

*Leader: Lesley Bensinger*

This workshop at DEEC prepares teachers for the field trip program Land and Water in order to ready their students for the experience with necessary vocabulary, methods of investigation, and the reasoning behind the study. The lesson addresses the question: "Will three selected marsh animals be affected by the construction of a bridge across the Christina River?" Participants will answer the question with hands-on experiences including drawing an aerial map, simulating a rain storm to witness soil erosion, observing the roles plants play in protecting the soil, and looking into the water to assess biodiversity. Clock hours/PIP credits are available

for Delaware teachers and all registration is through the Delaware Teacher Center, 302-736-6723 or 800-282-8770 (Delaware only).

### Statewide Teacher Professional Development Day

*Wilmington's Wild Side*

*Friday, October 8, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm*

*Leader: Lesley Bensinger*

Explore the rich biodiversity of Wilmington's wetlands. Spend the morning discovering the marsh through scientific investigation. Look in the air, on land and in the water for the 200+ species that make the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge home using binoculars, insect nets, and pond nets. Test the water quality of our tidal pond and use your data to assess pond health. Tap into your artistic side in the afternoon and learn the basics of nature journaling with a lesson in nature photography. End the day enjoying the cityscape from our 4th floor while listening to a presentation on the story of the marsh and its restoration. Pack a bag lunch. Clock hours/PIP credits are available for Delaware teachers and all registration is through the Delaware Teacher Center, 302-736-6723 or 800-282-8770 (Delaware only).

**November is  
Membership  
Month**

**5K Run/Walk!  
WildFest!**

*See back cover for more info*

# This November, It's All About ... YOU!

At the Delaware Nature Society, we know how fortunate we are to have enthusiastic, engaged members – just like you. **November is Membership Month!**

You tell us how much you appreciate our programs, from morning bird walks at Bucktoe Creek and sunset yoga at Coverdale Farm to ghost hunting at Abbott's Mill and canoeing at the new DuPont Environmental Education Center. But you know, we couldn't do it without you. Delaware Nature Society members make it possible for us to continue to offer our innovative public, school and group programs, including our outreach efforts to low-resource youth in Wilmington and other communities.

This November, we'll be telling you how much we appreciate you and the more than 6,000 members of the Delaware Nature Society.

The fun kicks off Sunday, November 7th with our first Race on the Wild Side 5K on Wilmington's Riverfront, complete with WildFest immediately afterward at the DuPont Environmental Education Center.

Look for special contests, giveaways and surprises on our Facebook page, on our website and at our locations statewide. It's nice to be appreciated...so get ready, **This November, It's All About YOU!**

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**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS**

## 5K Run/Walk Race on the Wild Side

*Sunday, November 7, 2010*

*Wilmington Riverfront*

*Registration Opens: 9 am*

*Race Time: 10 am*

*Pre-registration until 11/3: \$18*

*After 11/3, Registration accepted at event: \$23*

## WildFest

*Sunday, November 7, 11 am - 4 pm*

*\$3 per person, ages 3 & up. DNS Members free.*

Go wild at this family festival that features live music, hands-on kids' activities, crafts and demonstrations. Meet live animals, use nets to catch aquatic critters, check out teeny creatures under microscopes and marvel at hawks through a scope. Get some exercise first, by running or walking in the Race on the Wild Side 5K that starts at the nearby Shipyard Shops at 10 a.m. Fun for all ages, all day long!



[www.delawarenature.org](http://www.delawarenature.org)