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Winter 2017 Program Calendar



December

Preschool Winter Woodland Walk
Ages 4-6 with adult

December 12
10am - 11am

Meet a Naturalist at PEC for a hike into the winter wonderland of PEC. Children and their parents will take off on a learning adventure to discover the natural world through fun-filled interactive trail activities. Bundle up and get close to nature. **\$3.00/child; adults are free with accompanied child.**

Kayak Breakfast on Belews Lake
Ages 17 and older

December 17
7:30am - 12:30pm

Belews Lake is a power plant lake where water is used to cool energy-producing turbines. The heated water is returned to the lake, creating conditions which are much warmer than ambient air temperatures, perfect for the winter paddler. Participants will receive instruction and then paddle 1.5 miles to a hot shoreline breakfast. Wildlife and water quality issues are discussed around a warm fire. Instruction, guides and all equipment are provided. Instructor is a Certified Level 3 Coastal Kayak Instructor. Participants must be 17 years or older.

PEC Members: \$40.00/person; Non-Members: \$50.00/person. Please register by December 15th.

Winter Nature Camp
Ages 7-12

December 29 & 30
8:30am - 4:30pm

For two days of winter vacation, PEC will once again host our Winter Nature Camp. This year, campers will be engaged in a game of Natural Clue with activities that use the tools, visit the places and sort out the characters of the game. Using the classroom as a base laboratory for investigations, campers set out to find clue stations set up in the forest. The clue stations include: Talking Trees, Wild about Weather, Bird Beak Mix-up, Underground Escapes, Made-up Maps, Tipi Tales and more. Activities and events take place outdoors and on the trails so campers need to be dressed for outdoor activities and play. Campers need to bring a lunch, two snacks and a water bottle each day. This camp is for ages 7 to 12. **PEC Members: \$50.00/person; Non-Members: \$75.00/person. Please register by December 23rd.**

January

Treasure Camp
Ages 8-12

January 16
8:30am - 4:30pm

Campers will learn how to use maps, compasses and GPS signal receivers while on a quest to find hidden treasures on the trails of Piedmont Environmental Center. Campers need to bring a lunch, 2 snacks, a water bottle and be dressed for outdoor adventure and play. This camp is for ages 8 to 12.

PEC Members: \$35.00/person; Non-Members: \$45.00/person. Please register by January 12, 2017.

Family Winter Hike
Ages 7 and older

January 16
10am - Noon

Join a PEC Naturalist for a winter day hike with your family on PEC's forest trails and along the lakeshore. Participants will learn about native plants and animals through interpretive and interactive learning trail activities. We will also trace the history of the PEC forest and High Point City Lake its importance to the past and present. Bundle up and come explore the wonders of the natural world.

PEC Member: \$3.00/person; Non-member: \$5.00/person. Children 5 and under are free.

Backyard Composting for Beginners
Teens and adults

January 28
9am - 11am

Learn how to put food scraps and yard waste to work in your garden during this composting class. Composting is a simple way to recycle organic materials and will provide nutrients to your soil, flowers and vegetables. We will demonstrate different methods to compost in your backyard as well as the guidelines to producing healthy compost. This class is offered for teens and adults and is free of charge.

Space is limited so please register no later than January 25. Free to attend.

February

Waterfowl, Coffee and Croissants
Adults only

February 4
7:30am - Noon

Join Piedmont Environmental Center for morning refreshments and to learn about resident and migratory waterfowl that visit the area in the winter. In addition to permanent residents, colorful and attractive birds such as Buffleheads, Hooded Mergansers and Green-winged Teals visit North Carolina. Plenty of man-made lakes and ponds provide excellent habitat to spend the winter right here in the Piedmont. Following morning refreshments, we will visit different lakes and ponds in the area with spotting scopes and binoculars to sight these unusual and beautiful birds. We will also discuss their natural history, biology and their importance in our ecosystem. We invite beginners as well as experienced birders to participate. *PEC Member: \$3.00/person; Non-member: \$5.00/person. Adults only.*

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10am - 11am

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Morning Bird Count
All ages

February 17
9am - 10am

Take a morning walk with PEC staff to count our feathered friends in the forest. Learn the common bird species found at the bird feeders as well as any winter residents that have migrated to our Piedmont forest. Our findings will be reported to the Great Backyard Bird Count survey. Following the walk you may take a checklist home to report the birds in your own backyard. All ages are welcome to participate but children must be accompanied by an adult. *Free to attend. Please register by February 16.*

Bark, Buds, Leaf Scars and More - Winter Tree Identification
Ages 8-12

February 18
8am - 10am

Do you know that bark, buds, and leaf scars among other characteristics, offer many clues to identifying trees in winter? Join us for a hike on PEC's forest trails to look closely at distinctive identifying features of trees, and discuss their many uses, biology and natural history. Families with kids 7 & older are welcome to participate. Please come prepared to walk in the woods. *\$3.00/person; \$5.00/family. Please register by February 16.*

March

Wildflowers, Ferns and Watercolors
Adults only

March 25
9am - 2:30pm

Join a PEC Staff Naturalist for a morning hike on the Lakeshore Trail, focusing on the identification and natural history of spring wildflowers and ferns. Following the hike, participants will go into the classroom for an introduction to watercolor painting techniques. With the materials provided, participants will practice rendering wildflowers, ferns and flora-scapes. Participants will need to bring a bag lunch and water bottle.

PEC Members: \$15.00/person; Non-Members: \$20.00/person. Please register by March 24.

More information at <https://www.highpointnc.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Piedmont-Environmental-Center-18>

