

BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE PROGRAM CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2019

TRAM TOURS DAILY: 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 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 the preserve.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

Saturday Sept. 7, 1 pm

Thursday, Sept. 12, 6 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2 pm

Cost: FREE, all ages

Find out more about volunteering at BHNPI!

BIRDS OF PREY ENCOUNTER

Sunday, Sept. 1, 10 am

Sunday, Sept. 15, 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, Sept. 1, 11:30 am

Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 am

Sunday, Sept. 22, 11:30 am

Cost: \$3/\$1.50, all ages

Learn about the American alligator, Florida's state reptile, which calls our wetlands home.

BIRD WALK

Saturday, Sept. 7, 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, Sept. 7, 8 am - 11 am

Cost: Free, ages 12 and up

Volunteer time at the preserve's native gardens. Learn to weed, prune, and propagate plants that support wildlife.

INT'L VULTURE AWARENESS DAY

Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 am - noon

Cost: \$3/\$1.50, all ages

Celebrate our bald but beautiful friends! International Vulture Awareness Day is a day to learn how important these misunderstood birds are to us and our environment. This is a great event for families. There will be crafts, games, and live vultures for you to meet.

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NATURE PRESERVE
CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG



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PIONEER OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Sept. 7, 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.

NATURE'S ELEMENTS†‡

Saturday, Sept. 7, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Cost: \$15/child, ages 3 - 7
Children will enjoy nature walks, program animals, art, games, songs and stories. Environmental educator, Amalia Fernand, has taught programs at Boyd Hill since 2000.

NATURE EXPLORERS†‡

Saturday, Sept. 7, 1 pm - 4 pm
Cost: \$15/child, ages 5 - 12
Children will enjoy nature walks, program animals, art, games, songs, and stories. Environmental educator, Amalia Fernand, has taught programs at Boyd Hill since 2000.

AVIARY TOUR: Eastern Screech Owls

Sunday, Sept. 8, 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.

INSECT TREK

Sunday, Sept. 8, 11:30 am
Cost: \$3/\$1.50, all ages
Butterflies, bugs and beetles oh my! Join us for a guided hike exploring the secret lives of insects! Fun and informative for all ages.

YOUNG WOMEN IN SCIENCE†‡

Sunday, Sept. 8, 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!

NATURAL HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES: "Sensing Wildlife"

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7 pm
Cost: FREE, all ages
Florida maintains an exciting diversity of wildlife species, including those living in our backyards. During this interactive, hands-on presentation, learn about signs of wildlife. Vocalizations, scats, and tracks are only a few ways Sensing Nature biologists will lead you through your sensory awareness adventure.

SUNRISE PADDLE THE LAKE†‡

Saturday, Sept. 14, 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-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.

WORK DAY AT THE PRESERVE

Saturday, Sept. 14, 8 - 11 am
Cost: FREE, age 8 and up
Spend the morning, working alongside a ranger! Learn how to identify native and non-native plants and help to remove exotic invasive plants from the preserve.

5K FUN RUN WITH HEALTHY ST. PETE

Saturday, Sept. 14, 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.

HERITAGE SKILLS SERIES:

SOAP MAKING †‡

Saturday, Sept. 14, 9:30 - 11 am
Cost: \$8, ages 10 and up
Try your hand at soapmaking and make your own to bring home. Supplies provided. Feel free to bring your own essential oils and/or fragrances, too!
3130 31st Street S.

TWILIGHT PADDLE †‡

Saturday, Sept. 14, 4:30 - 7 pm
Cost: \$25/person, ages 8 and up
See the city and the preserve from an entirely new perspective! Enjoy sunset with some of the best views that St. Petersburg has to offer! An experienced naturalist-guide will show you all the best views from the water, while teaching about all of the amazing plants and animals that live on Lake Maggiore. Appropriate for beginners to experienced paddlers. All boats and equipment are provided.

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NATURE INSPIRED COLLAGE WORKSHOP †

Sunday, Sept. 15, 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.

WILDFLOWER WALK

Sunday, Sept. 15, 4 pm
Saturday, Sept. 21, 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!



GOPHER TORTOISE CELEBRATION

Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 am - 3 pm
Cost: FREE, all ages
Boyd Hill Nature Preserve is home to over 100 gopher tortoises. Join us for a day of games, special hikes, expert speakers, and crafts!



NATIVE PLANT AND SEED SWAP

Saturday, Sept. 21, 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. Instead bring a photo, and we will try to identify it!

TRAIL DETECTIVES

Sunday, Sept. 22, 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 the preserve.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Thursday, Sept. 26, 8 pm
Cost: \$3/\$1.50
Take a guided tour of the night sky through telescopes provided by the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club. Program begins promptly at 8 pm!

PADDLE LAKE MAGGIORE †‡

Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 - 11:30 am
Cost: \$25, ages 8 and up
Here's your chance to see Lake Maggiore up close! Paddle with an experienced naturalist-guide and see all the living beauty of the preserve from an entirely different perspective than you are used to! Appropriate for beginners to experienced paddlers. All boats and equipment provided.

REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN HIKE

Saturday, Sept. 28, 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!

NEW! OUTDOOR SKILLS SERIES: PLANNING YOUR OUTING †‡

Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 am
Cost: \$8 per class, ages 14 and up
This new monthly series teaches all of the basic outdoor skills needed for your next hiking or camping trip!
The monthly themes include:
September: Trip Planning
October: Equipment
November: Demonstration (Hands-on exploration of equipment.)
December: Outdoor Etiquette
January: Cooking and Fires
February: Front woods vs. Backwoods
March: Leave No Trace Training
April: Demonstration (Hands-on exploration of equipment.)
May: Camping Trip

PIONEER NIGHTS †‡
Saturday, Sept. 28, 6 - 10 pm
Cost: \$22, ages 6 - 13
Kids enjoy a night of friends, fun, campfire and s'mores, pioneer style!
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