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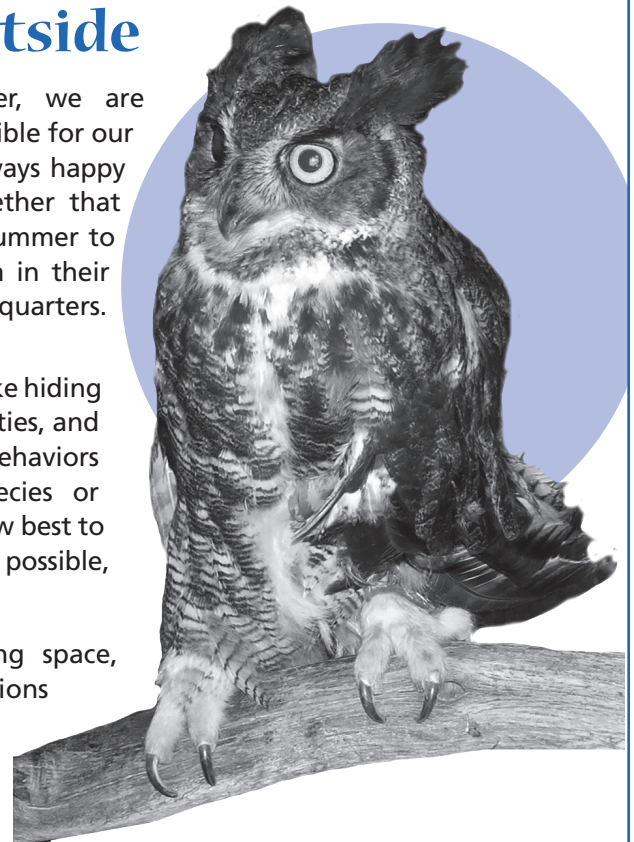
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Owl Be Moving Outside

Here at the Wildlife Education Center, we are committed to providing the best care possible for our animal ambassadors. One thing we're always happy to offer our critters is more space, whether that means taking the turtles outside in the summer to bask in the sun, letting the rabbits roam in their exercise area, or overhauling their living quarters. The happier they are, the happier we are.

We can integrate things into their homes like hiding spots, changing views, foraging opportunities, and novel items. We use an animal's natural behaviors (either through wild study of the species or knowledge of the individual) to decide how best to give them as many choices in their home as possible, because variety is the spice of life!

When preparing to create a new living space, we spend lots of time answering questions and figuring out how our end result should look and function. We want to make sure it meets the needs of the animal while still being manageable from a care perspective.



Thanks to generous grants through the Open Space Institute's Malcom Gordon Charitable Fund and Orange and Rockland Utilities Inc., we are able to construct a new outdoor enclosure for our Great Horned Owl. This, combined with donations from the public, has made possible a long-awaited upgrade. Beyond it being the first permanent outdoor exhibit at the Wildlife Education Center, it will quadruple the amount of space the owl has access to and provide many new opportunities for exploration.

The new enclosure is being constructed by Corners Limited in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Among many others, Corners Limited has created custom projects for organizations like the National Zoo, the San Diego Zoo, and the Chicago's Shedd Aquarium. If all goes according to plan, the habitat should be in place by the end of May, with its resident moving in around mid-June. We hope she'll acclimate well to this big transition and look forward to providing her a new, improved home.

– Emily Nestlerode

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Wildlife Education Center (WEC)

25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY
Public hours: Fri. – Sun, 12pm – 4pm
"Meet the Animals" Saturday & Sunday
1pm & 2:30pm
845.534.7781



Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC)

120 Muser Drive, Cornwall, NY
Across from 174 Angola Road
Office hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 4pm
Visitor Center & Grasshopper Grove:
Weekends 10am – 4pm
April 14 – November 4
845.534.5506 x204
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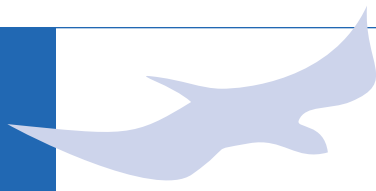
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Dear Friends,

Take a walk down city streets, in the countryside, along the Hudson River, or even along a beach on a remote island, and you'll notice something in common: plastics.

Plastics are the most commonly littered items in the world and they are drowning our planet!

No Plastic Please



But it's not just litter. Plastics have come to clutter almost every landscape. They are everywhere, even in our homes. Just take a quick peak in your refrigerator. Plastic was invented in 1907 and considered a breakthrough in making our lives easier. However, plastic products soon became omnipresent in our daily lives and they are **not biodegradable**. Did you know the average plastic bag is used for about 15 minutes and then sticks around for **1,000 years**? For decades, we have reaped the benefit of plastic and knew little of the **damaging consequences to human and animal health, natural ecosystems, and the climate**. Now we know and can do something about it!

Come to the **Nature Museum's Earth Day celebration on April 21st at the Outdoor Discovery Center** and learn that **there is life after plastic!** We'll teach you how to make our world a better place by using alternatives to plastic. Hey, you'll have fun while you're learning how you can make a difference!

P.S. New this year the Nature Museum will be hosting a shoe drive to benefit both the museum and citizens in developing countries! The Nature Museum will earn funds based on the total weight of gently worn and new pairs of shoes collected. All donated shoes will be redistributed to small businesses in developing countries to help create, maintain, and grow business where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Time to do some spring cleaning! **Collect your shoes and drop them off at either Museum location or bring them with you to Earth Day!**

Earth Day 2018: End Plastic Pollution

Spotlight on... Birds of Prey



Our Great Horned Owl has lived in captivity since 1986 when she was hit by a car while hunting. It may surprise you to learn this kind of injury is common. Birds of prey are drawn to roads and highways by mice and other small mammals that come to eat food thrown from vehicles. While this is easy hunting, the reward is not without risk. As a vehicle approaches, the owl, who is more like an airplane than a helicopter, needs time and space to "take off." Without the needed "runway," she's likely to be hit; possibly causing injuries that leave her unreleasable even after rehabilitation. You can help birds of prey avoid this fate. Please do not dispose of food – even an apple core – on roads and highways!

Earth Day Celebration!

Saturday, April 21st at the Outdoor Discovery Center



Twelfth Annual Hike-A-Thon

- Hike for a Purpose! Raise funds for Environmental Education!
- A great outing for families & people of all ages.
- Hikes for all abilities
- 9:00am - Registration
- 9:30am - Welcome and warm-up
- 9:45am - Hit the Trails!
- Sponsor or join a team at hnm.org

Rain Date:
Sunday,
April 22nd

Earth Day Family Fun

11am - 3pm

- The Green Zone: Earth Friendly Activities
- Stillman Family Game Zone: Lawn Games
- Live Farm Animals
- Hay rides (fee)
- 11:30am "The Lorax" performed by Young Naturalist Preschoolers
- 1-2pm - Music by John and Jackie Gioia
- Storytelling and Puppet Shows
- Food & Beverages (for purchase)
- Parking: \$5 per car

For more information visit hnm.org or call 845.534.5506 x204



SUMMER SCIENCE and NATURE CAMP 2018

Hike the Trails – Build a Fort – Discover Animals
Featuring BRAND NEW Themes, Activities and Field Trips

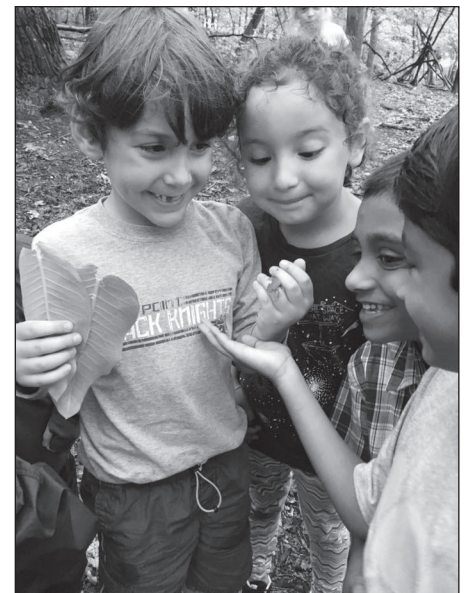
Each week highlights a fun theme that weaves its way through every day of camp! Our campers spend their days playing in the woods, exploring, and discovering the natural world including water, plants, and animals.



Ramblers (ages 4-5; half day) Explorers (ages 5 – 6) Trekkers (ages 7 – 12)

*Trail Blazers (ages 9 – 12) August 6 - 10 *One week only!

**Eco-Rangers (ages 13 – 16) August 13-17 **One week only!



Get in the Garden: Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 19 

9am – 1pm

- Large selection of native plants that attract butterflies, honey bees, and hummingbirds
- Get advice from experienced gardeners
- Create a Garden Toad House and meet a real American Toad (10am – 12pm)
- Make Native Wildflower Seed Balls for your garden (10am – 12pm)
- Guided Nature Walk through the fields and forests of the Outdoor Discovery Center (11am)
- Visit hhnm.org for list of plants and pre-sale



Register online at hhnm.org



Weekend Nature Programs

Join us for a series of interactive and engaging programs about science and nature. Programs may include a presentation, outdoor exploration on our grounds and a variety of other activities.

Unless otherwise noted all programs begin at 10am at the Outdoor Discovery Center and are suggested for adults and families with children over the age of five. Pre-registration is not required. **Same day admission to the Wildlife Education Center is FREE after paid attendance for a Weekend Program.**

Admission: \$8 Adults, \$6 Children Members: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children

LADYBUG RELEASE SATURDAY, JUNE 23



Learn about ladybugs and how helpful they are. After a short presentation, we will release native ladybugs into the fields and gardens.

LIVING THINGS FROM NEAR AND FAR SATURDAY, JULY 7

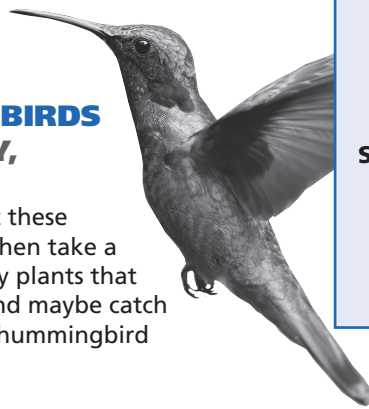
Ever wonder which animals and plants have native roots and which ones come from far off continents? We'll talk about native, non-native, and invasive plants and animals as we hike along our trails through fields and forests.

WILDFLOWERS SUNDAY, JULY 22

The weather is warm and the wildflowers are in bloom! We'll start our morning adventure in magical Grasshopper Grove followed by a gentle stroll through charming fields full of wildflowers.

HUMMINGBIRDS SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Learn all about these flying jewels. Then take a walk to identify plants that attract them and maybe catch a glimpse of a hummingbird feeding!



OFF SITE PROGRAMS

Beacon Institute for Rivers & Estuaries – 10am

June 9 Incredible Insects

Wave Hill

May 19 Birdie Basecamp (11am – 2pm)

May 20 Birdie Basecamp (11am – 2pm)

June 3 Turtles (2 – 3:30pm)

Storm King Art Center – 1pm

May 6 Ladybugs

June 17 Tree Identification

July 1 Ponds & Climate Change

FAMILY FUN EVERY WEEKEND

WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER

Friday, Saturday & Sunday,
12pm – 4pm year round



Live animal exhibits with "Meet the Animals" programs
Saturday & Sunday 1pm & 2:30pm

Interactive exhibit: "Birds on the Wing"

Admission: \$3 Adults & Children age 3 & above
Members: Free

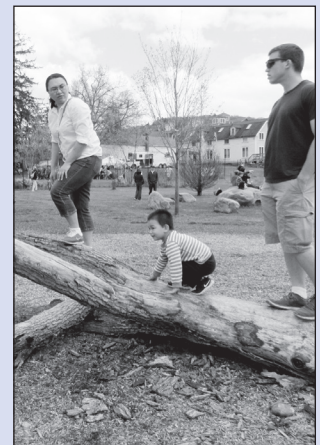
GRASSHOPPER GROVE AT THE OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER



Saturday & Sunday, 10am – 4pm, April 14 – November 4
Fridays, 10am – 4pm, July 6 – August 31

Young children enjoy this unique natural play area where they experience adventure and explore outside.

Admission: \$3 Adults & Children age 2 & above
Members: Free



Special Events

ANNUAL AMPHIBIAN AMBLE

Friday, May 11 7:00pm



Join us as we search out salamanders and frogs on this guided twilight wetland walk. Learn to recognize our local frogs by sight and sound, and then put your identification skills to the test! Bring a flashlight and waterproof boots.

Prepaid registration required at hnm.org

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$7 Children

Members: \$8 Adults, \$5 Children

CORNWALL COMMUNITY DAY OF NATURE PLAY

Saturday, May 12 12 - 4pm

We're celebrating our community by offering FREE ADMISSION for Cornwall residents to the Wildlife Education Center and Grasshopper Grove at the Outdoor Discovery Center! Meet live wild animals at the Wildlife Education Center and romp in our nature play area at Grasshopper Grove.

Admission:

FREE to Cornwall and Cornwall-on-Hudson Residents

STORYWALK™ OPENING DAY

Saturday, May 26 10am - 4pm

The Museum, in partnership with the Cornwall Public Library, invites you to StoryWalk™ 2018. Read an illustrated children's story, "Forest Bright, Forest Night" by Jennifer Ward, and look for clues about these special animals as you stroll along our meadow trail.

• 11am & 1pm guided walk along our StoryWalk™ Trail and meet one of the animals from the book

Included with Regular Admission: \$3 Adults & Children age 2 & above Members: Free



FAMILY CAMP OUT

Friday, June 8, 6pm - Saturday, June 9, 8am

Welcome the summer season with a night under the stars! After dinner, bring your family, tent, and sleeping bags for an evening of nocturnal fun. As the sun goes down, join us for entertainment and s'mores around the campfire. A light breakfast snack and coffee will be provided Saturday morning as we break camp.

Note: Limited space available. Prepaid registration required at hnm.org

Admission: \$20 Adults, \$12 Children 5 & above

Members: \$18 Adults, \$10 Children 5 & above

INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY!

Saturday, June 30 11am - 3pm

Welcome summer with a mud-riffic day of play in Grasshopper Grove! Thousands of children in dozens of countries worldwide celebrate Mud Day as a chance to appreciate nature and the great outdoors by getting muddy. Mud pies + mud pools + mud art + mud slides = MUD FUN! Bring a towel or a change of clothes, and a bundle of laughter to enjoy this afternoon of summertime play. Included with Regular Admission:

\$3 Adults & Children age 2 & above Members: Free

FULL MOON HIKE

Friday, July 27 7:30pm

Enjoy the moonlit fields and forests on a guided full moon trek. The Full Buck Moon appears during the time when new antlers of buck deer push out from their foreheads in coatings of velvety fur. Join an educator to learn more lunar and celestial stories.

Prepaid registration required at hnm.org

Admission: \$8 Adults, \$6 Children

Members: \$6 Adults, \$4 Children

BUTTERFLY WEEKEND

Saturday, August 25 & Sunday, August 26
11am - 3pm

Flutter in this weekend to discover the beauty of butterflies, moths, and caterpillars.

- 11:30am & 1:30pm - Presentation about monarch butterflies followed by tagging and releasing
- Butterfly tent (one ticket with each paid admission)
- Butterfly, moth, and caterpillar crafts for kids
- Admission to Grasshopper Grove included
- Participate in citizen science by tagging monarch butterflies as part of Monarch Watch

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$7 Children

Members: \$8 Adults, \$5 Children



Animals & Nature Together ...ANTS!

Designed for children ages 2 - 4*, this program provides an opportunity for children to learn about animals and have fun with their parent/grandparent/caregiver in a structured environment. Crafts, songs, stories, and hands-on exploration provide an enriching introduction to native animals. This one-of-a-kind program helps to build an understanding and respect for the animals and plants in the Hudson Highlands. A great way to prepare your child for preschool!

8-WEEK SESSIONS – CHOOSE FROM 3 OPTIONS

Mondays: June 25 - August 20

*No Class July 2
10:00 - 11:00am

Tuesdays: June 26 - August 21

*No Class July 3
10:00 - 11:00am

Fridays: June 29 - August 24

*No Class July 6
10:00 - 11:00am

Admission per Adult/Child pair: \$120.00
Members: \$95 (additional sibling 5% discount)
Register online at hnm.org or call 845.534.5506 x204

*Your child MUST be 2 years of age to enroll. This is a special time for adults and toddlers. Kindly make arrangements for siblings over

Just for Kids!



9 months. Enrollment for each class is limited to ten adult/child pairs; register early for your preferred day and time.

Nature Strollers

A hiking group for families with babies, toddlers, and young children. Join us for a one-hour hike with the tykes led by a Museum educator!

Mondays, April 16 - June 11

(no hike May 28)

9:30am Meet at the Visitors Center

Admission: \$5 per family Members: Free

Young Naturalist Preschool 2018 - 2019 Registration Open for 3 & 4 year olds

- Active and nature-based – students use the resources of the Museum, including Grasshopper Grove and the Wildlife Education Center, to develop skills necessary for kindergarten.
- Children learn letters, numbers, colors and shapes while discovering the world around them.
- Outdoor exploration takes place every day
- **Space for school year 2018-2019 is very limited! Call for availability.**

Register online at hnm.org or call 845.534.5506 x204

SPRING SCOUT PROGRAMS

Bring your troop, den or pack for an exciting day of learning and fun on the trails as they earn requirements for awards and badges.

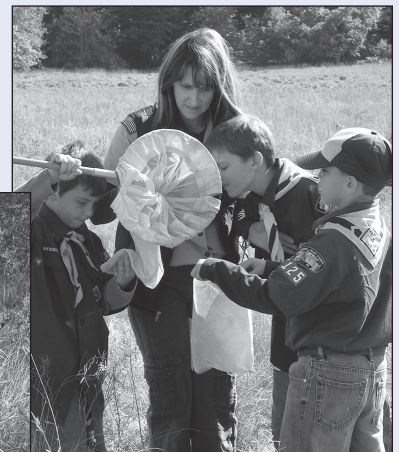
Workshops are held at the Outdoor Discovery Center from 1:45 - 3:45pm.

Scouts: \$15 Adults: Free (1 Adult per 5 Scouts)

Prepaid registration required. Call early as these programs sell out fast!

No refunds for no-shows on the day of workshops

- April 7 Tiger: Backyard Jungle
- April 8 Bear: Super Science
- April 14 Daisy: Rose Petal
- April 15 Brownie: Letterbox
- April 28 Wolf: Digging into the Past
- April 29 Webelo/Arrow of Light: Earth Rocks!
- May 5 Junior: Animal Habitats
- May 20 Cadette: Trees



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Generations For Nature, the HHNM Planned Giving Circle, is made up of individuals who have included the Museum as beneficiaries in their estate plans. Their "planned gifts" may take many forms but they have one thing in common: their generosity will enable the Museum to fulfill its mission far into the future.

To join us or to learn more, contact the Museum's Director of Development, Jessica Oliveri at 845.534.5506 x215

The Mission of the Museum is to create responsible caretakers of our environment. Through quality educational programs for the public that focus on the unique ecology of the Hudson Valley, the Museum promotes knowledge and appreciation of our natural world and the dynamic role of human interaction in its well-being.

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Wildlife Education Center

25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson
845.534.7781

Open year round:

Friday – Sunday from 12-4pm

Admission: \$3 for ages 3 & up

Members: Free

Outdoor Discovery Center

120 Muser Drive, Cornwall

(entrance across from 174 Angola Rd.)

845.534.5506 x204

· Grasshopper Grove

Open mid-April to mid-Nov

Saturday – Sunday from 10am-4pm

Admission: \$3 for ages 2 & up

Members: Free

· Trails open year round: Free

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