

Tenaflly Nature Center

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FAMILY NATURE WALKS

**Sundays, April 10, May 8, June 5, & July 10
3-4 pm**

Monthly spring walks are scheduled on Sundays from 3-4 pm on April 10, May 8, June 5, and July 10. Look for migrating birds and seasonal changes during a walk along the trails led by a TNC environmental educator. Inclement weather will cancel the programs. No strollers, please. Advance registration is not required, but is requested. Family walks are free to members; \$3.00 each for non-members.

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ANNUAL SALAMANDER SEARCH

A March or April Evening

Join TNC Education Director, Debora Davidson, to help count spotted salamanders at TNC on an evening in late March or early April. Spotted salamanders emerge from their burrows after the first "warm" spring rain. Bring a flashlight to search around the small pool near the Redfield building. Give us your name and phone number or e-mail address and we'll contact you then the weather is right. This free program is open to members only.

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SNOW SPORTS SERIES: Outdoor Orienteering

Sunday, March 20, 2-4 pm

Learn basic orienteering skills including map and compass reading on Sunday, March 20 from 2-4 pm. Held mostly outside, the program is designed for adults and children in 3rd grade and up. Dress for the weather. Advance registration is required; space is limited. Fees are \$12 each for members; \$15 each for non-members.

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VERNAL EQUINOX CAMPFIRE

Night Walk & Talk
Sunday March 20, 7-8:30 pm

Gather around the campfire with TNC Teacher-Naturalist Debora Davidson on Sunday March 20, from 7:00-8:30 pm, to learn how equal amounts of daylight and darkness affect the natural world. Children, 1st grade and older, and adults, are invited to listen to stories, make s'mores and drink hot chocolate or cold cider. The program concludes with a night walk to look at the spring constellations. Advance registration is required. The program costs \$5 each for members; \$8 each for non-members.

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WILDFLOWER WALKS

Saturday, April 23 & Sunday, April 24
2-3 pm

Learn how to identify wildflowers along the trails on Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24. A TNC Naturalist will lead the walk and explain pollination adaptations. The program is designed for adults and children in 4th grade or older. Bring a wildflower guide if you have one. Inclement weather will cancel the program. Advance registration is appreciated, but not required. The program is free to members, \$3 each for non-members.

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EARTH DAY CLEANUP

Sunday, April 24, 10 am-12 pm

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to help clean up Tenafly Nature Center on Sunday, April 14 from 10 am to noon. "Think globally, act locally" by caring for your natural area and sharing time with others who care. You bring gloves, garden/yard tools and we'll help you work up an appetite. Groups and families are welcome. Supervisors are needed. Children under 18 must be supervised by an adult. Inclement weather will cancel the program. Advance registration is requested but not required.

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MORNING BIRD WALKS

Alternate Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 am

May 5, 19, June 2, May 10 & 24

Hérons, orioles, tanagers, grosbeaks, warblers and more! Join TNC's Director, Brian Moscatello, in search of migrating birds and year 'round residents on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5, 19, June 2, May 10 and 24 from 9:00-10:30 am. You are likely to see 40 to 50 species each day. Bring your binoculars. Advance registration is requested but not required. The program is designed for adults only. Walks are free to members; \$3.00 each for non-members.

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BATS FOR BEGINNERS

Sunday, May 1, 7-8:30 pm

Join TNC's Education Director to search for these nocturnal marvels on Sunday evening, May 1 from 7:00-8:30 pm. The program will start inside and conclude with short walk outside in the dark. The program is designed for adults and children in 1st grade and older. Advance registration is required. The program is free for members, \$3 for non-members.

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MARVELOUS MOTHS

Saturday, May 14, 1-2 pm

Discover what happens on the lepidopterist's night shift! Silkworm breeder Mike O'Brien will lead a program about moths on Saturday, May 14, from 1-2 pm. Topics include habits and habitats, what their larvae eat, and who their predators are. The program is designed for adults and children in 3rd grade and older. Advance registration is required. Fees are \$5 for members; \$8 for non-members.

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SUMMER SOLSTICE POND WATCH

Thursday, June 23, 8:15 - 9:15 pm

Join a TNC environmental educator to observe which critters are out and about around the pond at dusk as spring turns to summer on Thursday evening, June 23 from 8:15-9:15 pm. The program is designed for adults and children in 1st grade and older. Advance registration is required. Fees are \$5 for members; \$8 for non-members.

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‘LITTLE PEOPLE’ SERIES
2 1/2 - 3 year-olds with an adult
Thursdays, May 5, 12,19, & 26, 12:30-1:30 pm

Children aged 2-1/2 to 3, each with a special adult, join educator Mathilda Williams for a series of four classes on Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 pm on May 5, 12, 19 and 26. Activities include discovery stations, singing, stories, and crafts. Dress in layers for a walk outdoors. No older or younger siblings, or strollers, please. Space is limited. Advance registration is required. Program costs \$40 per child/adult pair for members; \$60 per pair for non-members.

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SPRING FUN DAYS
Tuesday-Thursday, April 26-28

Children celebrate Earth Day at the Nature Center with Education Director, Debora Davidson from Tuesday April 26-Thursday, April 28, Each age group meets on a different day:

Pre-K. (4 & 5 yrs.) **Tues..... April 26, 9 am-12 pm**

Kindergarten **Tues.. April 26, 1-4 pm**

1st-2nd graders **Wed.April 27, 9 am-3 pm**

3rd-5th graders **Thurs.April 28, 9 am-3 pm**

Activities are planned to include crafts, stories, games, and lessons. Kids will explore the forest, learn about habitats, weather, animals, and more! Dress for the outdoors. Advance registration is required. Pre-K parents may stay, but no siblings. Fees for the full-day program are \$50 each for members; \$60 each for non-members. Half-day fees are \$25 each for members; \$30 each for non-members.

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SPRING DISCOVERY CLASSES

Four-week series begins week of May 2, 3:45-4:45 pm

Children from Pre-K through 5th grade will explore the woods in spring during four after-school sessions beginning the week of May 2 from 3:45-4:45 pm.

Join TNC's Education Director, Debora Davidson, to focus on a different topic each week. Topics include: Mothers in Nature, Spring Senses Flower Power and Frog Fun.

3rd-5th Graders **Mondays**..... May 2, 9, 16, 23

Pre-K (4-5 yrs. old) **Tuesdays**..... May 3, 10, 17, 24

Kindergarten **Wednesdays**..... May 4, 11, 18, 25

1st-2nd Graders **Thursdays**.....May 5, 12, 19, 26

Please dress children for outdoor activities. There is a limit of 10 children per class. Pre-K parents may stay, but no siblings, please. The day a specific lesson is given may change due to weather conditions.

Advance registration is required. Registration and payment will be accepted by mail ONLY. Please visit our website, www.tenaflynaturecenter.org to download a registration form. Fees for the series are \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. Individual sessions cost \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members.

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DINOSAURS ROCK™ CAMP

Wednesday - Friday, June 22-24, 1:30-4:30 pm

Back by popular demand, Neil Brown leads interactive presentations and projects on dinosaurs, rocks and minerals in three after-school sessions on June 22-24, from 1:30-4:30 pm. Kids can go on a dig for a genuine fossil specimen, create a shark tooth craft, build a dinosaur model and create mineral crafts using semi-precious stones. Activities are hands-on; kids can handle dozens of life-size, museum quality fossils--from dino eggs to a T-Rex skull! The program is designed for kids ages 6-12. Advance registration is required. Fees are \$170 per child for both members and non-members.

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The Tenaflly Nature Center is located at 313 Hudson Avenue in Tenaflly, New Jersey. TNC is a member-supported, non-profit organization, which maintains hiking trails and exhibits for its members and the public. For more information visit our web site at www.tenaflynaturecenter.org or call (201)568-6093.