

A Perfect Pavilion for Pondering Preschoolers

After celebrating our 60th anniversary throughout the past year, we began the new year grateful for all that we had accomplished. With everything that has happened throughout the last few difficult years, we have looked for ways we could continue to support our growing community and mission of education. After completing two major projects in 2021 (the new aviary for our injured raptors, and the preservation of Pfister's Pond) we were excited to be able to successfully complete a new education pavilion as well!

Constructed on the site of the old TNC aviary, this new structure will provide a covered space for our young Forest Preschool friends to take respite from rain or other forms of inclement weather without having to come inside the small Visitors' Center. This 20'x16'x10' pavilion has open sides, a rain catch barrel, and a professionally installed raised foundation to prevent flooding.

Over the past decade, the nature center has seen an increase of 5-20% annually in programming requests. Due to this increase and the more recent demand for outdoor activities and opportunities brought on by the

pandemic, TNC has been looking for ways to upgrade its outdoor classroom spaces. With our mission of preservation in mind, our staff want to ensure that any additions or alterations will not overly disturb the natural environment, maintaining a healthy



With the addition of this new outdoor education pavilion, our Forest Preschool now has a permanent home in the area next to our visitor center!

stewardship of the property. In addition to our Forest Preschool, this pavilion may host scout groups, family programs, adult lectures and birthday parties. In the summer and school breaks, this new structure now provides a permanent base for our Pre-K & Kindergarten level (Chipmunks) of our Nature Day Camp!

As we think about our future, we hope to continue upgrading our education spaces and provide visitors and program participants with better and more modern facilities that meet the needs and accessibility of our current day and age.

Are you interested in a more accessible Tenaflly Nature Center? If you would like to find out how your support may help the nature center and our community through the upgrading of TNC education spaces please email info@tenafllynaturecenter.org!



A Forest for Field Trips

Over the past two years, as the COVID-19 pandemic forced schools to change their daily routines, teachers and districts were left scrambling to figure out ways to accommodate their students by providing necessary education content from afar. As teachers and administrators focused on their new need to provide lessons virtually, some learning traditions, such as field trips, were dropped entirely from the 2020-2021 school year. With school shifted from traditional



attendance at a school building to attendance via the internet, families and schools were working to find alternate online education opportunities to fill the void left by a loss of field trips and hands-on

education.

Tenaflly Nature Center worked quickly to find solutions to help community schools during this time, ensuring that important environmental learning opportunities could still occur. This meant TNC's Environmental Educators had to alter our large variety of programming into a more remote friendly format. While providing these programs, staff utilized theatrical performance techniques to successfully engage

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Visitor Center:	9:30 am-4:30 pm
Education Pavilion:	Closed to the public
Trails:	Open daily 1-hour after sunrise until 1-hour prior to sunset

Learn more at TenafllyNC.org

Field Trips Continued

students in virtual field trips that were engaging and engrossing.

Having those virtual opportunities has connected TNC to many schools who otherwise wouldn't have had access. However, remote learning was only a temporary solution and could never replace the hands-on, interactive learning that many students require.

Environmental education promotes problem-solving techniques by encouraging students to research and inquire 'how and why?' specific things happen, leading them to make their own decisions about complex issues. These connections enable students to apply their learning in the real world. By strengthening critical and creative thinking skills, environmental education motivates a new generation to be the upstanding leaders of the future.

Prior to COVID, TNC taught over 23,000 students on an annual basis. School buses carrying 4 classes of eager students ready to begin the day's lesson was a common daily occurrence.

This spring, field trips are back on the agenda as pandemic restrictions continue to ease up. "TNC's busiest season is upon us and it is so good to see that things are slowly resuming back to normal. I was exuberant to see a yellow school bus chugging its way up Hudson Ave! It feels like it has been forever ago." exclaimed Anna



Sills, TNC's Field Trip and TNC to Go Manager. "Students have been isolated and cooped up inside, it feels so right giving them access to good quality education while outdoors to help support vital development."

Although other organizations may be ready to jump right back into the swing of things as if COVID never happened, TNC is taking the cautious approach. "The safety of staff and students is paramount," says Sills "and we plan on keeping that way." Each outdoor classroom provides plenty of space for students to spread out while learning. In the event of rain, there is a covered pavilion for shelter.

In addition to teaching on-site, TNC travels to schools and brings elements from our living museum for in-class programs, such as Lives of the Lenape and Animal Adaptations. If you or someone you know is interested in scheduling a program at TNC or at your site, contact us today and see what kind of learning we can bring to your students!



The Lillian Schenck Foundation Grant

Tenaflly Nature Center received a \$5,000 grant from the Lillian Schenck Foundation in support of TNC's Environmental Education Program Initiative. The money will be used to support our staff so they may provide on and offsite programs and to obtain the necessary supplies to enable a safe in person learning environment. These programs will enable TNC to maintain the overall excellence of our educational mission and meet the needs of our community.



Thank You to All TNC Members & Supporters

Tenafly Nature Center staff and board are extremely grateful for all our Members and Financial Supporters whose gifts assist us in ensuring our mission's success!

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Are Simple Outdoor Birthday Parties Superior?

Over the years birthday parties have grown to be over-the-top and an equivalent caliber to weddings! For some, it may be ideal to keep up with their classmates and have a lavish event bigger and more exciting than the one before. On the other hand, there are many children who would benefit from an intimate party with their closest friends and family. A simple party doing an activity the birthday honoree loves will create a lasting impact and a wonderful memory.

Tenafly Nature Center offers parties for children **and adults** of all ages with various topics and activities catered to the birthday honoree. Our small maximum number of 15 children allow for a safe party and creates a more welcoming environment for all attending.



Mark Saunders Photography

Depending on the personality of the child, they may be intimidated by a large group and prefer only their closest friends. Part of the debate for extravagant birthdays vs. intimate is the politics of inviting the whole world so no one feels left out! While the intent might be positive, the outcome can be negative. Too many voices at a party takes attention away from the birthday honoree. Additionally,

pressure to invite guests the birthday honoree isn't comfortable around but HAD to invite may lead to a less than enjoyable birthday party. At TNC we recommend only inviting those who will make the event joyful. This option may also appeal to families who are on a budget and may need to keep the group sizes down.

Spring is a great season for an outdoor nature birthday party! TNC has done everything from a campfire dance party in the woods to teens building a survival shelter on the trails. Whatever interests your child, we would be happy to discuss options and schedule a simple, unique event everyone will be talking about for years to come. As for keeping extra classmates and siblings off the guests list, just blame it on us!



A Truth of Cryptids – New H.S. Program

HIGH SCHOOLERS INVESTIGATE THE NATURAL WORLD FOR SIGNS OF THE “SUPERNATURAL”

Mothman, Sasquatch, Nessie and, Jackalopes. These “creatures”, among others, have enthralled and inspired for generations. While definitive answers may never be found, the search for cryptids continues to draw eager explorers, journalists, and citizen scientists.

Tenafly Nature Center's new program for high school students, Truth & Cryptids, will enable participants to experience the rigors of investigating cryptids for themselves. As they begin their investigation of the cryptids of TNC, program participants will be working together to generate content for a news outlet of their own creation. In teams, participants will research animals that could be confused for one of several new cryptids, using a

blend of journalism, science communication, biological survey and research.

As journalists, student teams will learn the basics of rhetoric and scientific inquiry to decide what counts as plausible evidence for the existence of their cryptid. As citizen scientists, they will survey local wildlife and create hypotheses about their creature. As artists, students will flex their creativity making evidence of their own. These aspiring journalists will then have the opportunity to present their findings to the public at the end of the program.

Each team will focus their investigation on one as-yet-unknown cryptid, as well as one or two major groups of known animals. While teams gain a greater understanding and appreciation of extant creatures; they will also build the mythos of

their own cryptid.

- Team Silver Fairy (Birds)
- Team Young Sasquatch (Mammals)
- Team Marsh Monster (Amphibians/Reptiles)
- Team Dragon Turtle (Reptiles/Fish)
- Team Empress Bee (Insects)

Teams will work together on their long term goals by sharing and presenting their results to other teams for discussion. By the end of the session, each participant will have a firm understanding of basic biological survey and journalistic principles, as well as a portfolio of articles and other media. Along the way, participants will have the opportunity to interview and interact with experts and other notable locals as they try to track down truth & cryptids.



Summer Nature Day Camp 2022

Many weeks are already full so register today!
Registration Now Available at TenafllyNC.org/Camp-Summer



June & July Summer Schedule

Grade Entering (September 2022)	Chipmunks Pre-K (4 years) &	Deer 1 st -3 rd Grade	Coyotes 4 th -6 th Grade
June 27-July 1	Watch Out Weather!	Weather Weirdness	Stirring Up a Storm
July 5-8 (no camp July 4)	World of Wildlife	Save Our Species	Empowering Future Naturalists
July 11-15	Creepy Crawly Critters	Wet and Wild	Cold Blooded Creatures
July 18-22	Homes & Habitats	Pondering Habitats	Natural Art
July 25-29	Superb Splendid Senses	Did You Hear That?	Powerful Plants

August & September Summer Schedule

Grade Entering (September 2022)	Chipmunks Pre-K (4 years) &	Snapping Turtles 1 st -4 th Grade	Hawks 5 th -7 th Grade
August 1-5	Forest of Four Seasons	The Feisty Forest	Wild Detectives
August 8-12	Survival of the Fittest	Adventure Seekers	Wilderness Adventures
August 15-19	Mammalrama	Our Green Planet	Our Blue Planet
August 22-26	Plentiful Plants	Nocturnal Animals	Stewards of the Earth
August 29-September 2	Look to the Sky	Fabulous Flyers	

New 8th Grade Jr. CIT Program

8th grade students can register for our Jr. CIT program! Part camper and part helper, Jr. CITs will be put with our youngest campers and assist the counselors. They will gain confidence, learn the ins and outs of working with children, and enjoy all of the same camp fun by hiking, making crafts, and meeting our Animal Ambassadors. We will accept two Jr. CITs for each week of Pre-K & K camp.

Teen Camp Volunteers Needed

Tenaflly Nature Center is currently accepting Counselors in Training (CITs) for Summer 2022. Being a CIT is a valuable experience for 9th-12th grade students (aged 14-18 years old) who enjoy being outdoors and working with children. Training includes natural history, assisting with camp, and completing a leadership project. CITs develop skills to communicate effectively with different age groups while keeping young campers safe and entertained. **Space is limited.**



Visit TenafllyNC.org/Counselors-in-Training to learn more and apply.

Spring Break Nature Day Camp

April 11-April 16

Camp Groups
Pre-K & K and 1st-6th grade

Half Day

9:00 am-12:30 pm or 12:00-3:00 pm

Full Day

9:00 am-3:00 pm

When school is out, kids can keep learning and have fun too! Children will explore Tenaflly Nature Center woods and trails, make crafts, share stories and play games while learning about the environment. Each camp enjoys seasonal activities allowing campers to come to every camp with a brand new experience!

Space is limited and **pre-registration is required at**
TenafllyNC.org/School-Break-Camp

Upcoming Child Enrichment Series

All programs require pre-registration

Visit TenafllyNC.org/Seasonal-Programs for complete information and to register

Truth & Cryptids (T&C)



7 sessions

Mondays, March 28; April 4, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16

Saturday, May 21-Presentation Day (Optional)

4:00-6:00 pm

Strange sightings of mysterious creatures have been cropping up around the Tenaflly Nature Center. Are these simple misidentifications or some kind of Jersey Devil? Your independent source for science and nature news, Truth & Cryptids, aims to investigate the claims. Is seeing really believing? There's only one way to find out!

In this unique, new program, participants will research animals that could be confused for a chosen cryptid using a blend of journalism, science communication, biological survey and research. As journalists, student teams will learn the basics of rhetoric and scientific inquiry to decide what counts as plausible evidence for the existence of their cryptid. As citizen scientists, they will survey local wildlife and create hypotheses about their creature. As artists, students will flex their creativity making evidence of their own, as yet undescribed, cryptid. These aspiring journalists will then have the opportunity to present their findings to the public at the end of the program, Saturday, May 21.

This program will focus on emergent learning in a project-based style. While participants will

have goals each week, how they achieve those goals will be up to their individual teams. Teams will also be encouraged to work together on their long-term goals by sharing and presenting their results to other teams for discussion. By the end of the session, each participant will have a firm understanding of basic biological survey and journalistic principles, as well as a portfolio of articles and other media. Along the way, participants will have the opportunity to interview and interact with experts and other notable locals as they try to track down truth and cryptids.

Palisades Outdoor Nature Discovery (POND) Series



6 sessions

Tuesdays, March 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26; and May 3

10:00-11:30 am or 4:00-5:30 pm

Homeschool students and those looking for extra enrichment opportunities are invited to join educators from Tenaflly Nature Center, Teaneck Creek Conservancy, and Flat Rock Brook for the Palisades Outdoor Nature Discovery Series!

Each session will feature hands-on/minds-on exploration perfect for a budding to intermediate naturalist. Students will strengthen their knowledge and appreciation for the environment while exploring unique outdoor ecosystems in small groups. Group sizes are strictly limited, so reserve your space today!

TNC Keepers



7 sessions

Wednesdays, March 30; April 6, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18

Time: 4:00-5:00 pm

At Tenaflly Nature Center, the job of an animal keeper is never done. The care of our Animal Ambassadors and the management of a multitude of wild species is a full-time job. As a part of the TNC Keepers, students will have a chance to experience this for themselves.

Students will join TNC's resident animal expert, Alex Braunstein, as they work together to create a deeper connection to local wildlife. They will learn about all that goes into maintaining the health and happiness of our Animal Ambassadors, including habitat maintenance, health checks, and regular feeding. After learning the basics, students will be able to take part in an engaging and fun environment working hands-on to become an animal expert themselves. The opportunity to extend their knowledge by actively participating in the day-to-day life of our animals will provide a meaningful experience and connection to nature that will show the impact we hold on the wellbeing of our Animal Ambassadors.

Upcoming Adult & Family Programs

**All programs require pre-registration for yourself and your “guests”
Visit TenafllyNC.org/Seasonal-Programs for complete information and to register**

Forest Defenders



2nd and 4th Sunday of the month
March 13, 27; April 10, 24; May 8, 22; June 26

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
March 9, 23; April 13, 27; May 11, 25; June 8, 22

10:00 am-12:00 pm

The Tenaflly Nature Preserve is under invasion and we need your help! A variety of non-native plants have been encroaching into our forest causing harm to native plants and reducing our biodiversity. These various plants referred to as Invasive Species can cause myriad damage if left unchecked, from toxifying soil to shading out native plants. For the forest ecosystem to continue functioning, these invaders must be removed.

Help the Tenaflly Nature Center eradicate these pesky plants twice a month with the Forest Defenders! Defenders will learn to identify different invasive species and work with our Land Manager to implement various removal techniques.

Full Moon Hike for Adults

Friday, March 18, 7:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, April 16, 7:30-9:30 pm
Sunday, May 15, 8:00-10:00 pm
Saturday, June 11, 8:00-10:00 pm

Experience a guided 1½-2 hour walk (approximately 1½ miles) along the trails, on a night near the occurrence of a full moon. This peaceful hike encourages reflection and connections with nature allowing hikers to experience the trails after dark.

Nature Story Time

3rd Saturday of the month
March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18
10:00-10:30 am

Families with children ages 3-7 will enjoy a nature-themed story and a visit from one of Tenaflly Nature Center's Animal Ambassadors. Learn about the animal and how they came to Tenaflly Nature Center. A new story and animal are featured each month. Animals may include snakes, frogs, turtles, owls or a hawk.

Spring Equinox: Night Hike and Campfire



Sunday, March 20
6:30-8:30 pm

Celebrate the longest night of the year and the changing season at TNC with a night hike, followed by a toasty campfire with s'mores!

The Magic of Making: Fabricating for Fairies

Saturday, March 26 and
Sunday, April 24
12:00-1:30 pm

Fairies have come to Tenaflly Nature Center and now you can bring the magic home. Join TNC educators to explore the Fairy Trail and build fairy houses of your very own. Natural construction materials and a recycled milk carton base to be built onto will be provided. Guests are welcome to bring their own base for their fairy houses, as well as their own natural materials for construction.

11th Annual Lost Brook Trail Race



Sunday, March 27

5 Mile Start Time:
9:40 am or 10:00 am

10 Mile Start Time:
9:00 am or 9:20 am

Discover the natural terrain of the Lost Brook Preserve. Experience sections of the trail as you navigate over roots, rocks and streams, through Tenaflly Nature Center's nearly 400 acres of wetlands and hardwood forest. All proceeds will support TNC's mission to protect open space on and off the trails and to provide environmental education programs.

Space is limited and pre-registration is encouraged.

Group and Club Discounts Available.

Salamander Search



Evening in March/April, TBA

Participants will use flashlights to search the small pond near Tenaflly Nature Center's Visitor Center for Spotted Salamanders that have emerged from their underground burrows.

TNC Members ONLY event

Crafty Critters

1st Saturday of the month
April 2, May 7, June 4
2:00-3:00 pm

Meet a live animal and explore your creative and crafty side! After an up close visit with one of Tenaflly Nature Center's Animal Ambassadors where we learn all about what makes them unique, we'll utilize our imaginations and create an artistic version of our new animal friend. A perfect activity for adults and children who enjoy their artistic side!

Guided Nature Walk



1st Sunday of the month
April 3, May 1, June 5
1:00-2:00 pm

Enjoy the season with a guided walk along one of Tenaflly Nature Center's trails with an Environmental Educator. Whether a first time visitor or a regular on the trails, participants will enjoy different sensory experiences in the forest each month.

Spring Knee High Naturalists

10 sessions
Mondays (April 4, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23; June 6, 13, 20)
or
Tuesdays (April 5, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24; June 7, 14, 21)

Caterpillars (1.5-3 years old)
9:30-10:15 am

Butterflies (3-5 years old)
10:30-11:15 am

Young children, **1.5-5 years old, with an adult**, will explore the natural world through a series of topics lead by an Environmental Educator. Each week has a different focus emphasizing working together through discovery stations, songs and journeys outside.

Seasonal Scavenger Hunt

2nd Weekend of the month
Saturday April 9 or
Sunday April 10;
Saturday May 14 or
Sunday May 15;
Saturday June 11

Check in 1:00-2:00 pm at the Visitors' Center to receive clues (Scavenger Hunt may be completed at any time)

Families will receive a set of clues to independently solve nature riddles along Tenaflly Nature Center trails, with each family working as a team as they hike to complete the hunt.

Nature Adventures Puppet Show

2nd Sunday of the month
April 10, May 8
10:00-10:30 am

Laugh, sing, and play with our puppet friends. Families with children ages 2-8 will enjoy this nature-themed puppet show. Learn about plants, animals, and all things outdoors. A new story is featured each month, themed around seasonal changes.

Wild Edibles Walk and Talk with Bobcat Saunders



Sunday, April 10
2:00-4:00 pm

A program and nature walk about foraging sustainably, cooking and healing with wild edible plants, medicinal herbs, and mushrooms! Learn early Spring plants and how their survival strategies depend on the seasons. Expand your knowledge of nature and worldwide cuisine by learning to identify wild edibles and mushrooms found abundantly around Tenaflly Nature Center. The walk will be slow and easy.

Extraordinary Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 16
11:00 am-12:00 pm,
12:30-1:30 pm, or 2:00-3:00 pm

Join us for a new twist on searching for eggs! Children will search the forest at Tenaflly Nature Center for naturally dyed eggs in camouflage colors. Please bring your own basket.

EARTH DAY PROGRAMS ♿

EARTH DAY PUPPET SHOW



**Saturday, April 23
10:00-10:30 am**

Join our puppet friends as we learn about how the little things we do can have a big impact on the natural world around us. Families with children ages 2-8 will enjoy this nature-themed puppet show.

EARTH DAY NATURE WALK

**Saturday, April 23
1:00-2:00 pm**



Celebrate Earth Day with a guided walk along one of Tenaflly Nature Center's trails with an Environmental Educator. Whether a first time visitor or a regular on the trails, participants will enjoy different sensory experiences in the forest. Learn about our impact on the natural world as you appreciate nature.

THE MAGIC OF MAKING: EARTH DAY BIRD HOUSES



**Saturday, April 23
2:30-4:00 pm**

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." - Jane Goodall

Make a difference in your own backyard by creating your own upcycled birdhouse. Join TNC educators as you build a custom bird house from scratch using recyclable materials including milk cartons. Guests are welcome to bring their own base for their bird houses as well as their own natural materials for decoration.

Environmental Educator. Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast or just hoping for a pretty photo op with the family, a walk is the perfect activity to celebrate this special family day.

Forest Bathing (Shinrin-yoku) ♿



**Saturday, May 14
10:00 am-12:00 pm**

"Forest Bathing," known in Japan as "shinrin-yoku," is a short, leisurely, calming walk through the natural environment of a forest. Forest Bathing is a guided meditation that affords you the time necessary to heal and fortify your mind, body, and soul in a natural setting. We are dedicated to giving you a pleasant and profound experience.

Under the guidance and mentoring of experienced guide Thomas Schuchaskie, you will slow down, relax your mind, attain calm, and expand your soul, allowing the forest experience to rejuvenate and restore your energies. Find your own safe areas in the forest where you'll be able to meditate, reflect, and detox from your everyday, hectic life.

Community Campfire ♿



**Saturdays, May 7 and June 4
5:00-7:00 pm**

Join TNC educators for an open campfire experience! Participants will have a venue to share a talent, whether it's a song to sing or a poem to recite. Campfire experiences at TNC are a safe space where relationships can begin and grow richer in celebration of the arts and community. Each month will offer

a different experience including music, performance art, and literature. Local artists, performers, and experts are encouraged to contact TNC at Info@TenafllyNC.org to join in.

Mother's Day Hike



**Sunday, May 8
11:00 am-1:00 pm**

Celebrate Mother's Day with a guided walk with a TNC

Campfire Cooking ♿

**Saturday, May 14
6:00-8:00 pm**

Join TNC educators fireside as we cook up the bounty of the season. Families will be guided through 2-3 recipes featuring local, seasonal ingredients. Families or groups will work together to prepare and cook their meal over the open fire.

Parents' Night Out

**Saturday, May 21
5:30-9:00 pm**

Hey kids 4 and up; leave the parents at home this evening and visit Tenaflly Nature Center! Children will enjoy the outdoors and participate in fun activities with a Tenaflly Nature Center Environmental Educator while parents enjoy some time to relax or have an evening out. Activities each evening will include crafts, a night hike, trail games, and animal encounters.

Bergen County Audubon Nature and Birding Walk

**Sunday, May 22
9:00-11:00 am**

Come to TNC with Bergen County Audubon to look for warblers and other spring migrants that are passing through. Beginners welcome.

Dinosaur Dominion



**Saturday, May 28; June 25
2:00-3:00 pm**

Millions of years ago, dinosaurs roamed a very different North American continent. Join TNC educators as we journey through 100 million years of earth history, exploring ancient eras and incredible creatures, gaining insight into how the world and the dinosaurs themselves evolved. We may even discover the dinosaurs living among us today!

Magic of Making: Cretaceous Creatures

**Sunday, May 29;
Sunday, June 26
2:00-3:00 pm**

Dinosaurs walk among us this season at TNC. From Microraptors to giant Tyrannosaurids, the world of the dinosaurs was just as biodiverse as the world we inhabit today. Join TNC educators to uncover the creatures of the Cretaceous and create dino artifacts of your own.

Tree Identification Hike

**Sunday, May 29
11:00 am-1:00 pm**

Leaf your cares behind and come on down to this poplar program! Join TNC educators to learn how to identify our native trees in this class that will have you pining for more dendro knowledge. You may even find a deeper connection to New Jersey native trees as you learn about identification in different seasons using leaves, bark, fruit and flowers as clues.

Father's Day Hike

**Sunday, June 19
1:00-3:00 pm**

Celebrate Father's Day with a guided walk outdoors. Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast or just hoping to spend some quality time with Dad, a walk might be the perfect activity to celebrate this special family day.

Summer Solstice Campfire and Night Hike

**Sunday, June 19
8:00-10:00 pm**

Celebrate the longest day of the year and the official start of the summer with the Tenaflly Nature Center! A TNC Environmental Educator will lead participants on a night hike to experience the sounds of summer, followed by a campfire and s'mores.

NATURE DAY

**Sunday, June 12
10:00 am-1:00 pm and 1:30-4:30 pm**

Celebrate the start of summer at our Nature Day Celebration! Join TNC naturalists and our friends from other nature-friendly organizations for a safe, outdoor day of family fun.

See TNC's amazing birds of prey, or slither on over to hang with a snake. Make nature art that Monet would be envious of or join the birds in filling the air with songs. Hit the trails for a scavenger hunt or join a staff Member: for a walk to learn about what our forest has to offer.

Guests can expect:

- Birds of prey presentations
- Flower planting and plant science
- Nature arts and crafts
- Survival skills
- Puppet shows
- Animal encounters
- Scavenger hunts
- And more!



National Trail Hike Day: Sunday, June 4

The outdoors are calling out to us, telling us this is the perfect time for a hike. National Trails Day is celebrated on the first Saturday in June. Organized by the American Hiking Society, this event aims to bring together all trail enthusiasts, young and old, while honoring those who help maintain and preserve hiking trails. Adventures are meant to be shared! National Trails Day is a great opportunity to meet new people in your area and share a fun experience on a local trail.

To celebrate National Trail Hike Day for 2022, Tenaflly Nature Center will be partnering with local hiking organizations. In the spirit of sharing our amazing trails with as many hikers as possible, admissions will be adjusted for National Trails Hike Day to be "Pay what you can". Share your adventure with the nation using **#NationalTrailsDay**

Check with TNC staff the day of the event to see how you can be a part of caring for the trails we all enjoy.



TO SCHEDULE YOUR HIKE TODAY, VISIT [TENAFLLYNC.ORG/SELF-GUIDED](https://tenafllync.org/self-guided)

To Make a Difference for TNC Trails:

- **Commit to Trail Service:** Many organizations are working hard to coordinate volunteer trail projects. We'll help connect you with a variety of opportunities.
- **Leave a Trail Better Than You Found It:** Commit to taking a trash bag with you whenever you hike or go for a walk. Collect trash on a trail, along your neighborhood sidewalk, or in a natural space near you.
- **Trail Sponsorship:** Companies and organizations can sponsor a specific trail for a period of one year. Sponsorship supports the maintenance of our trail system, as well as the stewardship of the surrounding forest. Full details: [TenafllyNC.org/Sponsor-a-Trail](https://tenafllync.org/sponsor-a-trail) **Thank you to our current Trail Sponsors!**

Back with Badges This Spring

Tenaflly Nature Center has supported our local Scout BSA groups for many decades and we are please to announce the return of Scout BSA Merit badge workshops this Spring. These hands-on experiences at the nature center are offered by a TNC Environmental Educator who is a registered Merit Badge Counselor and are intended for members of the Scouts BSA. **Space is limited and online pre-registration is required.**



Environmental Science

**Saturday, April 9
9:30 am-3:00 pm**

Learn more about protecting nature by understanding how it works in this full day workshop.

Mammal Study

**Saturday, May 28
10:00 am-1:00 pm**

Learn about classification, food chains, and do a service project to help local mammals in this half-day field class.

Reptile and Amphibian Study

**Saturday, June 18
9:30 am-2:00 pm**

This half day workshop is all about snakes, turtles, lizards, and alligators, as well as frogs and salamanders. Learning about these creatures will lead to an appreciation for all native wildlife.

To learn more about these upcoming workshops and to register, please visit [TenafllyNC.org/Scouts-BSA](https://tenafllync.org/scouts-bsa).



**Get your garden
spring ready and
support TNC!**

Now through June 30 when you make a purchase of \$50 or more, and provide the needed flyer, at Metropolitan Plant & Flower Exchange they will donate \$10 to the Tenaflly Nature Center.

Visit [TenafllyNC.org/Give-and-Get-Involved](https://tenafllync.org/give-and-get-involved) for more information.





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TNC's Terrific Volunteers

As a small nonprofit, volunteers are a critical part of Tenaflly Nature Center. Without these essential helpers and their support, TNC would never be able to complete as much as we do towards our mission! By helping staff with administrative tasks, animal care, land maintenance, and educational program support, our amazing volunteers showcase their vision and dedication. We invite you to join the amazing group of individuals helping keep TNC's mission alive. Visit TenafllyNC.org to learn more.



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

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Back Again This July



Sail the Hudson River with TNC

Join TNC this summer and enjoy a relaxing sailing trip aboard a local historic tall ship. Departing from the Alpine Boat Basin, each themed sail will let participants experience the beauty of the river while enjoying NJ's history, art, music, and, of course, nature!

Children's Tideline Program

Children's Sails

Brewery on the Boat

Tavern Night on the River

For the latest information visit
TenafllyNC.org/Hudson-Sails