# BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE PROGRAM CALENDAR OCTOBER 2019

DAILY TRAM TOURS 1 pm †
Saturday, 10 am & 1 pm
Cost: \$5 adults, \$3.50 kids
Groups of 4 or more may request
additional times (when available).

#### **HOURLY PADDLE RENTALS**

Visitors can rent kayaks or canoes from the Nature Center for unguided access to scenic Lake Maggiore.

Cost per kayak/canoe is \$10/hr. with 2 hr. minimum.

#### **BIRDS OF PREY DAILY CARE**

Every Tuesday - Friday, 4 - 5 pm Cost: Admission

Are you interested in learning more about the daily workings of our Birds of Prey program? Come and watch volunteers interact with the birds!

#### **PUDDLE JUMPERS †**‡

Every Wednesday, 9:30 - 11 am
Cost: \$5, ages 3 - 4
Outdoor exploration and learning for
children entering pre-K. Dress for rain
or shine!

#### SUSTAINABLE SATURDAYS

Every Saturday

Cost: Admission, all ages

### This month: Kitchen and Food

Sustainable living ideas and products will be featured in the gift shop each Saturday of the month.

Demonstrations of products will be on the first Saturday of each month at 9 am in the lobby of the Nature Center.

## **CREATURE FEATURE**

Every Saturday and Sunday, 2:30 pm Cost: Admission, all ages Live animal encounter! Learn interesting facts about a live animal featured at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve.

## **CLIMATE SCIENCE SERIES**

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7 - 8:30 pm
Cost: Free, all ages
The Climate Science Series is a
monthly discussion of the potential
impacts of climate change on our
area. Each month, an expert will
present on a specific topic, followed by
discussion with the audience. This
series is presented by USFSP and
Boyd Hill Nature Preserve.

#### **BIRD WALK**

Saturday, Oct. 5, 8 am
Cost: FREE, all ages
Look for birds on a guided hike led by
expert birders. Binoculars are
available for loan.

#### NATIVE GARDEN WORKDAY

Saturday, Oct. 5, 8 - 10 am
Cost: Free, ages 12 and up
Volunteer time at the Boyd Hill Nature
Preserve's native gardens. Learn to
weed, prune, and propagate plants
that support wildlife.

#### **NAVIGATING NATURE**

Saturday, Oct. 5, 8:30 - 11:30 am
Cost: FREE, grades 4 - 8
St. Petersburg Audubon Society's
monthly kids' camp.
Registration is required online at
www.stpeteaudubon.org

#### PIONEER OPEN HOUSE

Saturday,Oct. 5, 11 am - 2 pm Tour of buildings: 11:30 am Cost: FREE, all ages Step back in time for a relaxing afternoon with family and friends. 3130 31st Street S.

#### **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS**

Saturday, Oct. 5, 1 pm Thursday, Oct. 10, 6 pm Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2 pm Cost: FREE, all ages Find out more about volunteering at BHNP!

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† Limited space; payment reserves a spot. ‡ ADVANTAGE Membership required; no cost. \*Trail passes exclude the price of trams and programs

#### **NIGHT HIKE**

Saturday, Oct. 5, Adult Hike 8 pm Saturday, Oct. 19, Family Hike 8 pm Cost: \$5

Join rangers for our most popular guided hike. Every week, explore the preserve after hours in a small group setting. Look for alligators, listen for bats, and search for scorpions.

#### **BIRDS OF PREY ENCOUNTER**

Sunday, Oct. 6. 10 am Sunday, Oct. 20, 10 am Cost: FREE, all ages Join us for a 30 minute Birds of Prey encounter! Get an up close look at a beautiful avian ambassador and learn how you can help birds of prey!

#### **ALLIGATOR WALK**

Sunday, Oct. 6, 11:30 am Saturday, Oct. 12, 11 am Sunday, Oct. 27, 11:30 am Cost: \$3/\$1.50, all ages Learn about the American alligator, Florida's state reptile, which calls our wetlands home.

# **NATURAL HISTORY SPEAKERS SERIES: "Life Cycle of Butterflies**"

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7 - 8:30 pm Cost: Free, all ages Would you like to learn how butterflies survive from egg to adult? Join us as our speaker discusses the strategies they use to survive from their metamorphosis with a focus on the butterflies of Florida.

#### **ASTRONOMY NIGHT**

Thursday, Oct. 10, 8 - 9:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:30 - 9 pm Cost: \$5, all ages Take a guided tour of the night sky through telescopes provided by the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club.

#### **AUTUMN HARVEST**

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 am - 3 pm Cost: Free, all ages Come and enjoy crafts, hayrides, fresh produce, unique shops, a pumpkin patch, live animals, and music at this traditional harvest festival. 2900 31st Street, S.

# **5K FUN RUN WITH HEALTHY** ST. PETE

Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 am Cost: FREE, all ages Practice healthy habits while making new friends! All levels welcome. Meet at the flag pole in front of the Nature Center.

# **AVIARY TOUR: American** Kestrel

Sunday, Oct. 13, 10 am Cost: \$3/\$1.50, all ages Get a behind-the-scenes look! See how we run the Birds of Prey program and have an up close encounter with the bird of the month.

#### YOUNG WOMEN IN SCIENCE†‡

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2 - 4 pm Cost: \$15, ages 14 - 21 Spend the afternoon exploring Wax Myrtle Pond using scientific equipment. Led by an experienced female scientist, this is a great program for young women exploring science as a career!

#### MINI CAMPS IN SESSION

Monday, Oct. 14, 9 am - 4 pm. Extended Care 8 am - 5 pm Cost: \$30. extended care \$10. ages 7 - 13 School is out! Get outdoors and have some fun!

#### WILDFLOWER WALK

Sunday, Oct. 20, 9:30 am Cost: \$3/\$1.50, all ages A ranger-guided walk highlights native wildflowers along the trails. Learn more about what is blooming this month!

# **NATIVE PLANT AND SEED SWAP**

Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 am - noon Cost: Admission, all ages Join us for our monthly native plant and seed swap in the lower butterfly garden! Bring native plants to share and pick up a plant or two to take home for your yard! Please note: Non-native and/or invasive plants are prohibited from this event due to the sensitive nature of the preserve. If you are unsure about your plant, please do not bring it and instead bring a photo and we will try to identify it!

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#### SING AND STROLL†

Sunday, Oct. 20, 9:30 am & 10:15 am Cost: \$3/\$1.50, ages 4 and under, with adult
Join Colleen and Tom from Music and Me, LLC for an interactive music session and nature walk through the preserve.

# NATURE-INSPIRED COLLAGE WORKSHOP †

Sunday, Oct. 20, 1:30 - 4 pm Cost: \$25, ages 13 and up Let nature inspire your creativity! Create your own collage to take home. All materials provided! No experience necessary. RSVP required.

#### SUNRISE PADDLE AT THE LAKE†‡

Saturday, Oct. 26, 7 - 9:30 am
Cost: \$25, ages 8 and up
Enjoy the beautiful colors of early
morning and the photographer's
"golden hour" as we explore the City's
best-kept secret! Led by an
experienced naturalist and guide, look
for the special birds, reptiles,
invertebrates, and plants that call
Lake Maggiore home. Appropriate for
beginners to expert paddlers. All
boats and equipment are provided.

# NEW! OUTDOOR SKILLS SERIES: PLANNING YOUR OUTING †‡

Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 - 11:30 am Cost: \$5 per class, ages 14 and up. Preregistration required.

This new monthly series teaches all of the basic outdoor skills needed for your next hiking or camping trip! The monthly themes include:

October: Trip Planning and

Equipment

**November**: Cooking and Nutrition **December**: Hygiene and Water

Purification

January: No class

February: Leave No Trace
March: Wilderness Travel
April: Weather and Nature
May: Safety and Emergency
Procedures; First Aid and

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Parks & Rec

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**Emergency Care** 

# REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN HIKE

Saturday, Oct. 26, 11 am
Cost: Admission, all ages
Join us as we explore the
preserve hoping to cross paths
with gopher tortoises, yellow rat
snakes, southern leopard
frogs,and so much more! This is a
casual way to grow your
knowledge about reptiles and
amphibians. Adventure awaits!

## TRAIL DETECTIVES

Sunday, Oct. 27, 10 - 11:30 am Cost: \$3/\$1.50 Most animals are shy and use their fantastic camouflage to hide from us. So how do we know animals are around us when we

cannot see them? Let's put our trail detective skills to the test to find what animals are present here at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve.

#### **BUGS FOR BRUNCH**

Sunday, Oct. 27, 11 am - 1 pm

Cost: \$10, ages 5 and up
Bugs for Brunch is a culinary
and cultural adventure where
we learn about the value of
including arthropods in the
human diet. Participants will
discover the dietary and
sustainability benefits of
entomophagy (eating bugs),
sample numerous prepared
insect food items and learn
about cultures around the
world who have been doing
this for centuries.

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