



# 2024 WINTER/SPRING PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE



**Resident Registration opens January 2nd, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.**  
**Non-Resident Registration opens January 9th, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*As stewards of the public spaces and natural resources of the Township of Spring, the Department of Parks and Recreation is dedicated to creating a vibrant sense of community and enriching the lives of the citizens by providing beautiful parks, innovative programs and excellent customer satisfaction.*

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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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## Director's Notes

The Winter/Spring Brochure marks the start of a new year and a new season of programs! With over 45 programs being offered this season, you are sure to find at least one that interests you.

Our Family Program offerings include topics ranging from astronomy and chemistry to gardening, chess and wildlife stories. Be sure to register every family member who intends to participate in each program. Check out all the details on pages 10 & 11.

The ever-popular Family Nature Series returns with fourteen (14) different programs this season. Whether you are interested in owls, salamanders, frogs or birds, we have a program for you! We'll be hiking in the dark under the full moon and wading in the creek (at different programs of course!). Whether Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow or not, be sure to register for our first Groundhog Day Celebration to learn about groundhogs, skunks, opossums and other mid-winter mysteries! See all the program details on pages 12 & 13.

Our Adult Program offerings include health and wellness classes including yoga and Tai Chi, gardening workshops, painting classes and craft programs. Be sure to take a look at our newest program, "Intro to Bonsai: A Journey into the Art of Miniature Trees". Our partnership with Berks Encore continues to grow and based on feedback from our program participants, they have developed a brand-new program – "Let's Get Started". Details about all of our great adult programs are available on pages 6 - 9.

As the temperatures continue to drop and daylight hours get shorter, resist the urge to become a hermit in your home. Take some time each day to get outside, breathe some fresh air and visit one of the Township's fifteen (15) parks. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring along some water!

We look forward to seeing you in our parks and programs!

Judy Houck, CPRP  
Director of Parks and Recreation





# Parks and Pavilions Rental Program

Reservations for the 2024 Season will be accepted on a "first come-first served" basis beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024.

A refundable Security Deposit is required for all rentals and it must be paid at the time the reservation is made. The balance of the rental fees is due within thirty (30) days from the day the reservation is made.

**Rental Policy:** The customer who makes the reservation:

1. will be listed on the permit as the permit holder;
2. must be the person who signs the permit;
3. will be required to show photo identification and address;
4. is the person to whom the deposit will be refunded.

Company and Group rentals must provide proof of the business' or group's address to receive the resident discount.

| <u>Medium Pavilions</u> | <u>Security Deposit</u> | <u>Resident Rate</u> | <u>Rental Rate</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Breneman Park           | \$150.00                | \$125.00/day         | \$185.00/day       |
| Colony Park             | \$150.00                | \$125.00/day         | \$185.00/day       |
| LenOak Park             | \$150.00                | \$125.00/day         | \$185.00/day       |
| Red Caboose Park        | \$150.00                | \$125.00/day         | \$185.00/day       |

| <u>Large Pavilion</u>  | <u>Security Deposit</u> | <u>Resident Rate</u> | <u>Rental Rate</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Cacoosing Meadows Park |                         |                      |                    |
| Up to 150 people       | \$250.00                | \$175.00/day         | \$350.00/day       |
| 150 - 300 people       | \$250.00                | \$400.00/day         | \$500.00/day       |
| 300+ people            | \$250.00                | \$500.00/day         | \$600.00/day       |

**Variance Fee : \$50.00**

**Cancellation Fees:**

**Written notification 14 days prior to reservation date of a:**

**\*Medium Pavilion - Resident - \$50.00; Non-Resident - 50% of the Rental Fee**

**Written notification 30 days prior to reservation date of a:**

**\*Large Pavilion - Resident - \$75.00; Non-Resident -50% of Rental Fee**

| Park Name         | Seating Capacity | Electrical Outlets | Pavilion Lighting | Restrooms | Charcoal Grills | Off-Street Parking | Play Equipment | Basketball Courts | Volleyball Courts | Horseshoe Pits | Tennis Courts | Open Space |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Breneman Park     | 84               | •                  | None              | 1         | 1               | •                  | •              | •                 | •                 | 0              | 0             | •          |
| Cacoosing Meadows | 225              | •                  | •                 | Portable  | 0               | •                  | •              | •                 | •                 | •              | 0             | •          |
| Colony Park       | 90               | •                  | •                 | 1         | 0               | •                  | •              | •                 | •                 | 0              | •             | •          |
| LenOak Park       | 60               | •                  | •                 | 1         | 0               | •                  | •              | •                 | •                 | •              | 0             | •          |
| Red Caboose Park  | 72               | •                  | •                 | 2         | 1               | •                  | •              | •                 | •                 | 0              | 0             | None       |





# Special Events

## 35th Annual Spring Township Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, March 27th, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Shiloh Hills Park – Multi-Purpose Field

Age Groups:

Under 2 years old

2 to 3 years old

4 – 5 years old

6 – 7 years old

8 – 10 years old

Secret Garden Area – for children with mobility challenges or who need sensory friendly accommodations. This area will be set up after the 8 – 10-year-old age group has finished.

In the event of inclement weather, candy and eggs will be distributed via a drive-thru event, while supplies last, from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Township Administration Building, 2850 Windmill Road, Sinking Spring.

Bring your Easter Basket or a Bag for Collecting Eggs!!

Hunting starts promptly at 4:30 pm!

Please allow time to walk up from the parking lot.

Parking along the driveway will be restricted.

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department @ 610-678-5399 Ext. 2.

## Youth & Senior Fishing Rodeo

Cacoosing Meadows Park

Saturday, April 20th, 2024

### Youth Rodeo

**8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.** - Registration starts at 7:00 a.m.

All anglers MUST:

- Be registered
- Display their rodeo tag
- Be between 4 and 14 years of age

Prizes will be awarded for the Youth Rodeo.



### Senior Rodeo

**10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon** - Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.

All anglers MUST:

- Be Registered
- Display their rodeo tag and PA Fishing License
- Be at least 50 years old

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Enjoy a wonderful day at the park with your FAMILY!

**PA Fish & Boat Commission Laws Apply**



## Spring Township Night at the Fightin' Phils

**Date and Time: - TBD**

Date and time were unavailable at the time of printing but it is usually the first Saturday night game in April. Please call our office (610-678-5399 Ext. 2) after January 1st for updated information. Free General Admission tickets will be available at the Spring Township Parks and Recreation Department approximately two (2) weeks before the game.

[www.springtwpberks.org](http://www.springtwpberks.org)



## Spring Township's Touch-A-Truck Event

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shiloh Hills Park

Join this interactive family adventure that allows you to explore big trucks and specialized equipment from the Township's Fire, Police and Public Works Departments! Don't worry about lunch – food trucks will be on-site too!

Follow us on Facebook and our website for more details in the spring!



## 2024 Summer Playground Program



June 10th – July 26, 2024

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Ages 6 – 12  
(as of 6/1/24)

**Registration Period:**

**March 1st – April 30th**

Proposed Program Sites  
Breneman Park

Colony Park

Cornwall Terrace Park

Drexelwood Park

LenOak Park

Red Caboose Park

West Lawn Park

(Program sites are subject to change  
based on staffing/registration levels.)



Registration Rates will be available by  
February 1st, 2024



We are collecting non-perishable food items at all of our programs and events throughout the year.

Please consider us in the fight against hunger!



## Join Our Team This Summer!

Do you have experience working with children?

Do you enjoy working outside?

Are you at least 18 years old?

## Spring Township is seeking Summer Playground Leaders!

**Candidates must:**

**\*Be available to work June 3rd through July 26th, 2024**

**\*Be able to work Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.**

**\*Have transportation and be able to attend any of the various program sites on any day**

Applications are available on our website and in the office.

**Candidates should complete an application by February 1st, 2024!**





# Adult Programs

## Feeding Birds in Winter - #2369

Make your own Bird Seed Wreath for your backyard birds! Includes all supplies and the Bundt pan so you can make more feeders throughout the winter. Learn about the types of seeds needed to attract birds and where to place the bird feeders in your landscape. Written hand-outs are included.

Date: Saturday, January 27

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: \$36.50 per person Ages: 18+

Register by January 19

## Rope Wrapped Heart Wreath - #2370

Just in time for Valentine's Day and Healthy Heart Month,



this beautiful heart-shaped wreath will make a stylish door decoration for your home. Using nautical rope, a heart-shaped wreath frame and flower embellishments, you will create this project in just 2 hours. No crafting experience needed.

Date: Sunday, January 28

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: \$26.00 per person Ages: 18+

Register by January 15

## Chair Yoga

An extremely gentle form of yoga for anyone wanting the many benefits of yoga without having to get up and down from the floor. Students will experience postures and breathing exercises using the support of a chair. Develop greater mobility, increased range of motion and ease of movement in everyday activities.

Location: Administration Building

### Session #1 - 2371

Date: Thursdays, February 1 - March 7

Time: 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Cost: \$63.00 per person Ages: 18+

Register by January 25

### Session #2 - #2372

Date: Thursdays, March 21 - April 25

Time: 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Cost: \$63.00 per person Ages: 18+

Register by March 14

## Old Fashion Button Art - #2373

This adorable button picture measures 5" x 7" and makes a charming old fashion decoration. Reminiscent of days gone by, participants will learn how to create the design using a variety of buttons, glue and paint. A frame is included to show off your keepsake.



Date: Saturday, February 3

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: \$29.00 per person Ages: 18+

Register by January 26

## Vegetable Gardening Basics - #2374

Get ready to grow your own veggies and experience the pleasure of serving fresh foods from your own garden. Learn best site selection, how to prepare the soil, get tips on choosing reliable vegetable varieties as well as planting, maintaining and harvesting your garden. Free seed packet!

Date: Saturday, February 17

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free Ages: 16+

Register by February 15

## History, Lore and Legends of the Lenape - #2375

Come out to learn about the lore and lifestyle of Berks County's earliest residents - the Lenape People. Join Kathy Grim to listen to stories, learn about their way of life and examine artifacts from the Lenape's everyday life.

Date: Sunday, February 18

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free Ages: 18+

Register by February 15



## Adult Programs *continued.....*



### Easter Bunny Wreath - #2376

Learn to make this beautiful and budget friendly Wrapped Yarn and Tied Ribbon Wreath with additional Easter-themed decorations. This wreath has a slim design and fits perfectly between your front and storm doors. It is also pretty enough on both sides to hang beautifully on a glass door. No craft experience needed.



Date: Sunday, February 25

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: \$26.00 per person Ages: 18+

Register by February 12

### Historic Theorem Stencil Painting - #2377

Participants will learn the early American Decorative Technique of using a series of stencil overlays to achieve the look of a free-hand, painted, traditional design. While you practice, you will also learn the history of this Colonial era artform. This 8" x 10" portrait is a replica of a Williamsburg design.



Date: Saturday, March 2

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: \$36.50 per person Ages: 18+

Register by February 23

### Intro to Tai Chi - #2378

This introductory class will cover the basic movement of the ancient art of Tai Chi. Discover improved balance and coordination by practicing gentle, slow-motion exercises with master instructor, Jan Gyomber.

Date: Wednesdays, March 6 - March 27

Time: 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: \$45.00 per person Ages: 18+

Register by February 28

### Intro to Bonsai: A Journey into the Art of Miniature Trees - #2379

Bonsai ("tree in a pot"), is a centuries-old Asian tradition that combines horticultural skills with artistic expression. In this hands-on workshop you will learn essential Bonsai techniques, design and styling, proper potting and re-potting procedures and Bonsai care and maintenance. Participants should purchase a juniper plant from a local nursery and bring it to class. Plastic Bonsai pots will be available for purchase from the instructor.

Date: Saturday, March 9

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free Ages: 18+

Register by March 1

### Bee Lawns and Pollinator Gardens - #2380

Wondering how you can help pollinators or just looking for ways to cut lawn care costs? Either way, join Penn State Berks Master Gardeners to learn about the benefits of bee lawns, pollinator gardens, adding beauty to your landscape and benefitting pollinators all at the same time! Free pollinator seed packet!

Date: Saturday, March 16

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free

Ages: 16+

Register by March 14

### Identifying Fraud and Scams - #2410

Join the Spring Township Police Department for this informative session on how to recognize common types of phone and internet scams and what to do if you fall victim to one. Free Refreshments.

Date: Friday, March 22

Time: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free

Ages: 18+

Register by March 21

### Rusty Tin Wall Bucket - #2381

This 11" tall (includes handle) x 8" wide rusty tin bucket is flat on the back and oval shaped on the front to display the berries that are included. Choose from one of 3 designs to paint on the front using a cardboard template. Learn to print in country lettering to complete the small sign.

Date: Saturday, April 6

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: \$33.00 per person

Ages: 18+

Register by March 28





## Adult Programs *continued.....*

### Old Fashion Annuals = Amazing Color! - #2382

Amazing annuals add delightful spots of color to home landscapes. Adding old fashion annuals brings cheerful colors, easy to grow and pollinator benefits to any landscape. Join Penn State Berks Master Gardeners to learn about amazing annuals and how to have a show-stopper landscape with easy care annuals. Free seed packet!



Date: Sunday, April 7  
Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Location: Administration Building  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 16+  
Register by April 5

### Stroke Jeopardy - #2383

A stroke can happen at any age and affects nearly 600,000 people a year! 80% of these strokes can be prevented. Come test your knowledge and enjoy a morning of trivia with the Reading Hospital Stroke Team! Information will be provided on stroke prevention, identification and treatment in a fun, game-show style format.

Date: Tuesday, April 9  
Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am  
Location: Administration Building  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 18+  
Register by April 2

### Tai Chi - Moving On - #2384

This class is for anyone who has taken the "Intro to Tai Chi" class or has previous experience with Tai Chi. Master Instructor Jan Gyomber will teach us how to practice gently flowing from one movement to another.

Date: Wednesday, April 10 - May 1  
Time: 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm  
Location: Administration Building  
Cost: \$45.00 per person  
Ages: 18+  
Register by April 3

### Spring Wildflower Walk at Nolde - #2385

Join us to enjoy spring and discover the natural beauty of wildflowers. Naturalist Kathy Grim will lead us in search of the rare, beautiful and ephemeral blooms of spring. Identification guide to common native wildflowers provided. Be prepared for uneven walking surfaces.

Date: Tuesday, April 16  
Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Location: Nolde State Forest Environmental Center  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 18+  
Register by April 15

### Victorian Flower Pressing - #2386

Grown in the instructor's garden, participants will receive an assortment of live pressed flowers to create a 5" x 7" picture. Learn to press your own flowers and how to use them to create pictures, notecards and more! Participants will practice making a notecard before creating the picture. Includes a frame.



Date: Saturday, April 27  
Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Location: Administration Building  
Cost: \$36.50 per person  
Ages: 18+  
Register by April 19

### Patriotic Farmhouse Wreath - #2387

Join us to make this beautiful Patriotic Farmhouse Wreath that you can use for patriotic holidays all year long. Using strips of fabric, a bicycle wheel frame, a variety of florals and other decorations, you will complete this project in just two-hours. Beginners welcome! No crafting experience needed.

Date: Sunday, April 28  
Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Location: Administration Building  
Cost: \$26.00 per person  
Ages: 18+  
Register by April 15







## Forest Bathing and a Lake View Sunset - #2388

Explore the healthful benefits and discover the calm and quiet of being among the trees with Forest Therapy Guide Robert Sarnoski. Enjoy a slow-paced stroll, observe wildflowers and wildlife on a forest trail, breathe deep and watch the sunset over Blue Marsh Lake. Flavorful tea provided.

Date: Friday, May 3

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Blue Marsh Lake Stilling Basin

Cost: Free

Ages: 18+

Register by April 30

## Let's Get Started - #2364

This new "sit and get fit" class uses low impact exercises, gentle yoga stretches for flexibility, your own body resistance to build strength and easy rhythmic movements to increase stamina and balance.

All of this while sitting in a chair! *Movement is medicine and motion is lotion for those stiff joints and tight muscles! No class on 2/19/24.*

Date: Mondays, January 22 - March 4

Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free

Ages: 60+

Register by January 12

## A Matter of Balance - #2366

Instructors from Berks Encore will help you to reduce the fear of falling through fall prevention education and management. Participants will learn to view falls

as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make home modifications to reduce falls and learn low impact targeted exercises to increase strength and balance.



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Date: Fridays, February 2 - March 22

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free

Ages: 60+

Register by January 19

## Healthy Heart, Happy Heart - #2365

Developed by Stanford University, this highly participative, six-week, evidence-based program helps individuals learn how to TAKE CHARGE in the management of their disease and overall health to lead active and fulfilling lives! Open to those with heart disease and their family members.

Date: Tuesdays, January 23 - February 27

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free

Ages: 60+

Register by January 10

## Living Well with Diabetes - #2368

This program focuses on helping the individual living with diabetes to better manage their disease through monitoring, physical activity, healthy eating, coping skills and strategies for daily living, relaxation techniques and working with the health care system. Open to pre-diabetics, diabetics and family members.

Date: Thursdays, March 14 - April 18

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free

Ages: 60+

Register by February 29



# Family Programs



These programs are open to adults with and without children. Pre-registration is required for all programs and each person planning to attend these programs **MUST** be individually pre-registered. All participants under 18 years old must have a parent or guardian pre-registered to attend with them. **If you have registered for a program and need to cancel, please phone or email the Parks and Recreation Office as soon as possible so we can fill your spot. Thank you.**

## **Growing Gardeners - Mighty Seeds! - #2389**

Take a break from winter, help your child develop their green thumb and step into gardening with Penn State Berks Master Gardeners! Kids will enjoy learning about growing plants from seed through a clever craft or two.

Date: Saturday, February 10

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free                      Ages: 4+

Register by February 7

## **Wild About Wildlife Storytime at the Library - #2392**

Come out to the Spring Township Library for a Wild About Wildlife Storytime! Join Naturalist Kathy Grim for engaging wildlife tales and the opportunity to examine animal pelts, bones, shells and more. Stay to make a Wild About Wildlife Craft!

Date: Monday, March 11

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Spring Township Library

Cost: Free                      Ages: 3+

Register by March 8



## **Astronomy for Valentines - #2390**

Let Valentine's Day celebrations continue with an evening of gazing at the stars through Berks County Amateur Astronomical Society telescopes. View the moon, planets, stars, nebulae and possibly a galaxy or two - an awe inspiring program to enjoy with your Valentine, family and friends.

Date: Friday, February 16

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Cacoosing Meadows Park State Hill Road Parking Lot

Cost: Free                      Ages: 3+

Register by February 15

## **Intro to Chess for Beginners - #2391**

Discover that anyone can learn to play chess and reap all the mental health benefits this game provides. This course begins with a 2-hour lecture style presentation about game basics and rules. Then there is an optional hour for actually playing the game and asking questions as you go along. No obligation to stay for the entire program. Join us for an introduction to the game of chess!

Date: Sunday, March 3

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free                      Ages: 8+

Register by February 23

## **Basic Chess - The Next Step - #2393**

Participants should have a strong grasp of the rules of the game before registering for this program. We will cover some simple strategies, tactics and elementary techniques that are basic tenets of all successful players. Understanding fundamentals is critical to advancing your game to the next level.

Date: Sunday, March 17

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Administration Building

Cost: Free                      Ages: 8+

Register by March 11





**Chemistry for Kids - #2394**

Get ready to join in the fun of chemistry with Penn State Berks Chemical Society! This is an engaging hands-on opportunity for children to run several simple (and possibly slimy) experiments and explore basic chemistry concepts.

Date: Saturday, March 23  
Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Location: Breneman Park Pavilion  
Cost: Free                      Ages: 4+  
Register by March 21

**Spring Skies Astronomy - #2395**

This is your opportunity to be out with the moon, planets, stars and possibly a galaxy or two! Join the Berks County Amateur Astronomical Society at this awe-inspiring astronomy program for a close-up look at the night sky through BCAAS telescopes.

Date: Friday, May 10, 2024  
Time: 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Location: Cacoosing Meadows Park  
                    State Hill Road Parking Lot  
Cost: Free                      Ages: 3+  
Register by May 9

**Every participant must be registered**

**2024 WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM LOCATIONS**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Administration Building</b>           | <b>2850 Windmill Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608</b>   |
| <b>Blue Marsh Lake</b>                   |   |
| <b>Stilling Basin</b>                    | <b>1280 Palisades Drive, Leesport, PA 19533</b>       |
| <b>Day Use Area</b>                      | <b>1420 Palisades Drive, Leesport, PA 19533</b>       |
| <b>State Hill Road Boat Launch</b>       | <b>599 Brownsville Road, Wernersville, PA 19565</b>   |
| <b>Breneman Park Pavilion</b>            | <b>2914 Reedy Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608</b>      |
| <b>Cacoosing Meadows Park</b>            |   |
| <b>Large Pavilion</b>                    | <b>1049 Reedy Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608</b>      |
| <b>State Hill Road Parking Lot</b>       | <b>3284 State Hill Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608</b> |
| <b>Nolde Forest Environmental Center</b> | <b>2910 New Holland Road, Shillington, PA 19607</b>   |
| <b>Shiloh Hills Park</b>                 | <b>303 Sage Drive, Sinking Spring, PA 19608</b>       |
| <b>Spring Township Library</b>           | <b>78 Commerce Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610</b>        |
| <b>Union Canal Connector Trail</b>       | <b>200 Swiftwater Lane, Leesport, PA</b>              |





# Family Nature Series

These programs are open to adults with and without children. Pre-registration is required for all programs and each person planning to attend these programs **MUST** be individually pre-registered. All participants under 18 years old must have a parent or guardian pre-registered to attend with them. **If you have registered for a program and need to cancel, please phone or email the Parks and Recreation Office as soon as possible so we can fill your spot. Thank you.**

## What's So Cool About Winter? - #2396

Why is winter so cool? Hint: it's not just the temperature! Come out to discover winter's magical birds, bugs, buds, bark and more with Naturalist Kathy Grim. Craft is included.

Date: Saturday, January 20  
Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
Location: Shiloh Hills Park  
Cost: Free                      Ages: 4+  
Register by January 18

## Full Moon Owl Prowl I - #2397

Enjoy the Wolf Moon, learn about Lenape folklore and join Naturalist Kathy Grim to listen and look for those mysterious birds of the night on the trails at Shiloh Hills Park. Bring a flashlight and be prepared to walk on uneven surfaces in dark conditions.

Date: Friday, January 26  
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Location: Shiloh Hills Park  
Cost: Free                      Ages: 4+  
Register by January 24

## Groundhog Day Celebration - #2398

Shadow or no shadow - come out and celebrate Groundhog's Day with Naturalist Kathy Grim. We'll learn about groundhogs, skunks, opossums and other mid-winter mysteries. Craft included.

Date: Saturday, February 3  
Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
Location: Cacoosing Meadows Park  
Cost: Free                      Ages: 4+  
Register by February 1

## Wee Ones Fairy Glow Walk - #2399

What is happening in the forest? Come discover what winter fairies, glow sticks, wildlife and magical fun have to offer. Meet the wildlife puppets the fairies have set aglow on this wintry evening walk. Glow sticks are provided.

Date: Friday, February 9  
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Location: Shiloh Hills Park  
Cost: Free                      Ages: 3+  
Register by February 7

## Full Moon Owl Prowl II - #2400

Enjoy the Snow Moon and join Naturalist Kathy Grim to listen and look for those mysterious birds of the night on Squirrel Run Nature Trail at Blue Marsh Lake. Bring a flashlight or headlamp and be prepared to walk on uneven surfaces in dark conditions.

Date: Friday, February 23  
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Location: Blue Marsh Lake  
State Hill Boat Launch  
Cost: Free                      Ages: 4+  
Register by February 21



## Winter Bird Walk - #2401

Winter is an excellent time to look for birds! The trees are bare and birds are busy looking for food. Join Naturalists Peter and Jane Wolfe for a wintry stroll along the beach at Blue Marsh Lake to look for and learn about our resident winter birds and visiting gulls. Bring binoculars.

Date: Saturday, February 24  
Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am  
Location: Blue Marsh Lake Day Use Area  
Cost: Free                      Ages: 4+  
Register by February 22

## Family Nature Series *continued.....*

### Who Goes There? A Wildlife Adventure - #2402

Spring is just around the corner but what does that mean in the forest? Join Naturalist Kathy Grim to search for evidence of the amazing signs of spring! Possible sightings include spring peepers, salamanders and who can guess what else we may find!

Date: Sunday, March 3  
Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Location: Shiloh Hills Park  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 3+  
Register by March 1



### Frog Safari

Join us for an amphibious wildlife safari! Naturalist Kathy Grim will lead us in search of a variety of amphibians living at Blue Marsh Lake Stilling Basin. Bring a flashlight or headlamp. Prepare for extremely muddy conditions and uneven walking surfaces. Register for only one session.

### Session #1 - #2403

Date: Friday, March 22  
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Location: Blue Marsh Lake  
Stilling Basin  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 3+  
Register by March 20

### Session #2 - #2404

Date: Friday, April 12  
Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Location: Blue Marsh Lake  
Stilling Basin  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 3+  
Register by April 10

### Wee Ones Spring Discovery Walk - #2405

Spring will be in the air and things are happening fast in the forest. Join Naturalist Kathy Grim to discover springtime wildlife, amphibians, plants and more along the trails at Shiloh Hills Park.

Date: Friday, April 5  
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Location: Shiloh Hills Park  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 3+  
Register by April 3

### Salamander Celebration - #2406

Spring is here and salamanders and other amphibians are on the move! Join Naturalist Kathy Grim to celebrate salamanders, find out why they are on the move and where they are going. Be prepared for a muddy expedition to learn about salamanders, frogs and toads.

Date: Friday, April 19  
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Location: Shiloh Hills Park  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 4+  
Register by April 17

### Earth Day Nature Walk at Nolde - #2407

Join us at Nolde Forest to celebrate Earth Day. Naturalist Kathy Grim will lead us on forest trails in search of spring's wildflowers, birds, amphibians, reptiles, insects, trees and more as we celebrate Earth Day and spring! Be prepared to walk on uneven surfaces.

Date: Sunday, April 21  
Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Location: Nolde Forest Environmental Center  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 4+  
Register by April 19

### Spring Bird Walk - #2408

Join us for a lovely morning stroll along the Union Canal Connector Trail to look for the lively birds of spring. Join Naturalists Peter and Jane Wolfe on this birding adventure. Perfect for beginner and experienced bird watchers. Bring your binoculars.

Date: Saturday, April 27  
Time: 9:00 am - 10:30 am  
Location: Union Canal Connector Trail  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 4+  
Register by April 25



### A Deep Dive Into Creek Critters - #2409

We're diving deep into this creek critter study. Join Naturalist Kathy Grim to learn what's happening in the creek and who lives there. We'll search the creek for critters and discover the importance of water quality, not just for critters but for everyone.

Date: Saturday, May 4  
Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am  
Location: Cacoosing Meadows Park  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 5+  
Register by April 30





## Calling All Residents:

Do you have a skill or hobby that you'd like to share with your community?

We want to hear about it!

If you have the expertise to teach a class, sport, craft, etc. that you think would benefit the residents of the Township, give us a call about putting a program in motion!

Please note: this does not guarantee that your idea will be offered as a program/event, but we're always open to hearing new ideas and connecting with our community members.

Please contact the Department at 610-678-5399 Ext. 2 or [parksandrec@springtwpberks.org](mailto:parksandrec@springtwpberks.org)

- Berks Encore for helping us improve the health and wellness of our 60+ community.
- Fall Family Fun Day - Volunteer Aruna Patel and all of the families who helped make this event a success!

### A Red Caboose Christmas

- Votodian Lawn Service LLC for sponsoring Santa and Mrs. Claus' visit!
- The Conductor and all of our volunteers for helping make this such a great event!





# Program Policies

**REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENTS ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PROGRAM. REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT THE PROGRAM SITE.**

Online     [www.springtwpberks.org](http://www.springtwpberks.org)  
Phone     610-678-5399 requires Visa, MasterCard,  
Discover or American Express  
Walk-In     Parks & Recreation Department  
Monday-Friday -8 am - 5 pm

## CREATE YOUR OWN ACCOUNT AND REGISTER ONLINE!

Don't forget, ActiveNet gives more options to you!  
This web-based software allows you to:

- View activities with real-time information such as spaces available and other details.
- Create and update your own account.
- View your (and your family's) participation calendar and history.
- Access a custom listing of the dates of your activities.

Find out how easy it is to create your account and register online.

Get started at [www.springtwpberks.org](http://www.springtwpberks.org).

## SAFETY / WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The Township of Spring Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to providing safe facilities, equipment and programs, as well as qualified staff. Nevertheless the Township is not responsible for any injuries sustained as a result of participation in any Department sponsored activity or while using Department facilities. It is recommended that anyone enrolled in a class or program, attending an event or using Township facilities, make provisions for adequate coverage with their own insurance plan. Also, please check with your doctor before enrolling in any activity which requires walking, fitness, swimming, etc. It is the assumption of our Department that the participant knows the risks involved with the class, program or event. A signed waiver is required for participation in all programs.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Customers with challenges or special needs who wish to participate in or have questions about our recreation programs or park facilities, should contact the Program Coordinator or Department Director at 610-678-5399.

## RESIDENTS & NON- RESIDENTS

A resident is considered any person who lives within the geographical boundaries of the Township of Spring. Proof of residency may be required. Non-resident fees may apply to some programs and facility rentals.

## CLASS CANCELLATION/WEATHER POLICY

The Township of Spring Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any activity due to lack of enrollment, inclement weather, or cause beyond our control. In the event of inclement weather please check our website at [www.springtwpberks.org](http://www.springtwpberks.org) for cancellations or early closing of the facility.

## REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS:

The decision to hold classes is based on enrollment. Refunds for recreation programs will be processed upon request in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Full refunds/credits will be issued if Spring Township cancels a program.
- A minimum \$5.00 service charge will be assessed for any cancellation by participant. Fees may vary.
- No refunds will be issued after the program begins.
- Participants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- Refund policy may vary per program.

## PHOTO INFORMATION

We may take your picture during recreation programs or at events. Photos may be displayed at the Administration Building, on our website, in future program guides, in the Township Newsletter or submitted to the newspaper. Please let us know if this presents a problem.

**OOPS! - We have made every effort to prepare this brochure as accurate as possible. However, circumstances may require that adjustments be made to programs, fees, schedules, etc. and errors can occur. Please note that dates, prices and content listed in this publication are subject to change. We reserve the right to make any such adjustments, and apologize for any inconvenience these errors or adjustments may cause.**





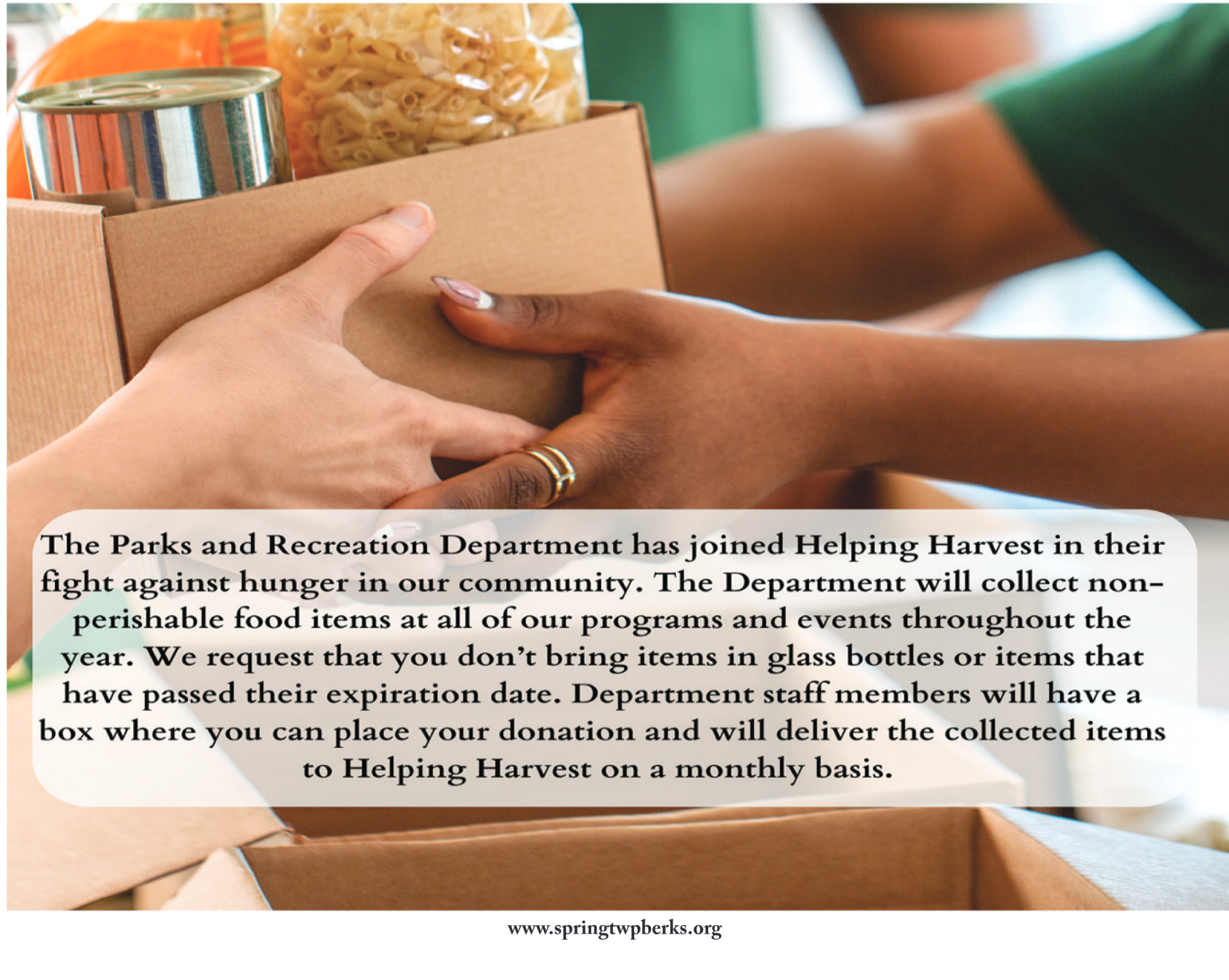
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## HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A HOLIDAY

**HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR TODAY BECAUSE HUNGER  
DOESN'T TAKE A HOLIDAY!**

A photograph showing a close-up of two hands, one light-skinned and one dark-skinned, holding a brown cardboard box. The box is filled with food items, including a can of soup and a bag of pasta. The background is blurred, showing more of the box and some greenery.

The Parks and Recreation Department has joined Helping Harvest in their fight against hunger in our community. The Department will collect non-perishable food items at all of our programs and events throughout the year. We request that you don't bring items in glass bottles or items that have passed their expiration date. Department staff members will have a box where you can place your donation and will deliver the collected items to Helping Harvest on a monthly basis.