

# PROGRAMS

DuPont Environmental Education Center  
March–August, 2010

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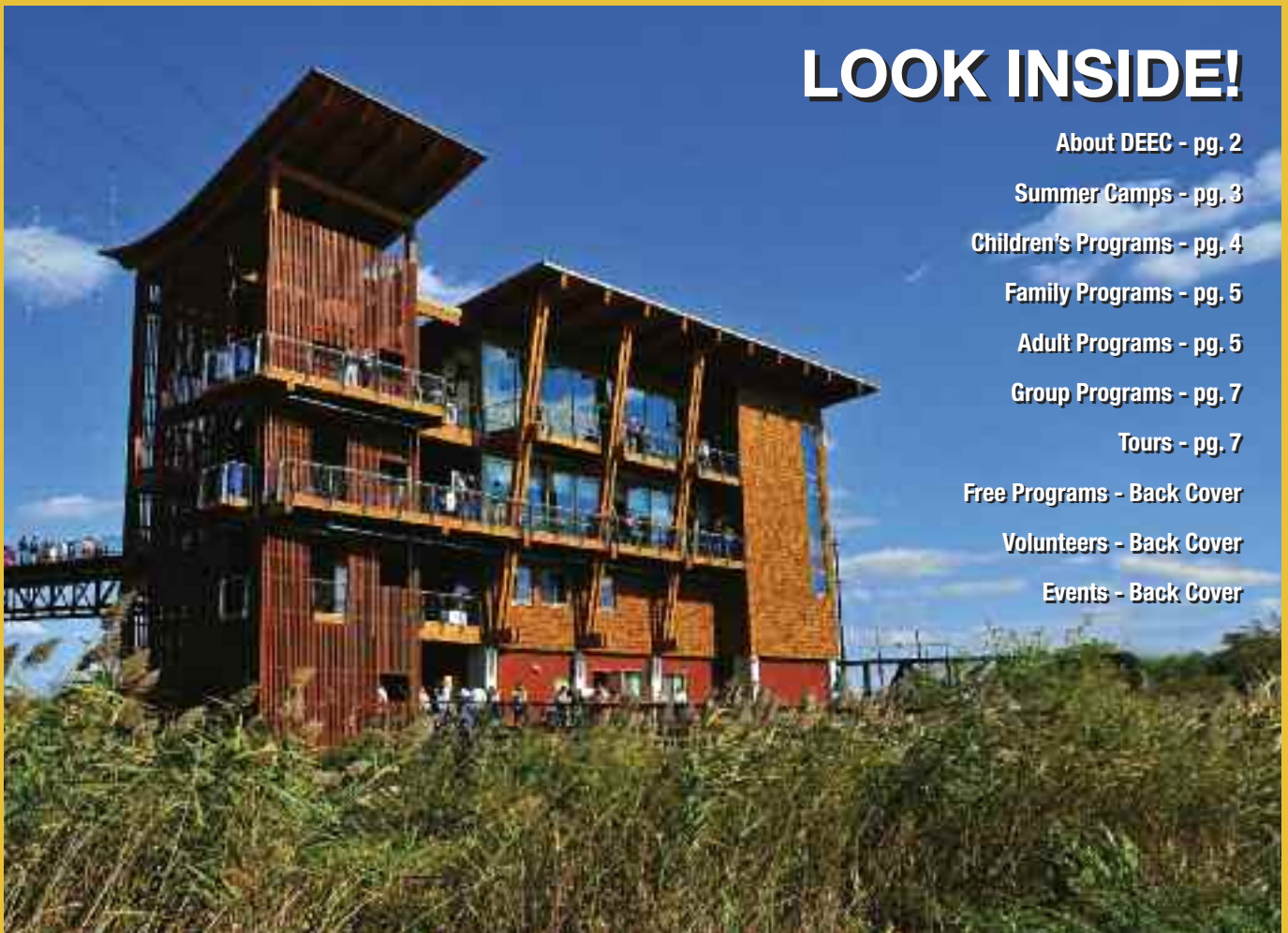
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**Coverdale Farm**  
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**Abbott's Mill Nature Center**  
15411 Abbott's Pond Road, Milford,  
302-422-0847

# 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.

## Spring Hours ~ April & May

Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge  
Gates open everyday: 7 am – 8 pm  
DuPont Environmental Education Center  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday – Saturday: 10 am – 3 pm  
Sunday: Noon – 4 pm

## Summer Hours ~ June - August

Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge  
Gates open everyday: 7 am – 8 pm  
DuPont Environmental Education Center  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday – Sunday: 11 am – 5 pm  
Note: Extended hours for groups by reservation only

## Admission

Free to individuals and families.  
Groups by reservation only.

## Contact Information

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## 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

# SUMMER CAMPS at DEEC

Let the DuPont Environmental Education Center (DEEC) at Wilmington's Riverfront be your child's nature paradise this summer for week-long programs. Each week will be filled with exploration, experiments, crafts, stories and activities focused around an exciting theme. Children will divide into age-appropriate groups for daily activities and multiple instructors will run each camp. Camps are for children 5 to 12 years old.

Camps include 3 snacks per day and parents may join their children for lunch. Each week includes before-and-after care, convenient to Wilmington. **Drop your camper off between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and pick them up between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. each day.**

## **Riverfront Time Travelers** Max: 15

Monday - Friday, June 21 - 25

7:30 am - 5:30 pm \*

Member/Non-Member: \$385/\$440

Camp #: C10-210-DC

Led by: John Harrod, Manager, DEEC

Dust off that flux capacitor...and time travel this week! Each day, visit a different period of the Riverfront past. Spend a day as Native Americans, build a boat for the World Cup, and sail down the Christina River on The Kalmar Nyckel at the end of one day with your parents! (See family program sdescription - pg. 5) Older campers will canoe down the Christina River. Write a play about colonial kids and present the play to your parents at the end of the camp week. Build a dike like a Swede and help protect the marsh like a modern-day ecologist.

## **Insect Mania** Max: 15

Monday - Friday, July 12 - 16

7:30 am - 5:30 pm \*

Member/Non-Member: \$340/\$395

Camp #: C10-220-DC

Led by: Lesley Bensinger, Education Coordinator, DEEC

Discover, catch and observe insects this summer! Find colorful caterpillars, darting dragonflies and many other six-legged animals! Read stories about insects, make insect crafts, and go on a field trip with an entomologist for some serious bug-catching. Create a butterfly house to take home and do a count of butterflies at DEEC. End the week by entering your insects in the "Insect Olympics!"

\* **Actual camp time is 9 am - 3:30 pm; before/after-care included in camp fee.**

## **Aqua-Adventures** Max: 15

Monday - Friday, July 26 - 30

7:30 am - 5:30 pm \*

Member/Non-Member: \$385/\$440

Camp #: C10-230-DC

Led by: Lesley Bensinger, Education Coordinator, DEEC and DNS Staff

Use crab traps, dip nets, minnow traps and cast nets to meet mummichugs, snapping turtles, crayfish and other aquatic creatures up close and personal! Catch and observe tadpoles as well as care for and feed aquatic animals that you will release at the end of the week. Look for aquatic life large and small, and use our microscopes and lab to see what is really in the water. Older campers will canoe the Christina River. End the week with a taxi boat ride down the river to look for wildlife, see historic buildings and see where the Christina River ends. (Parents are invited on the boat ride, fees apply.)

## **Wilmington's Wetland Wildlife** Max: 15

Monday - Friday, August 2 - 6

7:30 am - 5:30 pm \*

Member/Non-Member: \$340/\$395

Camp #: C10-240-DC

Led by: John Harrod, Manager, DEEC

Go on mini-safaris each day to find, catch, and examine wild creatures. Use nets, capture frogs and search for animals in the air, land and water. Keep animals in aquariums for observation and get up close with our live animal collection. Older campers will keep a wildlife journal and take photographs to document discoveries. Track mammals and make plaster casts of tracks. Observe birds including the nesting Osprey in the marsh. Install bird boxes and help with a wildlife project.

## **Outdoor Fun in Wilmington** Max: 15

Monday - Friday, August 9 - 13

7:30 am - 5:30 pm \*

Member/Non-Member: \$340/\$395

Camp #: C10-250-DC

Led by: Lesley Bensinger, Education Coordinator, DEEC

Don't be a child left inside this summer! Explore the wild lands around DEEC and beyond. Older campers will use public transportation with an instructor to visit several parks and green spaces nearby. Go on a scavenger hunt on the Riverfront and hide your own cache through geocaching and letterboxing activities. Make a kite and take part in a kite-flying contest. Collect phragmites from the marsh to make unique crafts to take home. Photograph wildlife and natural scenes in the marsh and make a nature photo scrapbook to take home.



# SEASONAL PROGRAMS

## FOR CHILDREN

### Meet Mr. Turtle

Ages: 1 ½ - 2 ½ (Parent participation required ~ no extra fee)

Program #: U10-201-DC Max: 15

Tuesday, May 25, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Member/Non-Member: \$8/\$14

Leader: Lesley Bensingler

Meet turtles close and personal! Examine their shell, count their scutes, listen to a turtle story and then eat a terrapin snack. Take a walk on the boardwalk to look where turtles live in the marsh.

### Just Like Me!

Ages: 3 - 5 (Parent participation welcome but not required ~ no extra fee)

Program #: W10-087-DC Max: 15

Wednesday March 24, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Member/Non-Member: \$9/\$15

Leader: Lesley Bensingler

Learn about the physical and behavioral adaptations animals have to help them not just survive, but thrive in a marsh habitat. Compare these adaptations to tools we use to accomplish similar tasks and see live animals. Snack included.

### The Mummichog Marsh

Ages: 3 - 5 (Parent participation welcome but not required ~ no extra fee)

Program #: U10-202-DC Max: 15

Wednesday, June 9, 10:00 am - 11:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$9/\$15

Leader: Lesley Bensingler

Walk through tall grasses and squish your boots in marsh mud. What is a Mummichog? Use nets to catch them and find out! End your marsh adventure with a slippery snack.

### Parents Night Out

Ages: 5 - 12 Max: 25

Program #: U10-203-DC Friday, May 14, 6:00 - 8:00 pm,  
**Amphibian Adventures**

Program #: U10-204-DC Friday, June 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm,  
**Nature's Artists**

Program #: U10-205-DC Friday, July 2, 6:00 - 8:00 pm,  
**Red Fox Party in Hoot's Hollow**

Program #: U10-206-DC Friday, August 20, 6:00 - 8:00 pm,  
**Boardwalk Bat Bonanza**

Member/Non-Member: \$17/22

Leader: Lesley Bensingler

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

### Shutterbug Walk

Ages: 6 - 8

Program #: W10-102-DC

Max: 10

Tuesday, April 20, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$12/\$18

Leader: John Harrod

Let the beauty of the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge and the Wilmington Riverfront inspire the next generation of nature photographers. Use our digital cameras or bring your own and sharpen your photography skills.

### Dip Netting Days

Ages: 6 - 8

Max: 15

Program #: U10-207-DC

Saturday, May 1, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$9/\$15

Leader: Lesley Bensingler

Explore the tidal pond at DEEC and see how many aquatic creatures you can find using dip nets, minnow and crab traps, and even a cast net! Meet a snapping turtle and other marsh animals in this outdoor exploration!

### Animal Olympics

Ages: 6 - 8

Program #: U10-208-DC

Max: 15

Thursday, July 8 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$9/\$15

Leader: Lesley Bensingler

Let the games begin! As a member of team dragonfly, snapper, or mummichog, compete in several marsh races and challenges. Try to find your animal teammate in the marsh and aim to win the gold!

### Young Naturalist Series

Ages: 9 - 12 Max: 15

Program #: U10-209-DC

Saturday, May 22, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, **Amphibian Quest**

Saturday, June 26, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, **Fish Finders**

Thursday, July 15, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, **Insect Sweep**

Wednesday, August 11, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, **Helping Hands**

Member/Non-Member: \$60/\$85

Leader: John Harrod

Do you enjoy wildlife, being outdoors and adventure? Join the Young Naturalist Series at DEEC and meet monthly for action-packed outdoors activities such as fishing, using cast nets to catch minnow, hiking, participating in a conservation project in the marsh and more!

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or call (302) 656-1490 for  
more information

## FOR FAMILIES

### Mythbusters

Program #: W10-131-DC

Saturday March 13, 10:00 - 11:30 am Max: 15

Member/Non-Member: Adult \$10, Child \$5/Adult \$15, Child \$7

Leader: John Harrod

Separate truth from urban legends in this marsh mystery investigation. Bust myths related to bats, dragonflies, snakes and more and see live animals! Participants must be 5 or older.

### Animal Tracks

Program #: W10-132-DC

Saturday, April 10, 10:00 am - Noon Max: 15

Member/Non-Member: Adult \$10, Child \$5/Adult \$15, Child \$7

Leader: Lesley Bensinger

Early spring is an excellent time to look for evidence of animals in the marsh. Hike around DEEC with your family to look for footprints of marsh residents. Make a plaster cast of your favorite track to take home as a souvenir.

### Frog Frolic

Program #: U10-210-DC

Saturday May 8, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Max: 15

Member/Non-Member: Adult \$10/\$15, Child \$5/\$7

Leader: John Harrod

Leopards, bulls and peepers, oh my! Come meet the frogs of the marsh. Learn how to identify them by their calls. Meet live frogs and go out in the marsh to explore, observe and catch a few too!

### What's Up Wilmington

Program #: U10-211-DC

Saturday, May 15, 8:00 - 10:00 pm Max: 15

Members/Non-Member: Adult \$10/\$15, Child \$5/\$7

Leader: Sheila Vincent

Join us under the dark skies of DEEC for a naked eye and telescopic tour of the spring sky. If the night is clear expect to view the thinnest fingernail of a moon, a glimpse of Orion, and a parade of three planets: Venus, Mars, and Saturn. Children must be 8 years old.

### Riverfront Time Travel on the Kalmar Nyckel

Program #: U10-212-DC

Thursday, June 24, 2:00 - 3:30 pm Max: 25

Member/Non-Member: Adult \$20/\$30, Child \$15/\$23

Leader: Lesley Bensinger

Dust off that flux capacitor...and travel back in time! Cruise the Christina River on the Kalmar Nyckel, Delaware's famous tall ship. See unique views of Wilmington, while hearing about the history of the riverfront!

We wish to thank the following photographers for their contributions to this publication:

Derek Stoner, John Harrod, Rod Hampton

### SpongeBob Science

Program #: U10-213-DC

Saturday July 3, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Max: 15

Member/Non-Member: Adult \$10/\$15, Child \$5/\$7

Leader: Lesley Bensinger

Attention SpongeBob Fans...come on an aquatic exploration. Observe life in our pond and compare them to your friends at the *Crusty Crab*. Catch plankton and observe them under a microscope. Introduce yourself to our marsh community and invent your own SpongeBob adventure!

### Marsh Masterpieces

Program #: U10-214-DC

Saturday, July 17, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Max: 15

Member/Non-Member: Adult \$10/\$15, Child \$5/\$7

Leader: Lesley Bensinger

Head out to the marsh and collect cattails, rushes, reeds and other gems, while learning about the importance of these plants in the wetland. Use your collection to make imaginative artistry like weaving marsh grasses and crafting jewelry from reeds.

### Family Canoe in the Marsh

Program #: U10-215-DC

Wednesday August 4, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Max: 15

Member/Non-Member: Adult \$15/\$20, Child \$9/\$10

Leader: Lesley Bensinger and DNS staff

Canoe in the Russell W. Peterson Refuge with the whole family. Explore winding "guts" to find wildlife in the marsh, like wading blue herons, diving ospreys and swimming turtles. Bring a lunch. Children must be 6 years old.

### Monarchs and other Marsh Migrants

Program #: U10-216-DC

Saturday August 28, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Max: 15

Member/Non-Member: Adult \$10/\$15, Child \$5/\$7

Leader: Lesley Bensinger

Witness the marvelous monarchs and other marsh migrants as they embark on their long journeys south. Try to net monarchs and other butterflies. Become a citizen scientist by tagging monarchs as part of a research project tracking their migration.

## FOR ADULTS

### Copeland Native Plant Seminar

Program #: E10-NPS-DC

Max: 60

Saturday, April 17, 9 am - Noon

Member/Non-Member: \$30/\$40

Host: John Harrod

Discover the most up-to-date knowledge about native plants and sustainable horticulture at this morning seminar that includes a garden tour and hands-on container gardener workshop. Special guest speaker is Edgar David, founder and principal architect of SED DESIGN in Blue Bell, Pa. David is widely recognized for his commitment to green design and is considered a pioneer for integrating sustainable principles in the creation of outdoor spaces.

## Adult Programs (cont'd.)

### Twilight Yoga

Program #: W10-055-DC Max 20

Tuesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Program #: W10-056-DC Max 20

Tuesday, April 6, 13, 20, 27 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Member/Non-Member: March: \$45/\$55; April: \$36/\$44

Leader: Trisha Bodaghi

Erase the tension of the day with a rejuvenation session of yoga with breathtaking views of the city, river, and marsh on the 4th floor of the DuPont Environmental Education Center. Wear comfortable clothes and BYO yoga mat.

### March Migrants and Breakfast

Program #: W10-059-DC Max: 15

Friday, March 5, 8:00 - 11:00 am

Member/Non-Member: \$10/\$15

Leader: Derek Stoner

Late winter is a great time to watch for migrating waterfowl returning to the marsh at the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy a good breakfast while taking in superb views of Wilmington and the marsh.

### Winter Plant Identification

Program #: W10-060-DC Max: 12

Wednesday, April 7, 5:30 - 7 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$10/\$15

Leader: John Harrod

Do you ever wonder what plant those bare twigs belong to in winter? Learn how to identify plants by their winter characteristics.

### Coffeehouse Lecture : Marsh Restoration at the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge

Program #: W10-061-DC Max: 60

Thursday, March 18, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$10/\$15

Speaker: Bob Meadows, DNREC, Environmental Scientist

Over the centuries, the marsh at Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge has been used and sometimes abused by people. Come enjoy tea, coffee and snacks while learning how the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) is working to restore the marsh for the benefit of people and wildlife.

### Yoga on the Boardwalk Series

5:30 - 6:45 pm Max: 15

Program #: U10-217-DC Tues. May 4, 11, 18, 25 \$36/\$44

Program #: U10-218-DC Tues. June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 \$45/\$55

Program #: U10-219-DC Tues. July 6, 13, 20, July 27 \$36/\$44

Program #: U10-220-DC Tues. Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 \$45/\$55

Leader: Laura Bensinger

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

### Wild Refuge Walking Series

Program #: U10-221-DC Max: 15

Tuesdays, May 4, 18, June 1, 15, 29, July 13, 7:30 - 10:00 am

Member/Non-Member: \$40/\$60

Leader: Sally O'Byrne and special guests

Join Sally O'Byrne, co-author of Wilmington's Waterfront, in a series of walks at the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge highlighting the natural and cultural history of Wilmington's marsh and river ecosystems focusing on birds, plants, and other wildlife. Wear shoes that can get wet and bring insect repellent.

### Spring Wildflowers of the Brandywine

Program #: U10-222-DC Max: 15

Thursday, May 6, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Member/Non-Member: \$10/\$15

Leader: John Harrod

Explore, identify, and learn the beautiful spring ephemeral wildflowers of Brandywine Park in Wilmington as you walk along with John Harrod, former Longwood Fellow. Meets at the park entrance on the corner of Lovering and Hancock.

### Christina River Cruise

Program #: U10-223-DC Max: 34

Wednesday, June 2, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Members/Non-Member: \$25/\$38

Leader: Kar DeGeiso

Take a scenic cruise along the Christina River and enjoy a fun and lively interpretation of its rich cultural, industrial, and natural history. Meets at the Dravo Plaza dock on the Wilmington Riverfront.

### Canoe and Brew

Program #: U10-224-DC Max: 15

Saturday, July 10, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$30/\$45

Leader: John Harrod and DNS Staff

Canoe down the Christina River looking for wildlife such as birds of prey, waterfowl, and aquatic mammals. After you have worked up a thirst, finish the trip at Timothy's Restaurant on the Riverfront where you will be treated to drink specials and FREE hors d'oeuvres created just for us! Drinks are not included in price.

### Adult and Teen Canoeing Trip

Program #: U10-225-DC Max: 10

Wednesday, July 21, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$15/\$20

Leader: John Harrod and DNS staff

Canoe around the marsh of the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge and see a special part of the city that is hidden from most land lubbers! Learn basic canoe skills and float (in your boat!) with friends on this aquatic adventure. Children must be 12 years old.

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or call (302) 656-1490 for  
more information

**Marsh Botany Walk**

Program #: U10-226-DC

Max: 15

Wednesday, July 28, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$10/\$15

Leader: Bill McAvoy

Take a hike with Delaware state botanist Bill McAvoy and gain an understanding of the unique freshwater marsh plants that reside in the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge.

**Digital Photography in Nature Series**

Program #: U10-227-DC

Max: 15

**Capturing Light:** Wed., Aug 4, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**Composition Makes Interest:** Wed., Aug 11, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**Context and Simplicity:** Wed., Aug 18, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**Using my Pictures:** Wed., Aug 25, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Members/Non-Members: \$50/\$60

Leader: Delaware Photographic Society members &amp; John Harrod

Capture beauty through the lens of the camera. Learn how to use your digital camera effectively and to compose the perfect photo with instruction from Delaware Photographic Society members. Bring your own camera or use ours.

# GROUP PROGRAMS & TOURS

Programs and tours for groups can be scheduled for weekdays or weekends at a convenient time. Advance reservation is required and most programs/tours require a 15 person minimum. To reserve a program, email [lesley@delawarenaturesociety.org](mailto:lesley@delawarenaturesociety.org) or call 302-656-1490, ext. 157.

**What's in the Water?**

Head out to the marsh and explore what's in the water! Use nets to catch animals in the pond and bring them into the lab to examine with magnifying lenses and microscopes. Discover how the animals and plants in the marsh depend on each other and construct your own marsh and pond food chain to take home. 1 ½ hours, \$6 per person.

**Marsh Amphibians**

Explore the marsh for amphibians; 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. 1 ½ hours, \$6 per person.

**Fantastic Fish**

Meet the many fish of the Christina River and the marsh. Watch as fish are caught in a spinning cast net, reel in fish traps, and use dip nets to try your luck. Examine the features of a variety of fish to learn what they eat and how they live. 1 ½ hours, \$6 per person.

**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 which animals are using the pond when no one is looking! 1 ½ hours, \$6 per person.

**Eco-Explorers**

How do you affect the environment? Search for signs of human activity in the marsh and test the quality of the water to look for evidence of our impact. Learn about wildlife and what you can do to protect their homes. 1 ½ hours, \$6 per person.

**Marshy Adventures**

Explore the biodiversity of a marsh habitat in this outdoor adventure! Look for marsh residents in the air, on land, in the soil, and in the water. Examine plants and animals closely using nets and magnifiers. Learn about marsh food chains, the water cycle, and why the Christina River is so important to Northern Delaware. 1 ½ hours, \$6 per person.

**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 typically found in the marsh, learn about minimum impact hiking, and make a record of your experiences in a nature journal of your own to take home. 1 ½ hours, \$6 per person.

**Building and Boardwalk Exploration Tour**

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 your own 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.

**Backyard Habitat Gardening Tour**

Stroll through the DEEC botanic garden and see how beautiful native plants provide for wildlife in Delaware. What's more, learn 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 Tour**

This tour will provide you with information about the origins of the DuPont Environmental Education Center, the Delaware Nature Society, and the many unique features of this site. Following the tour, explore the site independently with a more careful eye! ½ hour, \$3 per person.

# VOLUNTEER at DEEC!

If you would like to volunteer  
at DEEC, please contact:

John Harrod, Manager  
302-656-1490, ext. 156 or  
john@delawarenaturesociety.org



# OSPREY FEST



Saturday  
June 12th  
11 am – 5 pm

\$3  
INTRODUCING  
ADULTS & UP

A Full Day of Family Fun!



- Bird Identification Walks
- Birds in your neighborhood
- Meet Buddy the Duck
- Bird arts & crafts
- Check out our Osprey-cam
- Use binocs & scopes
- Meet local bird experts

# COPELAND Native Plant Seminar

SATURDAY  
APRIL 17  
9 AM - NOON



See page 5  
for program  
details

## Free & Low-Cost Programs

No pre-registration necessary; just  
check-in at the DEEC lobby!

### ► Lunch with a Naturalist (Free)

*Last Tuesday of the Month: 12 pm*

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.

### ► Nature Walks (Free)

*Spring (April – May)*

*Saturdays & Sundays: 1 & 3 pm*

*Summer (June – August)*

*Tuesdays - Fridays: 3 pm*

*Saturdays & Sundays: 1 & 3 pm*

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

### ► Dip Netting in the Marsh (\$3 ages 3 +)

*Tuesdays - Sundays (June – August): 2 pm*

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

