



Programs and Classes

Summer/Fall 2010

AUGUST

Bats of Evergreen

Evergreen Nature Center

Saturday, Aug. 7, 7:30–9 pm

Are bats blind? Do they try to get tangled in your hair? Join Pam Little to discover how bats are like you. Play a bat game and make a bat craft. As it gets dark, we'll watch real bats over the lake.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size is limited to 10 kids ages 5 and up, with parents.

Stories of the Stars

Grass in front of Evergreen Lakehouse

Friday, Aug. 13, 8 pm

Led by Pam Little, participants will learn amazing and fun space facts while using a star chart and a star clock, hearing ancient star stories, and locating star shapes and planets in the night sky. Venus, Mars and Saturn will be guests of honor. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket or camp chairs.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Limited to 25 participants, ages 3 and up.

Summer Hours: Wed–Sun 10–4 • Fall Hours: Wed & Weekends 10–3

Evergreen Nature Center is located in the historic Warming Hut on Evergreen Lake in Evergreen, Colorado. All classes and programs are free, but advance registration is required; call 303-330-0489.

www.evergreennaturecenter.org



Busy Butterflies

Evergreen Nature Center

Saturday, Aug. 14, 10 am–noon

Butterflies are active here in the Front Range from April through August. Some show up before the snows have all disappeared, while others fly when the grasses are brown and dead looking.

The busy season is June and July. As winter loses its grips on the mountains, the butterflies show up higher and higher in elevation until they fly at the highest peaks.

Be ready to listen and enjoy colorful, fluttering insects. Jan Chu will lead participants in a walk outside after the presentation. Participants should wear good walking shoes; no open-toed sandals, please. Bring a hat, sun-screen and binoculars, if available.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size: 22. All ages.

Hummingbirds: Airborne Acrobats

Evergreen Nature Center

Sunday, Aug. 15, 2–3:30 pm

Learn about Colorado hummingbirds and the plants that attract them while gaining knowledge about the unique behaviors and acrobatic movements of these little birds.

Tina Jones helped compile the botany segment for a DVD, “Hummingbirds of North America,” by John Vanderpoel and John Dunn. Her yard is an example of a wildlife habitat and is featured in two horticulture books. Tina has had up to six species of hummingbirds in her yard, which is one block away from Denver County.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size: 20. Ages 13 and up.

SEPTEMBER

Stories of the Stars

Grass in front of Evergreen Lakehouse

Friday, Sept. 10, 7:15 pm

Led by Pam Little, participants will learn amazing and fun space facts while using a star chart and a star clock, hearing ancient star stories, and locating star shapes and planets in the night sky. Venus, Mars and Saturn will be guests of honor. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket or camp chairs.


Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Limited to 25 participants, ages 3 and up.

Greening Your Home Makes Dollars and Sense

Evergreen Nature Center

Saturday, Sept. 11, 9–11 am

Step Ahead Energy Efficiency Consulting will help residents learn how to save money and energy through simple energy-efficient measures, including home energy audits, caulking, weather stripping and insulation.



The session will present information on what is included in a home energy audit, do-it-yourself audits, current rebates for weatherization improvements and more.

Bring your utility bills to complete an analysis that will show you where your energy dollars are being used in your house.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size: 20. All ages.

Beginning Rock Hounds

Evergreen Nature Center

Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 am–noon

Hunt for rocks with geologist Jennifer Hood, make your own sedimentary rock to take home, see if we can find a meteorite, and learn about faults, plate tectonics and more!

This program will be geared toward elementary-age kids, but all are welcome. We will inform you of the location for the trip when you register.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size: 25. All ages, but geared to elementary-age kids.

Recent Discoveries: The Dinosaurs of Dinosaur Ridge

Evergreen Nature Center

Sunday, Sept. 26, 1:30–2:30 pm

The Dinosaurs of Dinosaur Ridge were Late Jurassic desert dwellers, Early Cretaceous beach bums and Late Cretaceous swamp things. Recent discoveries include crocodile trackways and ornithopod tracks found at two sites in the Dakota Group and the rediscovery of the initial quarry opened in 1877 in the Morrison Formation by Arthur Lakes.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size: 25. Ages 5 and up.

OCTOBER

The Importance of Beaver in the West

Evergreen Nature Center

Sunday, Oct. 3, noon–2 pm

Sherri Tippie has been live-trapping and relocating beaver since 1985. Back then the only things she knew about beaver were they had flat tails and made dams.

Now Tippie, as she likes to be called, is internationally recognized for her efforts in live-trapping and relocating beaver.

Tippie will offer a slide presentation and share the techniques that make her one of the most successful live-trappers around. She also will talk about people who want beaver relocated to their land. Most importantly, she will cover methods of conflict resolution so beaver don't have to be relocated.

As Tippie learned more about beaver, she realized they were a "keystone" species, and the answer to many of the problems in the arid West.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Limited to 25 participants, ages 5 and up.



Stories of the Stars

Grass in front of Evergreen Lakehouse

Friday, Oct. 8, 6:30 pm

Led by Pam Little, participants will learn amazing and fun space facts while using a star chart and a star clock, hearing ancient star stories, and locating star shapes and planets in the night sky. Venus, Mars and Saturn will be guests of honor. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket or camp chairs.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Limited to 25 participants, ages 3 and up.

CSI: Trees

Evergreen Nature Center

Saturday, Oct. 9, 11 am–1 pm

Richard Kerr, retired adjunct professor of geography, will offer an introduction to how a tree grows, comparing cell growth and size. He will discuss “earlywood” in spring and what it tells us of precipitation and “latewood” in fall and how it relates to summer temperatures.

Also covered will be the biochemistry of autumn colors and the uses of dendrochronology, which is the dating of events such as earthquakes and fires by tree rings. After Richard’s talk, there will be a demonstration of coring an actual tree.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Limited to 25 participants, ages 10 and up.

The Evergreen Nature Center aspires to foster contagious enthusiasm and lifelong respect for the natural world by providing fun and inspiring educational experiences throughout the Bear Creek Watershed.

