

Gray Fox Gazette

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**The BNC River's Edge
Wildlife Preserve**

*Located on the corner of Calumet Rd.
and S.R. 48 north of West Milton*
Open sunrise to sunset only!

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www.bruckernaturecenter.com
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RUN WILD for Wildlife! at BNC...
a 5K Run/Walk for Wildlife Conservation
Saturday, April 21, 9:30am



If you enjoy running or hiking the woodland trails, you'll love BNC's annual 5K Run Wild! All proceeds benefit BNC's wildlife programs, so bring your friends and family and join in the fun! A big shout out goes to our corporate sponsors: Abbott Nutrition, Western Ohio Podiatric, Glen & Angela McMurry, Upper Valley Hearing & Balance, Free to Run Foundation, Hamler-Gingrich Insurance Agency, GreenTech Lawn & Irrigation, Troy Animal Hospital & Bird Clinic, West Milton Dental, Can't Stop Running, and Road ID.

Each intrepid participant will receive a commemorative eco-friendly T-shirt, scrumptious homemade cookies, a visit with our amazing Wildlife Ambassadors and the opportunity to win some great 'green' door prizes! The pre-registration fee of just \$20 for BNC Members (\$25 for non-members) must be postmarked by Thursday, April 12 or dropped off by 5:00pm on Sunday, April 15. As always, this is a pre-registration-only event! So if you want to participate, you must get your registration form to us on time!! Don't forget that you can choose the 'no shirt' option and save \$5 on registration, but the shirts will be way cool so choose wisely! Registrations after April 1 will not be guaranteed a t-shirt - we're printing them in-house!



Winter Art Gallery Exhibit

"It's about wildlife..."

Exhibit runs through Sunday, March 18

Brukner Nature Center invites you to see the world through the lenses of our annual photo contest participants! These beautiful and unique framed works of art will be available for purchase with 25% of the proceeds supporting BNC's mission to promote the appreciation and understanding of wildlife conservation through education, preservation and rehabilitation.

A Note from the Director...

Dear Friends,



The anticipation of this season is almost intoxicating. There are days when a hint of spring can be felt – the smell of moist soil, the sound of sweet bird song and the feel of things stirring underground! Let's all get outside this spring and be sure to celebrate Earth Day! It's celebrated on April 22 with festivals, celebrations and fun - a reminder of our connection to this big blue marble in space and the simple things we can do each and every day to make a difference!

This year I've been caught up in the movement to reduce 'single use' plastic – straws, cutlery, packaging, etc. When you think about it, it's kind of a ridiculous practice and we use these items so often we don't even think about it anymore. I'm getting my family stainless steel straws to use this year (shhh – don't tell them!) as a start. It's a simple gift, not too expensive, but one that I'm hoping will just make them think about those every day actions and how they affect others on this planet.

I also wanted to thank you for being a BNC Member. I'm sure I don't say it enough, but I hope you know how much you are appreciated. Your support is what allows us to touch, inspire, and motivate that next amazing generation that's so full of potential! Last year alone we were able to reach over 20,000 people with our wildlife encounters. How cool is that?!

Thanks!

Deb

Room Rentals at BNC



Did you know that Brukner Nature Center rents its Heidelberg Auditorium and Meeting Room for corporate meetings and special events such as baby and bridal showers, anniversaries, and birthday parties? If you would like more information, please call Monday – Friday, at 937-698-6493. Brukner Nature Center is the “natural” choice for your special events!



Spring Equinox Presentation & Art Exhibit Opening

“A Romp thru Ohio’s Flora & Fauna”
with Jim McCormac
Thursday, March 29, 7:00pm

At 7:00, enjoy refreshments while you take in our new exhibit, “Natural Ohio in Photos“, a collection of Jim McCormac’s Ohio images, offering a glimpse into the extraordinary biodiversity found in the Buckeye State! Jim worked for 31 years for ODNR as a field botanist and, later, on a variety of projects focusing on non-game wildlife. He became infatuated with nature by the age of 6, but his interests gradually expanded to encompass nearly all aspects of the natural world. His interest in digital photography began in the early 2000’s, and expanded to a current full-blown addiction! Jim is also a prolific writer, chronicling scores of natural history subjects on his blog, Ohio Birds and Biodiversity (<http://jimmccormac.blogspot.com>) with nearly 2,000 posts to date! Jim is author or coauthor of several books, including *Birds of Ohio*, *The Great Lakes Nature Guide*, and *Wild Ohio: The Best of Our Natural Heritage*, a 2010 Ohioana Book Award winner. He is also a tremendously engaging speaker and in 2014, the League of Ohio Sportsmen honored Jim with their Conservation Communicator of the Year award! Mark your calendars!

At 7:15, we’ll settle into our seats for Jim’s presentation, a pictorial adventure through Ohio’s varied habitats with visits to flora and fauna great and small. We’ll explore well-known plants and animals, and discover obscure species that few have encountered. Overarching all is the importance of ALL the ‘cogs of the ecological wheel’, and the need to protect all life.

Admission for this seasonal celebration is just \$5 for BNC Members and \$10 for non-members. All proceeds from this will support the care and husbandry of our Wildlife Ambassadors. Jim’s photographs will be on exhibit and for sale through Sunday, June 17.



Thanks for your help!

We would like to recognize these December/January volunteers and to express our sincere appreciation for their help: Mike & Susan Barhorst, Rusty Bartley, Mike & Ginny Beamish, Nancy Boedeker, Elaine Bolt, Marlene & Rex Borton, Stacy Brewer, Vickie Brewer, Anne Butler, Barbara Caruso, Andy Coate, David Cobb, Nick Christensen, Sharon Cooper, Becky & Darin Crow, Ben Dehus, Karen Dempsey, Matthew Ewer, Jeff Ferrell, Mark Fuchs, Kay Fulker, Jenny Fuller, Cindy Giggandet, Jan Gillespie, Amanda Goheen, Ellen Goldstein, George & Joanie Gutermuth, Judy Hartman, Lydia Harto, Joan Heidelberg, Bert Hensel, Heather Herman, Jean Hoover, Wendy Houghton, Michelle Ireton, Lynn Johnson, Nancy & Tim Johnston, Trinetta Kelly, Dan & Molly Kenney, John Keys, Tom Kleptz, Carl & Winnie Knepper, Jerry Lamb, Marcus Lambert, Terry Lavy, Sharon Lemmon, Marie Lewis, Dave Lindeman, Esther Marko, Sammie Martin, Cathy Maurer, Glen McMurphy, Freddy Meyers, Allan Miller, Pat Miller, Steve Miller, Moriah Miller, Steve & Marian Moeckel, Jeff Montgomery, Marian Nagy, Amber Nichols, Christina O'Connell-Carne, Norval & Rita Oexmann, Pam Oexmann, Doug Page, Al Pennington, Teresa Peters, Ben Poeppelman, Michelle Rank, Debbie Ray, John & Mary Beth Robertson, Diane Schaefer, Nancy Shafer, Jeannette Sharp, Monica Shell, Molly Slack, Brett Soucie, Bill Stump, Trent Thompson, Mike & Ruth Treon, Joshua Wackler, Dick Wagar, Ruth Walsh, Jackie Watkins, Susan Weidel, Dottie Wettstone, Jessie Whettstone, Donna & Lenny Wirz, Patricia Youngerman.

Junior Volunteers: Heidi & Josiah Allan, Adam Angel, McKenna Bailey, Laura Barth, Cora & Rose Chapman, Jacob Dale, Olivia Doviak, McKenna Downing, Dylan Gilfoyle, Isaac Gluck, Chloe Howell, Michael McKay, Audrey McWhorter, Sean Miller, Eli Monnin, Carter Robbins, Cailyn Starnes, Maggie Stewart.

AmazonSmile

BNC will receive .5% of the purchase price of all eligible items. Participating is simple, go to "smile.amazon.com" for all your usual Amazon shopping. Select your charity (Brukner Nature Center) and all your shopping experience stays the same. Just another way for you to support BNC in the process!



What we did in December/January...



Nature Programs: Approximately 4,293 people participated in BNC programs! Arts & Crafts Show 1,800; Winter Party for Wildlife, 60; PEEP, 60; Winter Solstice Event, 75; Young Birders Club, 3; Views from the Vista, 34; Homeschool Nature Club, 124; Winter Vacation Camp, 37.

Wildlife Rehab, 27 patients received so far in 2018! Stats for January/February: 4 euthanized, 13 pending, 2 released, 8 died. *Birds:* 1 American goldfinch, 1 American robin, 2 Canada geese, 1 Cooper's hawk, 1 eastern towhee, 1 great blue heron, 1 mallard, 1 mourning dove, 2 northern cardinals. *Mammals:* 13 big brown bats, 13 eastern gray squirrels. *Herps:* 2 common snapping turtles.

Volunteers: 104 Adult Volunteers contributed 1,180.5 hours and 20 Junior Volunteers contributed 125.75 hours.

"Nature is not a place to visit, it is home."

~Gary Snyder



Welcome New Members!

Membership dues provide valuable operational support to benefit our mission of wildlife conservation through environmental education. The benefits of membership are many, so please encourage your family and friends to join our family!

Individual: Dennis McWhorter. **Family:** Sara Andresjcio, Amanda Asbury, Brady & Rachel Bates, Kimberly Baylor & Steven Bilancia, Mike & Erin Caldwell, Michael Corcoran, Chad & Kandis Eshelman, Zack & Audrey Frantz, David & Heather Fuls, Shauna Getz, Benjamin Harbaugh, Shari Hartman, Brett Helman, Jana Helstad, Peter & Amie Hollinger, Richard & Mya Manns, Karen Miller, Benjamin & Samantha Pierce, Sarah Porto, Dean & Kathleen Shipley, Kyle & Chelsi Snyder. **Family+1:** Jordan & Maria Peterson, Taddy & Ariel Schmidt. **Guardian of Wildlife:** Debora Steele & Jan Prus.



Wildlife Rehab Open House

Sunday, March 25, 2:00 – 4:00pm

Brukner Nature Center operates the largest licensed wildlife rehabilitation unit in the Miami Valley and it seems that the awareness of our organization continues to grow! Last year, BNC's Wildlife Rehabilitation Unit admitted 1,530 orphaned, injured and sick native Ohio wildlife into our care for advanced treatment. Thousands of staff and volunteer hours went into the care of over 86 different species of wildlife from 26 different counties in Ohio!

On March 25, we would like to invite the public to take a guided tour of BNC's Wildlife Rehabilitation Unit. Learn what a day in the life of a rehabilitation organization is like, meet a wildlife ambassador that once was a part of the rehab program, visit with wildlife conservation groups such as: Ohio Division of Wildlife, Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative, Barnes Wildlife Control and Glen Helen Raptor Center and enjoy refreshments! Tours will take place from 2:00 - 4:00pm with groups leaving every 15 minutes. Admission to this event is the donation of an item from our wildlife rehab wish list on page 7. We hope to see you there!



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Project FeederWatch

November – March in the Tree-top Vista!

Brukner Nature Center staff and volunteers collect data each winter for Project FeederWatch, an international citizen science project under the guidance of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Based on nearly a quarter-century of FeederWatch data, scientists document fluctuations in bird populations that could be the result of climate change, habitat destruction, disease or other environmental factors. Project leader David Bonter said, "These are large-scale changes that we would not be able to see without the massive amount of data from participants. Keeping an eye out in your own backyard can make a difference." All levels of birders are welcome, so contact us for a schedule of our FeederWatch dates and get involved with citizen science! Get all the info you need to be a FeederWatcher too, at www.feederwatch.org!



Birthday Parties at BNC!

A classroom is available for you to decorate, have cake and ice cream and play games, plus you'll be treated to a 30 minute live wildlife program for a maximum of 15 kids! Party favors can be purchased in the BNC Nature Shop and the trails are available for your use. A second party option is also available for groups larger than 20 people. For party details, please call Monday-Friday at 937-698-6493.

BNC Special Interest Groups Meetings

Visitors are welcome to attend these meetings held at Brukner Nature Center.



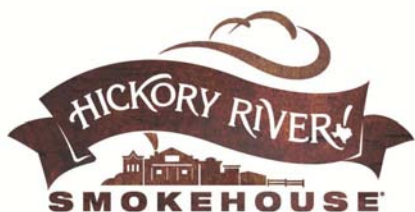
Brukner Bird Club, 1st Monday, March 5 & April 2 at 7:00pm. Contact Steve Moeckel, 335-6653
Miami Valley Beekeepers Assoc., 1st Monday, March 5 & April 2 at 7:00pm. Contact Robert Dorsten, 623-6562
Brukner Society of Nature Carvers, 2nd Tuesday, March 13 & April 10 at 7:00pm. Contact Rich Richmond, 332-7650
Wild Gardens Club, 3rd Tuesday, at 7:00pm. March 20 & April 17. Contact Ruth Bowell, 216-6855
Stillwater Stargazers, 3rd Tuesday, March 20 & April 17 at 7:00pm. Contact Mike Feinstein, 339-5948



View from the Vista 3rd Sunday of the month

Come discover Brukner Nature Center's vista birdlife and join members of the BNC Bird Club as you learn to identify our feathered friends! So come on out, enjoy the camaraderie in our 3rd story window on wildlife, but be careful 'cause you just might get hooked on the fastest growing hobby in America!! All levels of birders welcome! (Really good binoculars available for use!)

Sundays, March 18 & April 15, 2:00 – 4:00pm. Come relax in the Tree-top Vista and enjoy homemade refreshments as you learn about Ohio's native birds! Spring migration will have begun and you never know what you might encounter! Did you know that of the 36 warbler species that can be seen in Ohio, the pine warbler is one of the first to migrate through?! Although not as showy as some of its cousins, the pine warbler is one of the first to sing and set up territories. So get those bird song CDs out and start practicing your identification!



Fundraising Voucher

Brukner Nature Center

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

11:00am – 9:00pm

Hickory River Smokehouse will donate 20% of total net sales from purchases made by supporters of Brukner Nature Center. Supporters must present this flyer, mention Brukner Nature Center or show the flyer on their mobile device to the cashier. **No coupons, discounts or other offers are valid during the fundraiser event.**

Voucher is valid for dine-in, carry-out, and drive-thru.

Hickory River Smokehouse
135 S. Garber Dr.
Tipp City, OH 45371
937-669-BBQ1 (2271)
www.hickoryriver.com



Wild Art for Kids!

Friday, March 30
10:00am – 12:00pm

Please join us for a unique FUNdraising

event as we help you paint a portrait of a mother bird with her baby on a 12"x12" canvas. Lisa Bauer of the Mayflower Arts Center will guide you as you paint. This amazing opportunity is just \$25 per child, (K - 8th grade), and includes refreshments and all materials. Deadline for registration and payment is Thursday, March 29 by 5:00pm (cash or check only). All proceeds benefit the Brukner Nature Center Wildlife Ambassador program.

Wild Journeys

Come on an armchair adventure and discover the unique flora and fauna on this amazing planet! This program is free for BNC Members! Non-member admission is just \$5 per person and includes refreshments!



Birding Brazil

Monday, March 5, 7:00pm

Join Jim Beckman, world traveler and owner of Cheepers, a local company established to provide affordable options for international birding! Check out just one of the day's itineraries: **Full day at the Gardens of the Amazon.** *The Jardim da Amazonia offers excellent food and pleasant rooms with the added advantage of Point-tailed Palmcreepers on Moriche Palm fronds in front of our breakfast table! We will enjoy birding the trails and roads of the property. The area is very good for Black-girdled Barbet, Yellow-crowned Parrots, Amazonian Umbrellabird, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, Flame-crowned Manakins, and many more. The Jardim da Amazonia is becoming more famous, most notably due to the newly-located and most reliable population of the Cone-billed Tanager, a species rediscovered in 2004 after 68 years with no sightings. This is our chance to visit a top birding site before it is discovered by the masses!*



OVPN Vernal Pool Workshop

Saturday, March 24, 9:00am-4:30pm

Join the Ohio Vernal Pool Network (OVPN) while exploring vernal pools and the creatures that inhabit them.

- Presentations on the history of the Vernal Pool Network, introduction to vernal pools, macroinvertebrates, amphibians, and vernal pool flora.
- Learn about vernal pool exploring and citizen-science.
- Explore vernal pools at Brukner Nature Center.

**Registration is required and includes a vegetarian lunch and our Ohio's Hidden Wonders, Guide to the Animals & Plants of Vernal Pools. To register, visit www.OhioVernalPoolNetwork.org.

"The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible."

~ Oscar Wilde

New BNC T-shirt Design!

Orders will be placed the 15th of every month



Have you had a chance to check out our new T-shirt design that is now available in the nature shop? If not, I encourage you to take a look at these cool shirts! We have charcoal grey shirts that are available in youth sizes (small-large), and better brown

shirts that are available in adult sizes (small - xx-large). Cost is only \$15/shirt (cash or check). Now will be a great time to consider ordering a shirt for the spring or for your child to wear to our summer camp?! Payment is due upon ordering and we will contact you at the end of the month when the shirts are ready for pick-up.



Be a BNC Extern!

Deadline: Thursday, March 1

Are you or someone you know searching for that stepping stone into the wildlife conservation profession? Brukner Nature Center has a summer/fall externship program for qualified individuals. Get hands-on experience in education programs, learn to handle BNC's Wildlife Ambassadors, provide care to injured and orphaned wildlife, earn college credit, plus much more! For detailed information and/or to submit a cover letter and resume, contact wildlife@bruknernaturecenter.com.

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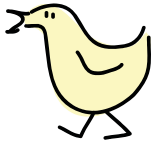
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5 PM – 9 PM

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PEEP Spring Session

Registration opens Sunday, March 11



The days are getting warmer, the turkey vultures are flying overhead, and your preschooler is ready to explore the wonderful outdoors! Registration for Brukner Nature Center's Preschool Environmental Education Program (PEEP) will open to the public on Sunday, March 11 at 12:30pm. Classes will be offered Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30-11:30am with an additional Friday afternoon class 12:30-2:30pm. This six-week session includes a different nature-related topic each week and will run April 10 through May 18. Did you know that snakes smell with their tongues? This is just one cool wildlife fact your child will teach you during this hands-on adventure. PEEP is geared for children ages 3 - 5 years old, who are potty-trained. The fee for this program is just \$45 for BNC members and \$60 for non-members. Fees are due upon registration (cash or check). Class size is limited to 12 children!

Wishlist...



Wildlife: Pedialyte (unflavored), Cheerios, dry cat food, timothy hay, fresh fruit & vegetables, cottonballs, Dawn dish soap, He laundry detergent pods, dishwasher detergent pods, bleach, 30 gallon force flex trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels, Clorox wipes, live mealworms, live wax worms, hard-shelled nuts (acorns, walnuts, etc), unsalted in-the-shell peanuts, black oil sunflower seed, mixed seed, Gift Cards to Meijer, Lowes, PetCo, and Tractor Supply.

Nature Education: Gift cards for Kroger, Staples, and Jay & Mary's Book Center, jumbo clear hand soap refills, caution tape, duct tape, jumbo hand sanitizer refills, recycled paper napkins, fabric paint, google eyes, and pipe cleaners.

More ideas are on our Amazon wishlist! Login to Amazon, go to the upper right of the screen and click on the Wish List menu. Scroll down to "find a wish list". Enter our e-mail: info@bruknernaturecenter.com. Click "add to cart" to add items to your cart!

Girl Scout Overnights



Brownie's Spring Overnight Adventure! Friday, March 9, 7pm to 9am Saturday, March 10

Come join us for a fun and educational overnight adventure for your troop! Learn about all of the amazing things that animals can do and see if you can come close to mimicking them! This program is just \$25/scout and \$20/leader, and is filled with nature games and lessons, as well as a late night snack, night hike, cool craft and continental breakfast! 'Camp out' in the comfort of the Heidelberg Auditorium and create lasting memories during this overnight adventure!

Deadline for registration and payment is 5:00pm on Monday, March 5. Pre-register and pay by Monday, February 26 and get a wildlife field guide for your troop! Pay by cash, check or Pay-pal (include your troop number and date of overnigher).



Junior's Spring Overnight Adventure! Friday, March 16, 7pm to 9am Saturday, March 17

Learn about the different ways wild animals communicate with each other and see if you can decode their secret language during this fun and educational overnight adventure for your troop! This program is just \$25/scout and \$20/leader, and is filled with nature games and lessons, as well as a late night snack, night hike, cool craft and continental breakfast! 'Camp out' in the comfort of the Heidelberg Auditorium and create lasting memories during this overnight adventure!

Deadline for registration and payment is 5:00pm on Monday, March 12. Pre-register and pay by Monday, March 5 and get a wildlife field guide for your troop! Pay by cash, check or Pay-pal (include your troop number and date of overnigher).



Young Birders' Club

Geared just for students in 6th-12th grade, with an interest in birding, membership in the YBC is just \$10/year, plus high quality binoculars and field guides are provided for meetings and field trips, so no additional equipment is needed!

Saturday, March 10 and Saturday, April 14

As winter begins to fade into spring many of the birds have begun their push north towards their breeding grounds. Ohio is perfectly placed as many of these birds' flight routes cross right over our state. Join us for Young Birders Club in March as we travel to popular resting spots nearby to search for the early migrants such as American woodcock and various species of waterfowl. In April we will hike the woods of Brukner in search of the earliest migrating songbirds such as chipping sparrows and pine warblers. Please contact Brian for more information at brian@bruknernaturecenter.com!

Homeschool Nature Club

9:30 - 11:30am and 2:00 - 4:00pm

3rd Wednesday of the month

(September – May)



Sign-up your 5 – 12 year-old homeschooled student for a morning or afternoon of discovery! Staff naturalists have developed hands-on educational and awesome lesson plans, using live wildlife and outdoor exploration! The fee for these innovative programs is only \$2.50 for BNC Members and \$5 for non-members. Payment is due at the time of registration (cash or check). Deadline is 5:00pm on the Monday before each program.



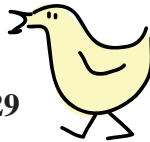
Birding Basics

Wednesday, March 21

Do you know why a Turkey Vulture has black feathers? Or which bird says “fee-bee fee-bay”? Birds are easily seen, but not always understood. Come and join us as we discover the answers to these questions and more! We’ll discuss all the unique features of birds and even learn how to identify some of the most commonly seen species!

PEEP Summer Sessions

Open registration begins Sunday, April 29



Imagine a place where your child can hum from flower to flower like a hummingbird, buzz like a bee and help pollinate plants, explore the creeks for crawdads or find a spot to sit back, relax and become part of a nature story book! At BNC, you need not only imagine, but simply join in and sign up your 3-5 year old preschooler for the summer sessions of PEEP! Each week is filled with discoveries as we share stories, encounter wildlife and explore the outdoors. These two six-week sessions are offered Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30am and Friday afternoon from 12:30-2:30pm. The fee for this amazing hands-on program is just \$55 for BNC Members and \$75 for non-members per session. Sessions run May 29 – July 13 and July 17 – August 24 (you may register for both at one time). Class size is limited to only 12 children so be sure to sign up early! Payment is due with registration (cash or check only) and all children must be potty-trained and not starting Kindergarten in the fall.

Crawl, Hop, and Slither

Wednesday, April 18



With winter now thawed away and the air, ground, and water temperatures on the rise, this is the time of year that Ohio's reptile and amphibian species begin emerging from their winter hibernation. These cold-blooded critters rely on the warmer and more available spring sun to increase their body temperatures. Join us as we compare reptiles and amphibians then meet a few of our native species up close!

Volunteer to be a trailguide!



Are you interested in teaching educational wildlife programs aimed at children Pre-K – grade 5 at BNC? Each program includes an encounter with a wildlife ambassador and an interpretive hike! Training is provided! If interested, please call 937-698-6493 or info@bruknernaturecenter.com. We could not possibly reach all of our goals without your help and support! Plus it's super rewarding!

BNC's Summer Camps...

For kids entering grades K-5th

“Call of the Wild”

June 18 - 22



Ohio is home to a great variety of plants and animals, each using their unique adaptations to survive within their environment. Dedicated people have made careers studying Ohio’s amazing wildlife to help us learn and discover more about each species so we can better help and protect them. Come explore the lives of these professionals as we become herpetologists studying reptiles and amphibians or ornithologists studying birds, discovering careers thru games, wildlife encounters, and outdoor exploration!!



“Wild about Wildlife”

July 9 - 13

Insects, raptors, and bats, oh my! Come learn about these amazing animals as we get wild about wildlife! Campers will pollinate with the bees, hunt with the hawks, and call with the frogs, as they explore the world through the eyes of Ohio’s awe-inspiring wildlife. Come discover their unique skills and adaptations and how we can use our own skills to help protect the wildlife here in Ohio!

Summer Camp Registration opens March 1

Fees are on a per week basis,
and include a cool camp give-away item:

Full day (9:00am-3:00pm)

\$125 for BNC Members • \$150 for non-members

Half day (9:00am-12:00pm)

\$75 for BNC Members • \$100 for non-members

BNC's River Float...

For kids entering grades 6th-12th

“Wild about Water”

Tuesday, July 17, 9:30am - 3:30pm

(rain date Thursday, July 19)



BNC has a variety of habitats and wildlife in part because we’re next to the Scenic Stillwater River. Known for its slow moving, clean and clear water, the Stillwater River is home to many pollution intolerant fish and macroinvertebrate species. Join us as we explore the river while tubing from our main building to our River’s Edge property - located on Calumet Road. Along the way we will use nets to catch and evaluate aquatic creatures, use snorkeling masks to observe the underwater habitat, watch for mammals and birds along the shorelines, and more! Maximum 10 kids.

River Float Registration opens March 1

\$25 for BNC Members • \$35 for non-members

BNC's Summer Overnighter...

For kids entering grades K-5th

“Where the Wild Things Live”

Friday, July 20 at 7pm to 9am Saturday, July 21

Brokner Nature Center has a great diversity of wildlife living in our woodlands, meadows and ponds! These mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians have unique adaptations that help them find, capture, and consume their foods. Come explore the night woods, meet our wildlife ambassadors and discover how these amazing creatures are perfectly suited for nocturnal survival!

Overnighter Registration opens March 1

\$25 for BNC Members • \$30 for non-members

Registration Guidelines:



- Payment for Programs: Payment is due at the time of registration. Cash or check only.
- Medical Consent Forms: Must be completed prior to the start of camp. Forms can be found online at bruknernaturecenter.com/assets/bnc_medical-consent-form.pdf.
- Withdrawal Policy: Reimbursement of payment registration is not available for any program cancellation within two (2) weeks of the start of a program. Cancellation occurring more than 2 weeks prior to the start of a program, will receive a 50% refund.



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Wildlife questions?



BNC developed 13 species-specific brochures to help you live with the wildlife in your own backyard! Brochures are on our website: bruknernaturecenter.com. Click on the tab "Wildlife Rehab/Living with Wildlife Brochures". If you have any questions after reviewing any of the brochures, please call us at 937-698-6493 and we'll be happy to answer any of your questions.

Brukner Nature Center is a non-profit, privately-funded organization promoting the appreciation and understanding of wildlife conservation through preservation, education, and rehabilitation.



-Adopted January 18, 2012, by the BNC Board of Trustees

Looking ahead to May...

Big Sit, Saturday, May 5, 6:00am - 6:00pm. Pledge your support and help BNC!

Wild Art, Sunday, May 6, 10:00am-12:00pm. Fun painting event for adults!

Adult Volunteer Orientation, Tuesday, May 8, 1:30 & 7:30pm. As a privately funded nonprofit nature preserve, we simply could not accomplish our mission without the support of volunteers!

Wild Journeys, Monday, May 14, 7:00pm. Come on an armchair adventure to Australia!

Homeschool Nature Club, Wednesday, May 16, 9:30 - 11:30am & 2:00 - 4:00pm. Geared for kids ages 5 - 12.

BNC Annual Member's Meeting & Heidelberg Wildlife Conservation Lecture, Thursday, May 17, 7:00pm. Member's only event!

View from the Vista, Sunday, May 20, 2:00 - 4:00pm. Learn to ID cool birds with the BNC Bird Club!

BNC Interpretive Building Closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 28. Come take the family out for a fun hike!

