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NATURE CENTER



**Howard
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RECREATION & PARKS



FALL 2020

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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HOMESCHOOL

- For Pre-Home & Home School Classes, there are three seasons of classes (fall, winter and spring) that focus on different themes. (Themes are listed in course descriptions.)
- Parents may attend classes with their child(ren) at no cost.
- Siblings younger than 4 years old are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent at all times.
- All participants must complete a participant form, which will be emailed out prior to each season.
- **These home school programs will have an alternative kit-based & online program planned in the event of COVID-19 closures. Prices may be adjusted in the event of alternative programs.**
- Info: Robinson Nature Center, 410-313-0400 or mdowney@howardcountymd.gov.

NEW! Pre-Home School Classes

Fall 2020-Spring 2021 

Give your young home schoolers a chance to discover nature and science topics at an age-appropriate pace. Activities are designed to introduce concepts as well as to increase comfort with and foster excitement about the natural world. Classes are held once a month. Sign up for each season (3 classes) in which you have interest. Fall Topics: Maps & Directions, Farming Fun, Winter Preparations. Winter Topics: Our Night Sky, Solar System, Mud, Rocks & More. Spring Topics: Mammals, Creepy, Crawly Critters, Taking Care of the Earth.

4-5 yrs	Robinson Nature Ctr	2:30-4pm	\$36 per child, per season	Classes: 3
RP4885.101	Fall	Thursday class	Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, 2020	
RP4885.111	Fall	Friday class	Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, 2020	
RP4885.201	Winter	Thursday class	Dec 3, 2020, Jan 7, Feb 4, 2021	
RP4885.211	Winter	Friday class	Dec 4, 2020, Jan 8, Feb 5, 2021	
RP4885.301	Spring	Thursday class	Mar 4, Apr 8, May 6, 2021	
RP4885.311	Spring	Friday class	Mar 5, Apr 9, May 7, 2021	

NEW! Home School Classes

Fall 2020-Spring 2021 

Give your 6 to 8-year-old home school students hands-on, immersive experiences in nature and science. Activities focus on increasing content knowledge and fostering excitement about the natural world. Classes are held once a month. Sign up for each season (3 classes) in which you have interest. Fall Topics: Navigation, Native Americans, Milling Era. Winter Topics: Solar System, Comets & Meteors, Geology. Spring Topics: Vertebrates, Invertebrates, Living Green.

6-8 yrs	Robinson Nature Ctr	2:30-4pm	\$36 per child, per season	Classes: 3
RP4885.102	Fall	Thursday class	Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, 2020	
RP4885.112	Fall	Friday class	Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, 2020	
RP4885.202	Winter	Thursday class	Dec 3, 2020, Jan 7, Feb 4, 2021	
RP4885.212	Winter	Friday class	Dec 4, 2020, Jan 8, Feb 5, 2021	
RP4885.302	Spring	Thursday class	Mar 4, Apr 8, May 6, 2021	
RP4885.312	Spring	Friday class	Mar 5, Apr 9, May 7, 2021	



NEW! Home School In-Depth Study

Fall 2020-Spring 2021 

9 to 12-year-old home school students conduct in-depth study and cumulative investigations of nature and science topics. Classes are held once a month. Sign up for each season (3 classes) in which you have interest. Fall Topics: Investigate Earth Science (including geography, plate tectonics, rocks and minerals). Winter Topics: Explore Space (including gravity, deep space objects and the search for alien life). Spring Topics: Focus on STEM (while looking at sustainability in pollution control and energy-efficient design).

9-12 yrs	Robinson Nature Ctr	2:30-4pm	\$36 per child, per season	Classes: 3
RP4885.103	Fall	Thursday class	Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, 2020	
RP4885.113	Fall	Friday class	Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, 2020	
RP4885.203	Winter	Thursday class	Dec 3, 2020, Jan 7, Feb 4, 2021	
RP4885.213	Winter	Friday class	Dec 4, 2020, Jan 8, Feb 5, 2021	
RP4885.303	Spring	Thursday class	Mar 4, Apr 8, May 6, 2021	
RP4885.313	Spring	Friday class	Mar 5, Apr 9, May 7, 2021	



= Online program



= May go online if unable to be held in person

Interested in a kit-based version of these classes you can do at home? Try our "Take Home Nature" program.

Call 410-313-0400 or visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rnc/education.

SPECIAL EVENTS & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

September

Sensory-Friendly Sunday at the Nature Center

These events are designed for families with kids, teens, and adults with sensory processing differences, autism spectrum disorder, or developmental disabilities. The center opens early, allowing visitors to enjoy a calm environment. Explore the exhibits, Discovery Room, nature trails and/or outdoor Nature Place play area. Sensory alert maps, sensory backpacks and quiet areas are available.

All ages \$5, adult; \$3, child; Free, members and children under 3 yrs

RP4876.120	Robinson Nature Ctr	Sep 20	11:30am-12:30pm	Su
RP4876.121	Robinson Nature Ctr	Oct 18	11:30am-12:30pm	Su
RP4876.122	Robinson Nature Ctr	Nov 8	11:30am-12:30pm	Su
RP4876.123	Robinson Nature Ctr	Dec 13	11:30am-12:30pm	Su

October

NEW! Archaeology Fest

Join us in conducting actual archaeology! Centuries ago, the Simpsonville mill, a general store and residences were located on the Robinson Nature Center property. During Archaeology Fest, perform an archaeological dig to look for and catalog artifacts from this time period. Take a guided hike to the mill ruins and participate in a flint-knapping demonstration. This is a unique, one-time event. Spaces are limited. Info: 410-313-0400 or 410-313-0419.

Robinson Nature Ctr Those under 17 yrs must attend with a registered adult.

RP4859.101	5 yrs +	Beginner	Oct 3	10am-noon	Sa	\$20 per person
RP4859.102	13 yrs +	Advanced	Oct 3	2-4pm	Sa	\$20 per person

Sensory-Friendly Sunday Oct 18 See description above

NEW! Take Home Halloween Tricks, Treats and Trees for Tots

Bring the magic and fun of Robinson's Halloween event home with a curated kit of pre-planned activities and materials to create your own Halloween adventure. Costumed Robinson Nature Center educators guide you through making a "witches brew," prepare you for tracking a Halloween creature, and help you learn about mystery nature objects in fun, pre-recorded videos. Your kit includes a paper lantern craft, sensory bug hunt, Halloween scavenger hunt, monster-tracking activity, mystery nature objects, neighborhood Halloween seek-and-find as well as a goody bag of treats from our sponsors, David's Natural Market and MOM's Organic Market. Kit materials are for one child. Please call 410-313-0400 to add materials and treats for a discounted price for additional siblings participating. **Sign up by October 4th for kit pick up at Robinson Nature Center on October 17th.**

2-6 yrs \$35, kit + online content; \$20, treats & materials for additional sibling

RP4858.130	Online	Oct 17	9am-11am	Sa
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NEW! Halloween Tricks, Treats and Trees 2020

This year, we've modified our popular special event. Join a guided adventure where nature's "tricks" are revealed at delightful stations throughout the nature center and grounds. Make a potion with a witch, go on a visual scavenger hunt, delight in a Halloween-inspired outdoor puppet show and visit trail stations to learn about spooky, mystical and wild creatures. Enjoy a bag of goodies from our sponsors, David's Natural Market and MOM's Organic Market, at the end of your adventure. Groups are limited to 20 people. Face masks are required. All participants must call 410-313-0400 to register for a time slot. For younger children, or children that prefer an at-home adventure, we are offering a Take Home version of the program (see info in next column). Info: www.howardcountymd.gov/RNctrickortreat.

All ages \$10, child; \$5, adult; Free, under 1 yr

RP4858.101	Robinson Nature Ctr	Oct 24	9am-3pm	Sa
RP4858.102	Robinson Nature Ctr	Oct 25	9am-3pm	Su



November

Sensory-Friendly Sunday Nov 8

See description in left column

Mistletoe and Moonlight Makers Mart

Join us for an enjoyable evening of holiday shopping at the Robinson Nature Center! Local artisans and makers offer handmade and sustainable wares. Science, space and nature-themed children's gifts available. "Try-it" game area, decorated tree raffles and self-guided trail walks under the moon. Vendor applications accepted until 11/1. Info/full vendor list/vendor application: www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/makersmart. Local artisan online shopping experience in the event of COVID-19 closures.

All ages Robinson Nature Center

RP4860.101	Nov 20	6:30-9:30pm	F	Free
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December

Deer Santa

Delight in an afternoon of "reindeer games" that test your skills against our four-legged friends in this family-friendly, self-guided adventure. Join us for an optional guided winter walk in the woods, and get a photo with Santa (between 9am and noon)! All adults and children over the age of 1 year must be registered to participate. No online registration. Info: www.howardcountymd.gov/DeerSanta or 410-313-0400.

\$15, child, over 1 yr; \$7, adult; Free, under 1 yr

\$2 off each individual registration for Robinson Nature Ctr members

RP4873.101	All ages	Robinson Nature Ctr	Dec 12	9am-2pm	Sa
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Sensory-Friendly Sunday Dec 13

See description in left column

NEW! Winter Solstice Celebration Under the Stars

Celebrate the longest night of the year with activities that explore the light and the dark! Enjoy a planetarium program to discover the significance of the solstice, myths, and folklore about our sun. Take in nature's winter beauty during a night hike as we examine how animals and plants prepare for the long nights and short days ahead. Warm up with a campfire and hot chocolate. Alternative online or kit-based program will be offered in the event of COVID-19 closures. Info: 410-313-0400.

6 yrs + Robinson Nature Ctr

RP4873.201	Dec 19	6:30-8:30pm	Sa	\$10
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NEW! NATURE DAY'S OUT PROGRAMS



NEW! Kids' Wednesdays Out at the Nature Center

Each Wednesday, join us to explore the wonders of nature, play outdoors with friends and have a day away from home. With many schools going virtual this fall, this program provides a weekly chance for kids to spend time with other kids while enjoying nature walks, river time (during warmer months), games, meeting animal ambassadors and more. We provide "quiet time" for kids to work on virtual school assignments or de-stress with nature art or journaling activities. These programs will run in accordance with Howard County's COVID-19 safety procedures. Enrolled children will be divided into groups of no more than 13 participants and 2 staff. Face masks are required. Call 410-313-0400 to sign up for the number of days you would like your child to attend each month and to reserve the dates of attendance.

6-12 yrs	Robinson Nature Ctr	\$60 per day
RP4812.110	Sep 9, 16, 23, 30	9am-3pm W
RP4812.111	Oct 7, 14, 21, 28	9am-3pm W
RP4812.112	Nov 4, 11, 18, 25	9am-3pm W
RP4812.113	Dec 2, 9, 16, 23	9am-3pm W
RP4812.114	Jan, 13, 20, 27	9am-3pm W

NEW! Lil' Pinecones Fall Outdoor Explorers

In this unique Robinson Nature Center program for preschoolers, your child uses nature as a platform for discovery, emergent learning and development! Outdoor Explorers is designed to help children reach early childhood learning domains through a combination of structured, nature-based outdoor activities and play. The program will be held entirely outdoors unless there is extreme inclement weather. Program follows Howard County's COVID-19 safety policies and procedures for physical distancing and facial mask use. Class starts Oct, 1nd. No class Nov 26th.

4-5 yrs	Robinson Nature Ctr	Classes: 10	No class 11/26
RP4812.150	Oct 1	9am-noon	Th \$375



NEW! Friday Morning Nature Explorers

Let us introduce your 4 or 5 year old to the natural world through outdoor learning, exploration, and play. This drop-off program will be held mostly outdoors as weather permits with additional activities (crafts, puppet shows) held indoors. Program follows Howard County's COVID-19 safety policies and procedures for physical distancing and facial mask use. Info/registration: 410-313-0400. Class starts Oct, 2nd. No class Nov 27th.

4-5 yrs	Robinson Nature Ctr	Classes: 10	No class 11/27
RP4812.150	Oct 2	9am-noon	F \$350



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Enjoy through all four seasons:

- Children's Discovery Room & outdoor nature place
- Planetarium & full-dome movies
- Nature trails, interactive exhibits & more!

Enjoy complimentary admission and special discounts on designated programs and gift shop items with your family pass!

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NEW! TAKE HOME NATURE AND ONLINE EXPERIENCES

If you are unable to travel to the nature center or prefer to experience the wonders of nature in your own home and on your own time, check out our take home and online offerings! From personal visits with our animals, to pre-planned kits of learning activities and from weekly engaging content to competitive trivia, we hope you'll choose to bring a little nature into your home this fall.

Creature Cameo Birthday Visits

Treat your child, loved one or friend to a special birthday visit from one of our live animals! Enjoy a 15-minute online visit with the animal of your choice including a birthday message from the animal followed by a live presentation about the animal facilitated by a Robinson Nature Center educator. Visits can be scheduled between 9am and 5pm, Wednesday through Sunday. Info: www.howardcountymd.gov/rnc/creaturecameo.

All ages Online \$40 per experience

Nature Now Subscription

Each season, we take you outside to show you what's happening in nature or teach you a new nature skill. By purchasing a subscription, you'll be able to discover what plants are currently blooming; and which wildlife animals are active. Enjoy learning how to identify bird calls, how to build a perfect campfire, what constellations or celestial events you should be on the lookout for, and more about our local environment. Content is released each week for 10 weeks through Vimeo on Wednesday afternoons and can be accessed for the remainder of the season. If you miss sign up, you can sign up at any time to receive past week's content.

All ages Online Classes: 10

Sep 16 3pm \$25; \$15 for Robinson Nature Center members

We Know Nature – Trivia Program

Come enjoy game night with us while supporting our center! Ever wanted to test your nature knowledge against dozens of other families and individuals from around the state? Well now you can, and from the comfort of your living room! This nature trivia contest is hosted by Robinson Nature Center staff and Howard County Park Rangers. Each session's questions center around a different nature theme and the winner of each session will be awarded a nature-themed prize. Registration proceeds from this program support the Robinson Nature Center.

7 yrs + Online Days: 1

RP4884.100 Nocturnal Nature Oct 9 7-8pm F \$20 per family

RP4884.101 Native Species of Maryland Nov 13 7-8pm F \$20 per family

NEW! Lil Acorns WonderFALL Take Home Program

Pick up your curated kit full of pre-planned activities and materials to help your young child explore the wonders of fall. Robinson Nature Center educators teach you what animals are doing as the days grow shorter and put on a puppet show in fun, pre-recorded videos. Make a leaf wreath and pumpkin tamborine. Play chipmunk as you hunt for acorns outside and do some sensory-painting with fall leaves. **Sign up by October 4th for kit pick up at Robinson Nature Center on October 10th.**

2-3 yrs \$20, kit + online content

RP4858.130 Online Oct 10 9am-11am Sa

Bean to Brew Coffee at Home -
History and Tasting Nov 7 Page 9

Bethlehem's Star - Astronomy at Home
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= Online program



= May go online if unable to be held in person



NEW! Take Nature Home Program

Bring Robinson Nature Center fun and learning to your home! Pick up a curated kit that includes pre-planned nature-based activities, and access pre-recorded instructional videos at your convenience. Kits are designed for various age groups and include content and materials on a new theme each month. Materials are your child's to keep for continued learning (see kit details below).

Register by 10/4 for October kits and pick up on 10/17 between 9am and 11am.

Register by 11/1 for November kits and pick up on 11/14 between 10am and Noon. Please call 410-313-0400 if you miss the cut-off or need to arrange an alternate pick-up.

Ages 4-12 Recorded content + materials kit, picked up at Robinson Nature Ctr; \$20/kit

October Kits

Farming Fun (4-5 yr olds) - Enjoy a puppet show, song and animal encounter video! Plant your own surprise seed, explore a farming sensory bin and do a finger-painting craft.

Native American (6-8 yr olds) - Explore foraging, hunting tools and other aspects of native american life in Maryland prior to the 18th century through a video lesson. Create your own field guide of plants, make traditional clay pottery and play a traditional game.

Plate Tectonics (9-12 yr olds) - Explore the layers of Earth, movement of tectonic plates, volcanoes and earthquakes through a video lesson. Model plate boundaries, build and set off a volcano and design and test a structure to withstand an earthquake.

November Kits

Winter Preparations (4-5 yr olds) - Enjoy a puppet show, and meet some of Robinson's animal ambassadors via video! Experiment with "blubber", build your own animal den and play a game to find food hidden "underground".

Milling Era (6-8 yr olds) - Learn about Maryland milling in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries by examining the history of the Simpsonville Mill on Robinson Nature Center's property via a video lesson! Explore mill engineering by creating your own water wheel using recycled materials and grinding grain into flour!

Rocks & Minerals (9-12 yr olds) - Take a close look at the world of rocks and minerals via a video lesson that covers different types of rocks and the Mohs scale of hardness. Identify minerals from the lesson, grow your own crystals and crack open a geode.

ASTRONOMY & PLANETARIUM



- Planetarium programs are held in the Nature Center's digital planetarium and dome-style movie theater. Portions of the program may be held outside of the dome.
- For planetarium shows, arrive 15 minutes prior to the show time to be seated. Due to dark conditions, we cannot seat you during the show.
- Sensory-friendly accommodations are available for all planetarium programs upon request. To make a request, contact the Robinson Nature Center no later than one week in advance of the program.
- Previews of planetarium films:
www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCNatureSphereFeatures.
- Listed by earliest start date.
- Fee is per person. Children must be accompanied by a ticketed adult.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Family Fridays Under the Dome

Friday nights with your family should be stellar! Come enjoy unique shows at the Robinson Nature Center's planetarium. Each program features a full-dome movie preceded by a live, family-friendly planetarium presentation where you discover what's in the night sky that month. Portions of the program may be held outside of the planetarium. Call 410-313-0400 to register.

7 yrs +	Robinson Nature Ctr	Price is per ticket
RP4801.101	<i>We Are Stars</i>	Sep 4 6:30-7:30pm F \$8
RP4801.102	<i>Passport to the Universe</i>	Oct 2 6:30-7:30pm F \$8
RP4801.103	<i>Astronaut</i>	Nov 6 6:30-7:30pm F \$8
RP4801.104	<i>Stars</i>	Dec 4 6:30-7:30pm F \$8

NEW! Family Sundays Under the Dome

Enjoy the stars on a Sunday afternoon! We provide a second opportunity to catch our monthly planetarium program for families. Each program features a full-dome movie (see below) preceded by the same live, family-friendly planetarium presentation given on Friday evening where you discover what's in the night sky that month. Portions of the program may be held outside of the planetarium. Call 410-313-0400 to register.

Robinson Nature Ctr	\$5 per ticket with general admission or annual pass	1-2pm
RP4801.105	2 yrs + <i>One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure</i>	Sep 13 Su
RP4801.106	5 yrs + <i>Zula Patrol: Down to Earth</i>	Oct 11 Su
RP4801.107	5 yrs + <i>Earth, Moon, and Sun</i>	Nov 15 Su
RP4801.108	4 yrs + <i>Zula Patrol: Under the Weather</i>	Dec 20 Su

Friday Late Nights Under the Dome

You don't have to leave Howard County for an out-of-this-world Friday night experience. Treat your partner or friends to top-notch astronomy and entertainment at the Robinson Nature Center. This program is held in our state-of-the-art digital planetarium and features a full-dome movie preceded by an adult-level planetarium presentation about current happenings in our night sky and space science. Portions of this program may be held outside of the planetarium. Call 410-313-0400 to register.

18 yrs +	Robinson Nature Ctr	Price is per ticket
RP4800.101	Film <i>Galaxies Galore</i>	Sep 4 8-9pm F \$8
RP4800.102	Film <i>Mars: The Red Planet</i>	Oct 2 8-9pm F \$8
RP4800.103	Film <i>A Star Called Mira</i>	Nov 6 8-9pm F \$8

Lil' Stars Astronomy Program (Parent/Child)

Give your child a special nighttime experience during the day at the Robinson Nature Center! Let your little one discover outer space through views of the stars and planets, stories, crafts and hands-on activities. Each month we focus on a different theme – from the colors of stars, to the stories behind a constellation, to the seasonal changes in the sky. Preregister to secure your seats. No late seating. Portions of this program may be held outside of the dome. Call 410-313-0400 to register.

3-8 yrs	Robinson Nature Ctr	\$4 per ticket w/ admission or annual pass
RP4802.101	<i>Autumn Equinox</i>	Sep 19 10-10:30am Sa
RP4802.102	<i>Autumn Equinox</i>	Sep 19 11-11:30am Sa
RP4802.103	<i>NEW! The Compass, the Dog and the Lion</i>	Oct 10 10-10:30am Sa
RP4802.104	<i>NEW! The Compass, the Dog and the Lion</i>	Oct 10 11-11:30am Sa
RP4802.105	<i>NEW! Sky Stories</i>	Nov 28 10-10:30am Sa
RP4802.106	<i>NEW! Sky Stories</i>	Nov 28 11-11:30am Sa
RP4802.107	<i>Space Rocks!</i>	Dec 5 10-10:30am Sa
RP4802.108	<i>Space Rocks!</i>	Dec 5 11-11:30am Sa

Bethlehem's Star – Astronomy from Home

In this online program, join Dr. Joel Goodman from the comfort of your home to explore the possible astronomical explanations for the Star of Bethlehem. No matter what your faith, discover documented celestial and historical events that took place over 2,000 years ago that caused the Magi to come to Jerusalem. Dr. Goodman answers questions throughout the online presentation. Events are held through WebEx.

18 yrs +	Online
RP4800.104	Dec 4 8-9:30pm F \$10
RP4804.104	Dec 10 2:30-4pm Th \$10

NEW! Winter Solstice Celebration

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= Online program



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FAMILY & PARENT/CHILD



- Programs in this section require an adult to register with their child and accompany them at all times.
- Unregistered siblings of age for a program or older may not join their registered sibling in a program.
- Caregivers and children of the appropriate age are welcome. Please note required adult/child ratios for caregivers.
- Listed by earliest start date.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Astronomy/Planetarium *Page 6*

Babes in Backpacks – Fall Edition (Parent/Child)

Enjoy spending time with your baby and meeting other nature-loving parents as you explore the trails at the Robinson Nature Center on a guided walk. Delight in experiencing new sights, sounds, smells, and textures together with your baby. We'll provide engaging objects and activities to safely encourage your child's sensory exploration of nature. Please bring a baby backpack or carrier. Trails are not stroller accessible. No online registration, please call 410-313-0400.

1-13 mos Robinson Nature Ctr Fee is for one child and one adult.
 RP4872.101 Sep 5 11am-noon Sa \$8 (1 child, 1 adult); \$6 additional person

Toddler Time Outdoor Explorers (Parent/Child)

Let's get outdoors! Similar to our indoor Toddler Time program, tots investigate sights, smells, textures and sounds of nature while in the great outdoors. We facilitate play activities for parents and toddlers. Dress for the weather. Programs are outdoors and are cancelled with refunds for extreme weather. Fee is for one child and one adult. A 1:3 caregiver-to-child ratio is required.

1-2½ yrs	Robinson Nature Ctr	\$6, annual pass holders; \$8, nonmember			
RP4871.111	Squirrels and Chipmunks		Sep 11	10-10:45am	F
RP4871.121	Loads of Leaves		Oct 9	10-10:45am	F
RP4871.131	Gobblers, Toms and Hens (Turkeys!)		Nov 13	10-10:45am	F
RP4871.141	Holiday Nature Fun		Dec 11	10-10:45am	F

Sensory-Friendly Sunday at the Nature Center

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Lil' Acorns Parent/Child Nature Program I

Hold your lil' acorn's hand through an unforgettable morning! In our Wonder-FALL program, discover the fascinating changes made by plants and animals during the fall season. In our Playing Opossum program, explore the life of the incredible opossum. These parent/child interactive programs include stories, tot-friendly investigations, a puppet show, and a short walk through the woods. Alternative kit-based programs will be offered in the event of COVID-19 closures.

2-3 yrs	Robinson Nature Ctr	\$18 for 1 child & 1 adult			
RP4817.101	NEW! Wonder-Fall		Sep 12	10:30am-noon	Sa
RP4817.102	NEW! Playing Opossum		Dec 19	10:30am-noon	Sa

Robinson Nature Center Anniversary

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 410-313-0400

Toddler Time at the Nature Center (Parent/Child)

Toddlers relish the chance to explore unfamiliar textures, smells, sounds, and sights found in nature. During Toddler Time, our youngest visitors use unstructured play to gain the comfort level and motor skills they need to happily explore the world around them. Each month, we curate materials on a different theme for you and your toddler to explore together. Fee is for one child and one adult. A 1:3 caregiver-to-child ratio is required. Call 410-313-0400 to register.

1-2½ yrs Robinson Nature Ctr \$6, annual pass holders; \$8, nonmember

RP4871.101	NEW! Space Explorers	Sep 25	9-9:45am	F
RP4871.102	NEW! Space Explorers	Sep 25	10-10:45am	F
RP4871.103	Spooky Critters	Oct 30	9-9:45am	F
RP4871.104	Spooky Critters	Oct 30	10-10:45am	F
RP4871.105	Fantastic Fall	Nov 20	9-9:45am	F
RP4871.106	Fantastic Fall	Nov 20	10-10:45am	F
RP4871.107	Life Underground	Dec 18	9-9:45am	F
RP4871.108	Life Underground	Dec 18	10-10:45am	F

NEW! Archaeology Fest Oct 3 Page 3

The ART in eARTH

Join staff from Port Discovery Children's Museum to examine our world through the arts. Use natural objects to create jewelry and unique works of art, create your own web and discover the movements of birds through these fun, interactive programs. Supported by the Howard County Council for the Arts, tickets are first-come, first-served. Online workshops available in the event of COVID-19 closures.

2-9 yrs Robinson Nature Ctr Free with general admission or annual pass

RP4830.101	Nature: Prints, Paintings & Processes	Oct 10	2:30-3:30pm	Sa
RP4830.102	Environmental Adornments	Oct 17	2:30-3:30pm	Sa
RP4830.103	Animal Architects: Cobweb Canvas	Nov 7	2:30-3:30pm	Sa
RP4830.104	The Bird Talent Show	Nov 14	2:30-3:30pm	Sa

NEW! Halloween Tricks, Treats and Trees

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NEW! Backyard Birds (Parent/Child)

Join Howard County Bird Club member Mary Lou Clark and a Robinson Nature Center naturalist for a fun morning discovering our feathered neighbors. Discover birds you are likely to see at your feeder/in your yard in the fall in Maryland through fun activities, and then create some bird-friendly decorations that double as tasty bird treats you can take home to hang in your yard. End with a search of signs of birds along Robinson's trails.

4-10 yrs Robinson Nature Ctr Days: 1

RP4818.101	Nov 7	10am-11:15am	Sa	\$10
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Deer Santa Dec 12 Page 3

NEW! Family Winter Solstice

Celebration Dec 19 Page 3



Birthday Parties, Events and Rentals

at Robinson Nature Center



We have added new virtual birthday party options! For more information about birthday parties, events, rentals and more, visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rnc/rentals.

 = Online program

 = May go online if unable to be held in person

YOUTH & ADULT



Youth

- Programs in this section are drop-off programs. Parents are required to fill out a participant information form for each child. Forms are emailed to the email address provided when the child registered.
- Listed by earliest start date.
- See additional activities in the Astronomy/Planetarium section and in the Family & Parent/Child section.

Home School *Page 2*

NEW! Jr. Naturalist Program

Fascinated by nature? Join us to become a Jr. Naturalist! During this drop-off program, kids learn from Robinson Nature Center staff through experiments, demos and fun activities. Life of Reptiles program: Discover fascinating traits of reptiles and watch as our resident reptiles are fed. Wildlife Winter Readiness program: Learn about which animals hibernate and migrate, as well as some neat, winter animal adaptations! Take home a badge at the end of each program.

6-10 yrs Robinson Nature Ctr Days: 1

RP4812.151 *Life of Reptiles* Sep 26 3-4pm Sa \$10
 RP4812.152 *Wildlife Winter Readiness* Nov 21 3-4pm Sa \$10

NEW! Kids' Wednesdays Out at the Nature Center

Sep 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov 4, 11, 18, 25;

Dec 2, 9, 16, 23; Jan 13, 20, 27 Page 4

Lil' Pinecones Fall Outdoor Explorers *Oct 1 Page 4*

Adults

- For 21 yrs + events at which alcohol will be served, participants must bring a photo ID.
- Listed by earliest start date.

Friday Late Nights Under the Dome

Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6 Page 6

NEW! Stroll & Paint with Tara Holl

Get active and artsy, no experience needed! Discover seasonal wonders on a guided walk, then paint the landscape "en plein air" (outdoors). Artist Tara Holl demonstrates techniques in oils and provides tips, tricks, and feedback. Pack a lunch to enjoy. Easels provided. Materials list emailed to participants one week prior to class.

55 yrs + Robinson Nature Ctr Days: 1

RP4843.101 Sep 9 9am-1pm W \$49

NEW! Nature Matters

Fascinated by nature? Join us to go in-depth on nature topics. Learn from Robinson Nature Center staff through experiments, demos and fun activities. In our "How Nature Noshes" program, discover more about our Earth's food web and watch as our resident reptiles are fed. In our climate science program discover how climate affects our region through interactive technology.

18 yrs + Robinson Nature Ctr Days: 1

RP4812.171 How Nature Noshes Sep 26 3-4pm Sa \$10
 RP4812.172 Climate Nov 21 3-4pm Sa \$10

Ladies Night Out Hike

Immerse yourself in the nocturnal wonders of the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA). Knowledgeable Robinson Nature Center naturalists guide the 1.5-hour-long, two-mile hike over unpaved terrain. Meet at the Robinson Nature Center to caravan to the MPEA. Bring a flashlight.

18 yrs + Robinson Nature Ctr Days: 1

RP4883.101 Oct 10 6:30-8:30pm Sa \$10

Bean to Brew Coffee at Home – History and Tasting

Wake up and get to know your coffee from the comfort of your own home! Join local roaster Pfefferkorn's Coffee for a virtual tasting. Explore the coffee bean's intriguing history, see how beans are roasted and discover plants used as coffee substitutes during a live virtual presentation. Pick up your individual coffee tastings with instructions on how to brew and suggested dessert pairings from Robinson Nature Center prior to the program.

18 yrs + Online Days: 1

RP4826.101 Nov 7 10am-noon Sa \$20

Mistletoe and Moonlight Makers Mart

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Bethlehem's Star – Astronomy from Home

Dec 4, Dec 10 Page 6



= Online program



= May go online if unable to be held in person