



# OPCA SUMMER PROGRAMS

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR OPCA PROGRAMS

♦ Call 410-612-1688

## CANCELLATION/REIMBURSEMENT POLICY:

- ♦ If the Estuary Center cancels a program, we will initiate a full reimbursement
- ♦ If you need to cancel registration for a program, you must call the Estuary Center
- ♦ If you cancel more than **one week** before the program, we will initiate a reimbursement
- ♦ No reimbursements for cancellations received less than **one week** before a program



## REGISTRATION REQUIRED - NO FEE!

### CRITTER DINNER TIME - ALL AGES!

Watch our turtles, amphibians and snakes eat while learning about these fascinating creatures.  
Sat., July 18 at 2:30 p.m.      Sat., August 15 at 11:30 a.m.

### MEET A CRITTER - ALL AGES!

Check out one of our live critters up close while discovering what makes that animal special.  
Sun., August 2 at 1:00 p.m.



### TAILS AND TOTS - 0 - 6 W/ADULT

Story time with a natural twist! Listen to stories, learn new songs, and move like the animals!  
Sun., August 16 at 12:30 p.m.

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### JULY

#### Hammer into History

Review the basics of geology, identify rocks, and crack into the geologic secrets hidden inside the rocks and stones found along Otter Point Creek.

**Date:** Sun., July 19      **Time:** 3:00—4:30 p.m.  
**Ages:** 5—adult, under 13 w/adult      **Fee:** \$4/person

#### Rainbow Hike

Hike the Discovery Trail in search of a rainbow of colors. A cool, refreshing treat awaits at the end of the rainbow.

**Date:** Sun., August 16      **Time:** 2:30—3:30 p.m.  
**Ages:** All, under 13 w/adult      **Fee:** \$3/person

### AUGUST

#### Stream Strolling

With buckets and nets in hand, get your feet wet and your hands dirty while exploring one of the stream valleys in Leight Park.

**Date:** Sat., August 8      **Time:** 3:30—5:00 p.m.  
**Ages:** 6—adult, under 13 w/adult      **Fee:** \$3/person

#### H<sub>2</sub>O—Yeah!

Plankton, flatworms, and crayfish, oh my! More than just fish live in local waters, though many of these creatures are too small to see with the naked eye. Splash in the creek and use special equipment to observe these tiny plants and animals.

*\*Meet at Pontoon Pier*

**Date:** Sat., August 29      **Time:** 1:30—3:00 p.m.  
**Ages:** 8—adult, under 13 w/adult      **Fee:** \$3/person

#### Tots on the Shore

Venture down to the shoreline at low tide to explore rocks, shells, clay, and signs of wildlife. Be prepared to get dirty.

**Date:** Sat., August 15      **Time:** 3:00—4:00 p.m.  
**Ages:** 2—5 w/adult      **Fee:** \$3/child

#### Life Inside Logs

That dead tree lying on the ground houses a world of fascinating creatures! Sneak a peek at the habitats hidden in and under logs.

**Date:** Sun., August 30      **Time:** 12:30—2:00 p.m.  
**Ages:** 4—adult, under 13 w/adult      **Fee:** \$3/person

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## Members Only Program

### Early Bird Canoe

Soak in the morning sun and views of wildlife while paddling through our freshwater marsh.

**Date:** Sat., August 15      **Time:** 8:00—10:30 a.m.  
**Ages:** 8—adult, under 13 w/adult      **Fee:** Free for OPCA members



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## Sunday Trail Running Series

Log your miles while enjoying some beautiful scenery and some fellow nature enthusiasts! All skill levels/paces welcome. The course is an out and back, single track, approx. 2 miles long (but you can run it more than once if you choose).

**Dates:** Sun., July 26, August 2

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Ages:** 8 - adult, under 14 w/adult

**Fee:** Free



## iNaturalist Trek

Tap into your inner naturalist! Use the iNaturalist app while searching Leight Park for interesting plants and animals and help us collect biodiversity data. Learn how you can utilize this program on other outdoor adventures.

**Dates:** Sat., July 18

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Sat., August 29

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**Ages:** All, under 13 w/adult

**Fee:** Free



## Invasinators

Become part of a volunteer team of invasive plant removers and native plant restorers. Learn why non-native invasive plants are a threat to our ecosystem, how to identify problem plants, and removal and restoration strategies. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and work gloves for field work in the Reserve each meeting date, weather permitting.

**Dates:** Sun., July 19 (Purple Loosestrife removal from canoe or kayak), Sun., August 16

**Time:** 9:00—11:00 a.m.

**Ages:** 14 - adult



## Canoe Trips

Children under 13 must be with an adult. All trips meet at the Estuary Center unless otherwise noted.

Wear shoes that can get wet. All equipment supplied. Fee: \$12.00, unless otherwise noted



### Kids-n-Canoes

Bring your wee little water lovers out for their first time paddle. Paddling safety and basic stroke instruction is covered before venturing out further to explore the watery world of Otter Point Creek.

**Date:** Sat., July 11

**Time:** 2:00—4:00 p.m.

**Ages:** 5 - adult, under 13 w/adult

### BYO Lunch Paddle

Nudge around the Otter Point Creek marshes and Snake Island before stopping for lunch and eagle watching at Eagle Point.

**Date:** Sat., August 1

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

**Ages:** 8—adult, under 13 w/adult

### Blooming Like Crazy

The marsh is in full glorious bloom, buzzing with pollinators and their predators. Float alongside and catch the show.

**Date:** Sun., August 2

**Time:** 9:00—11:30 a.m.

**Ages:** 8—adult, under 13 w/adult

### The Underwater World Canoe

We don't often get to see below the surface, but hidden underwater lies an abundance of life. Use special viewing equipment to see fish, plants and crustaceans sheltering in the shallows.

**Date:** Sat, July 25

**Time:** 2:00—4:30 p.m.

**Ages:** 8—adult, under 13 w/adult

## Kayak Trips

Children under 13 must be with an adult. All trips meet at the Estuary Center unless otherwise noted.

Wear shoes that can get wet. All equipment supplied. Fee: \$12.00, unless otherwise noted



### Kooky, Crazy Cormorants

The Bush River is teeming with Double Crested Cormorants. Scan the water, driftwood, docks, and sky for our diving, fishing friends.

Binoculars provided.

**Date:** Sat., July 18

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Ages:** 8 - adult, under 13 w/adult

### Paddlebirding

Tour the various watery habitats of the Reserve and catch the sight and sound of early migrants, and the aerial acrobatics of summer residents — eagles, osprey, and terns.

**Date:** Fri., August 21

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Ages:** 8—adult, under 13 w/adult

### Rumsey Island Adventure

Discover hidden parts of the Gunpowder River on this island adventure! This is an approximately 5 mile round trip paddle; recommended for experienced kayakers. \*Meet at Mariner Point Park

**Date:** Sat., August 8

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Ages:** 12 - adult, under 16 w/adult **Fee:** \$13/person

### Wild Wetlands Kayak

Revel in the beauty and productivity of the summer marsh while learning the important roles played by the plants and animals that live in the estuary.

**Date:** Sat., August 22

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**Ages:** 8—adult, under 13 w/adult

# Otter Point Creek Alliance Membership Application

*Members receive 10% off OPCA public nature programs and gift shop items!*

- I would like to become a **new member** of the Otter Point Creek Alliance.
- I am **renewing** my membership to the Otter Point Creek Alliance
  - 1 yr. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_

(work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Type of Yearly Membership

- \$20 Family (1 Household)
- \$12 Individual  
or Senior Couple
- \$8 Student (Full time)  
or Senior Citizen (62+)
- \$50 Contributing
- \$100 Sustaining

Please make checks payable to  
**Otter Point Creek Alliance (OPCA)**  
and mail to:

Anita C. Leight Estuary Center  
700 Otter Point Road  
Abingdon, MD 21009

I would like to receive the Calendar via email:

- Yes     No

Volunteer opportunities are available. Check out all the Volunteer Job Descriptions on our website: [www.otterpointcreek.org](http://www.otterpointcreek.org)

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Calendar of Events of the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, Otter Point Creek Component of the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Maryland  
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Special Assistance: The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages participation by people with disabilities. To request disability-related accommodations, call the therapeutic Recreation Specialist at 410-638-4899 / voice (TTY users call MD Relay) two weeks prior to event.  
Barry Glassman, Harford County Executive  
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