

BIODIVERSITY SPRING EVENTS

2019

COFFEE WITH THE BIRDS

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 27 • 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

A new morning visitor opportunity for anyone looking for a peaceful way to start the day. Enjoy a quiet morning cup of coffee while watching the birds at the feeders and learn about a new bird each week. Coffee and binoculars provided.

HOT CHOCOLATE AND A HIKE

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 16 & FEBRUARY 13 • 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Explore Coppell Nature Park with an experienced Master Naturalist for a winter guided hike. Start out with a cup of coffee, cider or hot chocolate before setting out on the trails. Guests will be encouraged to sharpen their senses to explore the thrilling sights, smells, and sounds of evening activity at Coppell Nature Park. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Hikers are asked to dress weather-appropriate, wear close-toed shoes and bring a water bottle. Class is free, space is limited and pre-registration is required.

DINOSAUR GEORGE • FCNP LECTURE SERIES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 • 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Dinosaur George teaches dinosaur enthusiasts about the amazing creatures that once ruled our planet. From rare dinosaur replicas to children's dinosaur books and videos, Dinosaur George has something for everyone. Presentations at 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

WILD DAY: BIRDS OF A FEATHER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 • 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Fly down with your flock to the Biodiversity Education Center to learn all about birds! We will be learning about different types of birds and how adaptations help birds in their environment. Discover what types of foods attract different birds and make a bird feeder. Take the feeder home or donate it to be placed behind the Coppell Nature Park bird watching wall.

INTRODUCTION TO VEGETABLE GARDENING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 • 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. & 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Join Keep Coppell Beautiful for tips on how to grow your own food, presented by Amanda Vanhoozier, local grower. Amanda is a passionate local food advocate who has been instrumental in the growth of Coppell Community Gardens and the Coppell Farmers Market. Class is free, space is limited and pre-registration is required.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & DOCENT TRAINING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 • 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 • 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. & 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Volunteer orientation is offered for those interested in assisting with the adult, family or youth educational programming offered at the BEC. Orientation will cover the history of the BEC and Coppell Nature Park, overview of educational program volunteer opportunities, tour of facility, and the impact we have on the community. Only one volunteer orientation date required, Extended Docent Training*, required for leading volunteer programs will follow February 9 training from 3-5 pm. This orientation will help you decide which volunteer opportunities best fit your schedule, interests and skills!

BENEFITS OF BEES • FCNP LECTURE SERIES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 • 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Peer into the world of bees! If bees didn't exist in the world today, it would look like a very different place. These industrious insects have been around for roughly 125 million years and though bee numbers are declining, the remaining hives continue to act as resources to our planet in numerous ways. Speaker: Bee hobbyist Bruce Crozier.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE FLY FISHING

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 • 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Join Dallas Fly Fishers for an introduction to fly fishing. Learn to cast, tie basic fishing knots, tie flies and discuss their uses. Participants will also review equipment, learn about aquatic ecosystems, safety, fishing, ethics and regulations. This is a free class and will be instructed by Dallas Fly Fishers. All equipment and materials provided. Participants will receive a TPWD Basic Fly Fishing Certificate. Pre-registration is required by February 25. For adults and youth 12 and older with adult chaperone Class size is limited to 70.

WILD DAY: THE GREAT PLANT ADVENTURE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 • 2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Explore the fascinating plant kingdom! Spring is here, and plants are starting to awake from their winter slumber. Green leaves and colorful wildflowers are emerging in abundance. Discover what makes plants different from animals, parts of a plant, how they interact with their environment, and about the local plant life found in Coppell Nature Park.

SNAKES & REPTILES • FCNP LECTURE SERIES

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 • 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Roger Sanderson, Director of Horticulture for Texas Discovery Gardens, will discuss snakes and reptiles of North Texas. This presentation features “hands-on” opportunities with the critters. Roger is one of the State’s highly acclaimed instructors on this subject.

TWILIGHT GUIDED HIKES

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 20 & MAY 22 • 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Explore Coppell Nature Park with an experienced Master Naturalist for a twilight guided hike. Guests will be encouraged to sharpen their senses to explore the thrilling sights, smells, and sounds of evening activity at Coppell Nature Park. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Hikers are asked to dress appropriately, wear close-toed shoes and bring a water bottle. Class is free, space is limited and pre-registration is required.

COMPOSTING CLASS AT COPPELL SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 • 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Learn the basics of composting, how to start a pile, the dos and don’ts, and what to do with the compost once it’s created. Then go out to the garden and try hands-on techniques and view composting piles in various stages of decomposition. Class held at Old Town Garden and Coppell Senior and Community Center.

RESIDENTIAL SOLAR • FCNP LECTURE SERIES

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 • 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Solar energy is becoming very affordable and financially attractive. This seminar is about residential costs, results, and experiences as gathered from area residents who use solar to offset rising electrical demand. Coppell resident Lou Duggan will share his hands-on experiences with solar from service provider to actual costs and savings. If considering solar, you will want to attend this seminar.

CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 • 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Join the Biodiversity Education Center for the City Nature Challenge this Spring to help document the plants and animals of Coppell Nature Park. This annual event is part of a global effort to see which city can make the most observations of nature, find the most species, and engage the most people. Become a citizen scientist by using your personal mobile device to collect data while exploring the trails. For more information about the City Nature Challenge, visit citynaturechallenge.org

WATER U DOING? WATER EFFICIENT SPRINKLERS

SATURDAY, MAY 4 • 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Learn how minor do-it-yourself repairs and simple irrigation tips can make a MAJOR impact on water waste and water bills. We’ve got a stream of info to get your plants looking their best!

THE INTERESTING WORLD OF INSECTS • FCNP LECTURE SERIES

SATURDAY, MAY 18 • 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

There are a total of 629 common bugs and insects found in Texas in the Insect Identification database. Master Naturalist Judy Meagher will present about insects and then guide a tour through the Nature Park pointing out the valuable contribution of nature’s bugs.

ECOEXPLORER DROP-IN DAYS

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS • 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Calling all parents! Explore nature with your children through natural artifacts and self-guided activities. EcoExplorer is offered every Tuesday and Wednesday as well as one Saturday each month! Each week we present a different environmental theme. Themes include: birds, insects, mammals, creatures found within Coppell Nature Park, the water cycle and more. Take what you’ve learned out to the trails to become true EcoExplorers!



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