PROGAMS & EVENTS — FALL 2019

Wings & Things – Migration Day
Saturday, September 14  10 am — 4 pm
Bird of Prey presentation at 2:30 pm
Join us for a day celebrating the wonders of migration. At 2:30 pm there will be a live bird of prey presentation by Horizon Wings. Weather permitting, bring a picnic or snack and hike to the fields between 10 am and 2 pm to watch for migrating hawks, songbirds, and dragonflies. This is the height of the fall migration and there is no telling what may fly by including hawks, songbirds, butterflies or dragonflies! Complete the Migration Day Scavenger Hunt. Crafts & games all day. Stay for a short time or as long as you’d like.
Cost: $6 children; $8 adults
RBNC and Canton Land Conservation Trust members free

Saturday Morning Bird Walks
September 14 & 28  7:30 — 9 am
Join us as we wander the trails through Werner’s Woods during the fall migration season. Binoculars and footwear for wet ground conditions are all you’ll need. Geared for all levels of birding expertise, but not for very young children.
Cost: $5

Fall Equinox Afternoon Hike
Sunday, September 22  2 – 3:30 pm
Fall begins at 3:50 am on Monday, September 23. Join us for this guided family walk on the last day of summer for a relaxing opportunity to observe a wide range of animals that become more active as temperatures cool.
Cost: Members - $5 each / $18 family of four; Nonmembers - $7 each / $25 family of four
Pre-registration required

Fall Wildlife Trivia & Pizza Night
Friday, September 27  6 – 7:30 pm
Enjoy the arrival of fall at the Nature Center and test your nature trivia knowledge. Pizza slices & cider available for purchase. BYOB. Pre-registration required
Member: $5 per person / $18 for family of four
Non-member: $7 per person / $25 for family of four
Visit our website to sign up on line

Marvelous Monarchs – See You Next Year!!
Monday, September 30  10 am – 4 pm
Story time at 1:30 pm
Monarch butterflies have headed off to Mexico for their winter stay. Join us at the Nature Center to learn where they are going and how we can welcome them back next summer. Crafts all day.
Event is free with admission to the Nature Center

Mushrooms with ‘Mushroom Marlene’
Sunday, October 6  1 pm
Join Marlene Schnecinski of the Connecticut Valley Mycological Society for a talk and stroll along the trails of Werner’s Woods. Learn fascinating facts about fungi, which ones are sought after as delicacies and which ones not to touch. Photography is encouraged.
Cost: $7 members, $10 nonmembers
Pre-registration required

Fall Family Night
Friday, October 11  6 – 8 pm
Guided ‘Not-So-Dark’ Hike  6 - 6:30 pm
Family Night Hike  6:45 - 7:30 pm
Grab your flashlights and join Mimmo Play Café and the Nature Center’s staff for “Fall Family Night” at the Nature Center. There will be crafts, campfire songs, and a fire pit to enjoy tasty s’mores.
From 6 – 6:30 pm there will be a guided, “Not-so-dark” Night Hike geared for families with young children and an additional Family Night Hike after sundown from 6:45–7:30 pm for families with older children.
Cost: RBNC and MIMMO Members: $20 per family of 4 (additional family members are $5 each); Non-Members: $25 per family of 4 (additional family members are $6 each)
To register online go to: https://www.mimmoplaycafe.com/calendar.html

HOGGOBLIN FAIR
OCTOBER 26th
Saturday
10 am—Noon
OR 1—3 pm
Join us for our annual Hogoblin Fair, featuring the “track-and-treat” walk, children’s crafts and a delicious lunch of homemade soup, bread & cheese, apple cider.
Suitable for children ages 3 - 8 and parents
Cost: $8.00 child, $4.00 adult
Fee includes our featured ‘Track & Treat’ walk, crafts, & face painting. Other activities available for an additional charge.
Registration form available at www.roaringbrook.org
Costumes encouraged!  . PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
NOVEMBER 24th  Noon—4 pm
Start your holiday shopping with our nature-related gifts for all ages. Handmade crafts will include pottery, jewelry, soaps, felted ornaments & more.
Proceeds from this Friends of Roaring Brook fundraiser benefit the programs and activities at Roaring Brook Nature Center.
There is no charge to visit the Nature Center or to attend the Fair on this date.
Under the ‘Hunters’ Moon Night Hike
Sunday, October 13  7:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Join us for a guided hike under the full moon known by early Native American tribes as the Hunters Moon. This is the time of year the leaves are falling and the game is fattening up for winter.

Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.
Cost:  Members - $5 each / $18 family of four; Nonmembers - $7 each / $25 family of four
Pre-registration required

Awesome Autumn & Leaf Scavenger Hunt
Monday, October 14 (Columbus Day)  10 am — 4 pm
Looking for something to do on a lovely fall day during the height of leaf color? Drop in anytime between 10 am and 4 pm and head out on the trails for a fall scavenger hunt and special craft. Learn to identify tree leaves on our Tree ID Scavenger Hunt. Apple cider and cookies will be provided.
Event is free with admission to the Nature Center

North American Bears – Black, Brown, & Polar
Thursday, October 17    7 pm – 8 pm
Gary Melnysyn, a Granby resident, world traveler and award winning photographer, will present a program on the differences and similarities of the three North American bear species supported with a variety of photos Gary has taken over the years.
Cost:  Members - $5 each / $18 family of four
Nonmembers - $7 each / $25 family of four
Pre-registration required

A Parliament of Owls
Tuesday, November 5  anytime 10 am — 4 pm
This election day, drop in between 10 am and 4 pm – it will be a hoot! Vote for your favorite owl, watch an owl documentary, make an owl craft, go on an owl scavenger hunt, dissect an owl pellet, and more. Learn about our resident owls and visit them in their new homes at the Nature Center.
Event is free with admission to the Nature Center.

Beyond Birdfeeders:
How to Feed Your Backyard Birds Year-Round
Sunday, November 10   1:30 — 3 pm
Learn what you can plant in your yard to provide food for an even greater variety of birds throughout the year while promoting biodiversity in your neighborhood.
Cost:  Cost: $5 members; $7 nonmembers
Pre-registration required.

Under the ‘Beaver’ Moon Night Hike
Tuesday, November 12  7:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Join us for a guided hike under the full moon known by early Native American tribes as the Full Beaver Moon. This is the time of year when native hunters trapped beavers before the swamps and ponds froze.

Dress for the weather & bring a flashlight.
Cost:  Members - $5 each / $18 family of four
Nonmembers - $7 each / $25 family of four

RBNC Care Days
Thursday & Friday, November 14 & 15   9 am - 5 pm
Saturday, November 16  10 am to 6 pm
Every year, the Nature Center holds an event in the spring and fall to transition, repair, and clean up enclosures for the seasons ahead. To ensure the best care for our residents, we will need your help getting their homes into tip-top shape! Whether you are able to come for just an hour or the entire day, every hand helps!

No experience necessary, there is job for everyone!
Participants must be 18 years or older.
Comfortable, weather-appropriate attire (jeans, boots/ sneakers) recommended. Expect to get your hands dirty!
RSVP to alanglois@thechildrensmuseumct.org or call 860-693-0263
Pre-registration required

FALL DISCOVERY DAYS
Discovery Days is the Nature Center’s enrichment series for children in pre-school and in grades K—6.
The cost of each four week session is
$50.00 for members, $60.00 for nonmembers. Discounts are extended to families with multiple children attending during the same time period.
Visit our website to learn more

TINY TOTS STORY TIME
— for ages under 5 years —
This drop-in program allows children to learn about the natural world and gives parent (or grandparent) and child an opportunity to learn together.
Program includes story time & craft.
Cost:  $5 members per child, $10 nonmembers
Meets Wednesday afternoons  2 - 2:45 pm
Sept 11, 25; Oct 16, 30; Nov 13; Dec 4

JUNIOR NATURALISTS
— for students K-Grades 3 —
During this afterschool enrichment programs students will enjoy hiking, crafts, and explorations.

Please dress for the weather
Meets Wednesday afternoons  3:45 - 5 pm
Fall Session I:  September 11, 18, 25; October 2
Fall Session II:  October 16, 23, 30; November 6

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM
— for ages 2 —10 —
Our Exploring Together homeschool program allows parent & child to learn about the natural world together.
Class will include hikes, crafts, and explorations!

Meets Friday afternoons  1:15 - 2:15 pm
Fall Session I:  September 13, 20, 27; October 4
Fall Session II:  October 18, 25; November 1, 8
Fall Session III:  November 15, 22; December 6, 13
Visit our website to learn more

TINY TREE HUGGERS
— for ages 0 to five years —
Fall Session:  October 7, 14, 21, 28
Meets Monday afternoons  3 – 4 pm
Roaring Brook Nature Center and MIMMO Play Cafe team up to give you and your child a breath of fresh air with exciting explorations in the natural world. Join us for hands on, interactive crafts, games, and walks.
RBNC & MIMMO members:  $5/class or $15 for 4-weeks
Non-members:  $15 / class or $45 for 4-weeks
10% off for siblings
DROPR-INS WELCOME
To register call 860-693-0263

Nature Center Birthday Parties
Animal demonstration with two of our resident animals.
Guided nature walk on our trails - rain or shine!
Times:  Saturdays—10:30 AM or 1:30 PM occasional weekday afternoons
Cost:  $175 members; $200 nonmembers
(includes up to 15 children)
For more information, visit our website Roaringbrook.org

Scout Programs
 Numerous Scout badge requirements may be fulfilled by a visit to the Nature Center.
Visit our website to learn more or call 860.693.0263