



# April - August 2026 DelNature Activities

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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# Welcome

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Welcome to DelNature's Spring & Summer Program Season! We're excited to share a vibrant lineup of programs and experiences happening at our locations across the state. From hands-on learning and outdoor exploration to relaxing community gatherings, there's something for children, adults, and families to enjoy.

Be sure to mark your calendar for some of our seasonal favorites: the **Spring Native Plant Sale** at Coverdale Farm Preserve and Abbott's Mill Nature Center, the **Summer Music Series** at Abbott's Mill Nature Center, the **Summer Solstice Celebration** at DuPont Environmental Education Center, and all of our summer camps programs.

With so many ways to get outside, try something new, and connect with nature and community, DelNature is your go-to destination for an unforgettable spring and summer.

## Our Mission

Connecting people and nature to create a healthy environment for all through education, conservation, and advocacy.

For more than 60 years, DelNature has been a leader in nature education, land preservation, wildlife protection, and watershed stewardship. Our impact is made possible through collaboration with members, donors, volunteers, and community partners. We are proud to be the state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.



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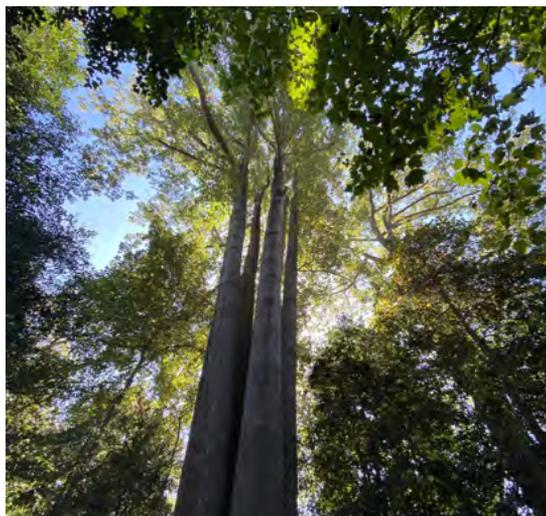
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# DelNature Sites & Program Locations



- 1 Ashland Nature Center (headquarters)  
3511 Barley Mill Rd, Hockessin, DE
- 2 Coverdale Farm Preserve  
543 Way Rd, Greenville, DE
- 3 DuPont Environmental Education Center  
1400 Delmarva Ln, Wilmington, DE
- 4 Abbott's Mill Nature Center  
15411 Abbott's Pond Rd, Milford, DE
- 5 Bucktoe Creek Preserve  
432 Sharp Road, Avondale, PA
- 6 Slaughter Beach Public Pavilion  
359 Bay Ave, Milford, DE
- 7 Flint Woods Preserve  
350 Twaddell Mill Rd, Wilmington, DE
- 8 Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve  
Marvel Drive, Slaughter Beach, DE

# Programs & Events

# APRIL

## ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

### Animal April Fools! | *Children*

4/1 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15.00

April Fools! Learn about all the ways animals trick and fool you using camouflage. Try to spy some secretive and hidden creatures in the forest, and make your own creature craft to bring home.

## ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

### Knee High Naturalists: It Hatched!

*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

4/1 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Knee High in the Kitchen

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

4/1 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$25.00

Preschoolers and their grown-ups enjoy a hands-on cooking class using simple, fresh ingredients. Together they mix, measure, and taste, building early skills and confidence. Each session ends with a tasty snack they make side-by-side.

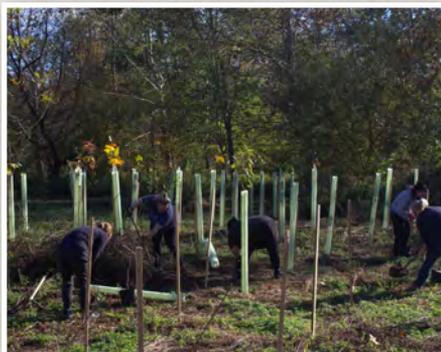
## ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

### School Day Off: Outdoor Adventures

*Children, grades 4-7*

4/2 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$180.00

Join us for two days of sporting in nature! Go fishing, geocaching, and test your archery skills. Hike some of Delaware's hidden trails and learn what it takes to survive in nature.



## ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

### School Day Off: Spring Break at Ashland

*Children, grades K-3*

4/2 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$140.00

Dive into spring at Ashland. Find spring amphibians, observe all the life stages of a frog, and visit with some of Ashland's live animals! Play and explore during this two-day spring break adventure!

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Fresh Air and Farm Hike | *All Ages*

4/2 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | \$5.00

Step outside and explore the farm! This guided hike invites families to connect with nature, spot local plants and wildlife, enjoy fresh air, and discover the sights and sounds of the outdoors. Fun, relaxing, and perfect for all ages!

## VIRTUAL

### Be An Environmental Advocate

*All Ages, ages 12+*

4/3 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free

Learn how to contact and meet with elected officials, present your issue, and keep in touch.

## ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

### Knee High Naturalists: Sprout and Shoot

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

4/3 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Spring has sprung, so we'll explore what emerges from the ground together. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

## ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

### Ashland Tree Planting | *Volunteers, ages 6+*

4/4 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Help plant over 550 trees at Ashland Nature Center in an effort to re-forest a large section of the floodplain. We'll show you how to plant a tree, then grab a shovel, plant, water, and tube trees for the morning.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Fitness, Food and Friends | *Adults*

4/4 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00

Meet new people, enjoy a short, light workout, and refuel with tasty refreshments. Connect, move, and relax in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere perfect for self-care and fun.



#### ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

##### **Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:**

**Sprout and Shoot** | *Preschoolers, ages 2-3*  
4/8 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Spring has sprung, so we'll explore what emerges from the ground together. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

#### ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

##### **Knee High Naturalists: April Showers**

*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*  
4/8 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### **Coverdale Farm Book Club:**

**Wild Chocolate** | *Adults*  
4/8 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
\$18/class; \$50/series of 3 classes

Discover the joy of reading! Join our monthly Book Club for lively discussions on books about food, eco-farming, and nature. Enjoy great conversation, tasty snacks, and a welcoming community.

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### **Knee High Naturalists: Bunny Rabbits**

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*  
4/10 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Learn all about bunnies at Coverdale Farm Preserve, and meet our farm rabbits, Pumpkin and Parsnip. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

#### ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

##### **Annual Horseshoe Crab Survey**

**Volunteer Training** | *Volunteers*  
4/11 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Free

Training for new volunteers interested in helping with our annual Horseshoe Crab spawning survey held every May & June. Actual survey days/times released in February.

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### **Wake up the Farm Breakfast** | *All Ages*

4/11 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00  
Rise and shine—it's farm time! Start your day with a relaxing tour around the farm, say good morning to the animals, and enjoy a light, tasty breakfast. It's a fun way to explore, sample, and soak in the magic of a fresh new farm day!

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### **Young Farmers Club** | *Children, grades 3-6*

**Saturdays 4/11-5/16** | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
\$140/series

This 6-week hands-on program lets kids explore farming through animal care, gardening, and cooking. They'll gain practical skills and a deeper respect for how farms and nature work together.

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### **New to Nature Workshop, Spring** | *Adults*

4/12 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | \$38.00  
Discover how outdoor time boosts children's growth, creativity, and well-being. Learn age-appropriate ways to introduce nature from infants to school-age kids, with tips for everyday exploration and family connection.

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### **Storytime with the Bunnies** | *Children*

4/14 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00  
Hop on over for story time with our friendly bunnies! Children will enjoy a fun, engaging story, followed by a light snack for both kids and bunnies.

#### ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

##### **Knee High Naturalists: In the Meadow**

*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*  
4/15 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### **Rooted in Community: Craft Together**

*Adults*  
4/15 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$7.00

Craving creativity? Tired of crafting alone? Mingle fellow makers to spark ideas in a fun, welcoming space. Bring a project—or just yourself! Whether expert or beginner, come craft, chat, and unwind with snacks and good company





**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Rooted in Community: Craft Together and Candles** | *Adults*

**4/15 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$20.00**

Mingle with fellow makers to craft, chat, and unwind with snacks and good company. Try your hand at creating your own candle!

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Fire and Ephemerals** | *Adults*

**4/16 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$30.00**

Walk Coverdale Farm Preserve to see woodland that had been recently burned with prescribed fire. Look for and identify spring ephemeral wildflowers that are in bloom.

**VIRTUAL**

**Be An Environmental Advocate**

*All Ages, ages 12+*

**4/17 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free**

Learn how to contact and meet with elected officials, present your issue, and keep in touch.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Kids' Night Out** | *Children, grades K-5*

**4/17 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | \$60.00**

Drop the kids off for a night of adventure while you enjoy a well-deserved break!

**ASHLAND NATURE CENTER**

**Knee High Naturalists: Frog and Toad**

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

**4/17 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

Read an excerpt from a beloved story and learn all about these amazing amphibians. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

**DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

**DEEC Day of Service and Earth Day**

**Celebration** | *All Ages, ages 5+*

**4/18 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Free**

Join us for a DEEC Day of Service! Come together to restore urban marshlands, protect wildlife, and foster a greener future. Let's make a positive impact on our environment!

**ASHLAND NATURE CENTER**

**Frog Fest** | *Children*

**4/18 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | \$15.00**

Jump into spring with Frog Fest at Ashland! Get up close with live frogs and learn about fascinating froggy features. Make your own toad abode to bring the fun to your backyard.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Storytime with the Bunnies** | *Children*

**4/18 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00**

Hop on over for story time with our friendly bunnies! Children will enjoy a fun, engaging story, followed by a light snack for both kids and bunnies.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Escape from the Farm** | *Adults*

**4/19 | 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM | \$25.00**

Ready for a farm adventure of mystery and fun? This scavenger hunt meets escape room lets teams explore, solve puzzles, and uncover secrets. Work together, and if you succeed, you'll unlock the grand celebration festivities at the end!

# Annual Meeting 2026

*Members Only*

**Tuesday, April 22 | 5 pm - 7 pm**

Attend the annual meeting to take a look back at our 2025 accomplishments, our vision for 2026, and beyond.





#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### **Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:**

**Bunny Rabbits** | *Preschoolers, ages 2-3*

**4/22 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** | \$15.00

Learn all about bunnies at Coverdale Farm Preserve, and meet our farm rabbits, Pumpkin and Parsnip. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

#### ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

##### **Knee High Naturalists: Earth Day**

*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**4/22 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** | \$15.00

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Dessert Duel** | *Adults*

**4/23 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM** | \$75.00

Adults face surprise ingredients and whip up creative desserts in this fun, hands-on competition. Test your skills, get inspired, and savor sweet creations in a friendly, interactive culinary showdown!

#### NEW ZEALAND ECO TOUR

##### **Discover the Changing Landscape of Aotearoa**

**10/22 - 11/11** | from \$11,495

*Led by Sally O'Byrne.* Seek out some of New Zealand's unique birds like the Royal Albatross and Australasian Gannet, learn about the country's rich Māori culture, and embark on the breathtaking TranzAlpine train ride.

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### **Knee High Naturalists: April Showers**

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

**4/24 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** | \$15.00

In the springtime, the soil needs lots of rain! Learn about why rain is so important in nature through play. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

#### DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

**Worm Composting** | *Adults*

**4/25 | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** | \$30.00

Learn about the benefits of worm composting, such as nutrient-rich compost for gardens and the reduction of landfill waste. Materials included

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### **Weather Wonders: April Showers**

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

**4/25 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM** | \$15.00

A hands-on preschool program where little learners explore the amazing world of weather! Each month, children will discover a new type of weather through stories, experiments, crafts, and outdoor observations.

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Budding Chefs** | *Children, grades K-2*

**4/26 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM** | \$75.00

Budding Chefs are ready to explore the kitchen! They measure, mix, and create tasty treats while discovering new flavors and learning the basics of cooking—all with a big sprinkle of fun.

#### ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

**Knee High Naturalists: Fur, Feathers, and Scales** | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**4/29 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** | \$15.00

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



# Native Plant Sale 2026



## Where Beauty Meets Purpose

**Plant native, buy local.** Shop a variety of plants that create visual interest while providing food and shelter for wildlife.

### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

543 Way Road, Greenville

Member Day: Friday, May 1 | 2 pm – 7 pm

Open to the Public: Saturday, May 2 | 9 am – 3 pm

*Looking for plants in southern Delaware?*

### **NATIVE PLANT SALE AND OPEN HOUSE**

**ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER**

Saturday, May 2 | 9 am – 12 pm

*Shop for native plants, visit the Nature Center and enjoy a hike on our trails.*

## ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

### Knee High Naturalists: May Flowers

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

**5/1 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

Explore the forests and meadows of Ashland to discover what rainbow flowers are in bloom! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Native Plant Sale Member Day

*Special Event*

**5/1 | 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Free**

Shop our Native Plant Sale for plants for a variety of growing conditions that help you Garden for Water and Wildlife.

## ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

### Honey and Hotels | All Ages

**5/2 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$18.00**

Help the Delaware Nature Society build Bee Hotels for our buzzy pollinator friends and even take one home for yourself! Enjoy honey from a local apiary while you learn all about these very important pollinators!

## ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

### Native Plant Sale | *Special Event*

**5/2 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free**

Shop our Spring Native Plant Sale for a variety of plants that create visual interest while providing food and shelter for wildlife.



## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Native Plant Sale Public Day

*Special Event*

**5/2 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Free**

Shop our Native Plant Sale for plants for a variety of growing conditions that help you Garden for Water and Wildlife.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Escape the Farm for Families | *Families*

**5/3 | 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM | \$75.00**

Bring your family of 3-5 and dive into a scavenger hunt-meets-escape room adventure! Explore the farm, solve puzzles, and uncover surprises.

## ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

### Knee High Naturalists: It Started

*With a Seed! | Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**5/6 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Knee High in the Kitchen

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

**5/6 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$25.00**

Preschoolers and their grown-ups enjoy a hands-on cooking class using simple, fresh ingredients. Together they mix, measure, and taste, building early skills and confidence. Each session ends with a tasty snack they make side-by-side.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Fresh Air and Farm Hike | *All Ages*

**5/7 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | \$5.00**

Step outside and explore the farm! This guided hike invites families to connect with nature, spot local plants and wildlife, enjoy fresh air, and discover the sights and sounds of the outdoors. Fun, relaxing, and perfect for all ages!

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Knee High Naturalists: Garden Clean Up

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

**5/8 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

It's time to get to work in the garden! Get planting and get your fingers in the soil. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

#### DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

##### Sunset Kayak Trip | *Adults, ages 14+*

5/8 | 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM | \$40.00

Experience sunset serenity on the Christina River! Immerse yourself in our beautiful wetlands while watching herons, beavers, bald eagles, and more.

#### ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

##### Fabulous Ferns | *Children*

5/9 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$18.00

Join us on a fern safari and spot the small creatures that live among the ferns. Make your own permanent fern bouquet using cyanotype, just in time for Mother's Day!

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### Wake up the Farm Breakfast | *All Ages*

5/9 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00

Rise and shine—it's farm time! Start your day with a relaxing tour around the farm, say good morning to the animals, and enjoy a light, tasty breakfast. It's a fun way to explore, sample, and soak in the magic of a fresh new farm day!

#### ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

##### Exclusive: Environmental Leaders Program

*Teens, grades 8-12*

5/9 | 5:00 PM - 10:00 AM | \$250.00

The Environmental Leaders Program strives to empower high schoolers to become leaders in environmental conservation, advocacy, and education!

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### Storytime with the Bunnies | *Children*

5/12 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00

Hop on over for story time with our friendly bunnies! Children will enjoy a fun, engaging story, followed by a light snack for both kids and bunnies.

#### ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

##### Knee High Naturalists Pint Size: Turtle

*Time | Preschoolers, ages 2-3*

5/13 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Get real experiences learning all about these fantastic reptiles. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

#### ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

##### Knee High Naturalists: How Does Your

*Garden Grow | Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

5/13 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

##### Coverdale Farm Book Club:

**The Book of Hope | *Adults***

5/13 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

\$18/class; \$50/series of 3 classes

Discover the joy of reading! Join our monthly Book Club for lively discussions on books about food, eco-farming, and nature. Enjoy great conversation, tasty snacks, and a welcoming community.

#### ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

##### Knee High Naturalists: Turtle Time

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

5/15 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

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#### DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

##### Beginner Canoe | *All Ages, ages 8+*

5/16 | 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM | \$25.00

In this beginner-level program, we will show you the very basics of canoeing. No experience required, all equipment provided

#### DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

##### Beginner Canoe | *All Ages, ages 8+*

5/16 | 12:45 PM - 2:15 PM | \$25.00

In this beginner-level program, we will show you the very basics of canoeing. No experience required, all equipment provided

#### DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

##### DEEC Day of Service | *All Ages, ages 5+*

5/16 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

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**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Storytime with the Bunnies** | *Children*

**5/16 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00**

Hop on over for story time with our friendly bunnies! Children will enjoy a fun, engaging story, followed by a light snack for both kids and bunnies.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Teen Chef Challenge** | *Teens, grades 7-9*

**5/17 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | \$75.00**

Teens, get ready to cook! Teen Chef Challenge lets you team up, experiment with flavors, and tackle fun kitchen challenges. Compete in cook-offs, show off your skills, and enjoy a hands-on, tasty, and creative culinary adventure!

**ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER**

**Knee High Naturalists: Colors of the Rainbow** | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**5/20 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Rooted in Community: Craft Together**

*Adults*

**5/20 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$7.00**

Craving creativity? Tired of crafting alone? Mingle fellow makers to spark ideas in a fun, welcoming space. Bring a project—or just yourself! Whether expert or beginner, come craft, chat, and unwind with snacks and good company

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Knee High Naturalists: Farm Families**

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

**5/22 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

Chickens, ewes, bunnies, and goats - everyone at the farm is part of a family! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Weather Wonders: Sunshine Days**

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

**5/23 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | \$15.00**

A hands-on preschool program where little learners explore the amazing world of weather! Each month, children will discover a new type of weather through stories, experiments, crafts, and outdoor observations.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:**

**Farm Families** | *Preschoolers, ages 2-3*

**5/27 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

Chickens, ewes, bunnies, and goats - everyone at the farm is part of a family! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

**ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER**

**Knee High Naturalists: Creepy Crawlers**

*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**5/27 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

**ASHLAND NATURE CENTER**

**Knee High Naturalists: Let's Go On A Hike**

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

**5/29 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Lace up your boots and hit the trail! Who knows what we will see on our hike? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

**BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE**

**Wood Thrushes and Wood Lots**

*Adults, ages 18-100*

**5/29 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$30.00**

Explore a beautiful private preserve in search of Wood Thrushes and their nests

# Annual Events



## NATIVE PLANT SALE

**May 1 & 2 and September 19**

**Coverdale Farm Preserve, Greenville**

**May 2 and October 3**

**Abbott's Mill Nature Center, Milford**

Plant native, buy local. Our Native Plant Sales attract garden enthusiasts and promote wildlife habitats, uplifting ecological benefits. Hundreds of native wildflowers, trees, shrubs, ferns, and aquatic plants can be purchased.



## MUSIC AT THE MILL

**2nd Thursdays June - September | Abbott's Mill Nature Center, Milford**

Enjoy live music, food trucks, and community fun. All ages welcome and family friendly.



## SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

**June 20 | DuPont Environmental Education Center, Wilmington**

Enjoy an afternoon exploring nature along the Wilmington Riverfront! Paddle the river, try dip-netting, meet live animals, and discover hands-on activities for all ages. Relax to live music and grab a bite from local food trucks. This event celebrates pollinators of all kinds as part of the Wilmington's Riverfront Summer Kick-off Party. Family-friendly and fun for everyone.



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Delaware Nature Society

# DeNature Exclusive 1964 Circle, Guardian, and Member Programs and Events

Our Donors and Members  
are at the heart of our community.

Throughout the year we host exclusive events for our 1964 Circle and Guardian level donors\* and provide access to special Members-Only programs. Your support helps drive our mission forward, and we are truly honored to have you as part of our community.

Thank You!



# Join us in Nature

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## Fire and Ephemerals

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Thursday, April 16 | 4:30pm - 6:30 p.m.

*1964 Circle Exclusive*

Walk a prescribed burn and identify spring ephemeral wildflowers in bloom at Coverdale Farm Preserve. Look for your emailed invitation to register.

## Native Plant Pre-Sale and Garden Reception

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Thursday, April 30 | 5-7 p.m.

*1964 Circle and Guardian Exclusive*

Enjoy wine and cheese as you shop the preview evening of our Native Plant Sale. Plant experts will be available to guide your selection of beautiful plants suited to your specific outdoor spaces. Look for your emailed invitation to register.

## Woods, Wildflowers, and Warblers

FLINT WOODS PRESERVE

Thursday, August 27 | 5:30-8 p.m.

*1964 Circle Exclusive*

Enjoy a rare look at Flint Woods Preserve during a time when the meadows are blooming, the woodlands are lush, and the warblers are moving through. Enjoy light refreshments in a beautiful meadow. Look for your emailed invitation to register.

## Bird Banding Breakfast

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Friday, September 4 | 9-11 a.m.

*1964 Circle and Guardian Exclusive*

Share a continental breakfast while birding with our gifted ornithologist Dr. Ian Stewart, including a short hike to observe the beautiful meadow and the Motus tower. Look for your emailed invitation to register.

## End of Year Celebration

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Thursday, December 10 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

*1964 Circle and Guardian Exclusive*

Join us for a year-end celebration as we toast to you, our dedicated supporters. Look for your emailed invitation to register.

*Featured Members Only Programs:*

**Annual Meeting** | April 22

**Happy Hour Adventure Paddle** | June 19

**After-Hours at Abbott's Mill** | October 2

*\*1964 Circle level donors are Members who contribute \$1,964+ annually.  
Guardian level donors are Members who contribute \$1,000+ annually.*

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Questions? Please contact Suzanne Geouque, Director of Advancement  
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# Programs & Events

# JUNE

## ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

**Knee High Naturalists: A Walk on the Wild Side** | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*  
**6/3 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** | \$15.00

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Fresh Air and Farm Hike** | *All Ages*  
**6/4 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM** | \$5.00

Step outside and explore the farm! This guided hike invites families to connect with nature, spot local plants and wildlife, enjoy fresh air, and discover the sights and sounds of the outdoors. Fun, relaxing, and perfect for all ages!

## BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

**Friday evening wind-down walk**  
*Adults, ages 18-100*

**6/5 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** | \$20.00

Wash away the stresses of another busy work week with a gentle Friday evening hike around a beautiful private nature preserve.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Knee High Naturalists: Veggies and Herbs**  
*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**6/5 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** | \$15.00

See where veggies and herbs grow in the garden at Coverdale Farm Preserve! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Fitness, Food and Friends** | *Adults*  
**6/6 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** | \$15.00

Meet new people, enjoy a short, light workout, and refuel with tasty refreshments. Connect, move, and relax in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere perfect for self-care and fun.

## ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

**Knee High Naturalists: To the Beach!**  
*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**6/10 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** | \$15.00

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Coverdale Farm Book Club: The Book of Flaco** | *Adults*

**6/10 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

*\$18/class; \$50/series of 3 classes*

Discover the joy of reading! Join our monthly Book Club for lively discussions on books about food, eco-farming, and nature. Enjoy great conversation, tasty snacks, and a welcoming community.

## ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

**Music at the Mill** | *Special Event, ages 5+*  
**6/11 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

*Member Free | Non-member Adult \$10 | Non-member child (ages 5+) \$5*

Celebrate the summer with food trucks and live music at Abbott's Mill Nature Center's monthly Music at the Mill concert series.

## BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

**Breeding Birds and Ice Cream**  
*Adults, ages 16-99*

**6/12 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** | \$25.00

Explore a beautiful private preserve to document breeding birds

#### ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

### Knee High Naturalists: Let's Splash

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

6/12 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

The best way to cool down is to splash around! Explore the creek and the importance of water. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

#### ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

### Family Camp | Families

6/13 | 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM | \$60.00

Make a campfire, do a craft, and compete in an outdoor obstacle course. Explore the beauty of nature and come see how much fun we have at camp every day! Price per family.

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Wake up the Farm Breakfast | All Ages

6/13 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00

Rise and shine—it's farm time! Start your day with a relaxing tour around the farm, say good morning to the animals, and enjoy a light, tasty breakfast. It's a fun way to explore, sample, and soak in the magic of a fresh new farm day!

#### DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

### Beginner Kayak | All Ages, ages 8+

6/14 | 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM | \$25.00

In this beginner-level program, we will show you the very basics of kayaking. No experience required, all equipment provided.

#### DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

### Beginner Kayak | All Ages, ages 8+

6/14 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | \$25.00

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#### ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

### Knee High Naturalists: Splish Splash

into Summer! | Preschoolers, ages 2-5

6/17 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Rooted in Community: Craft Together

Adults

6/17 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$7.00

Craving creativity? Tired of crafting alone? Mingle fellow makers to spark ideas in a fun, welcoming space. Bring a project—or just yourself! Whether expert or beginner, come craft, chat, and unwind with snacks and good company

#### COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Rooted in Community: Craft Together and Garden Art | Adults

6/17 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$25.00

Bring your garden to life in this hands-on workshop! Create unique, colorful pieces, personalize with texture, and mingle with fellow makers. Craft, chat, unwind, and take home a handmade piece to brighten your outdoor space.

#### DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

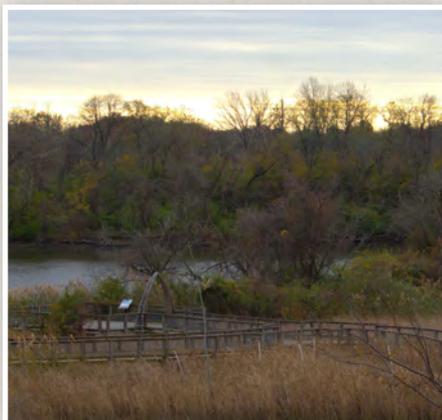
### Happy Hour Adventure Paddle | Adults

6/19 | 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Member Free | Non-member \$40.00

Explore the marsh in our big canoes and enjoy appetizers afterwards.

Limited availability. Registration required.



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**DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

**Summer Solstice Celebration** | *All Ages*  
**6/20 | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM** | *Free*

Join us for the Summer Kickoff Party in partnership with the Riverfront Development Corporation to bring in the summer with live entertainment, food, and activities.

**DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

**DEEC Day of Service** | *All Ages, ages 5+*  
**6/20 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** | *Free*

Join us for a DEEC Day of Service! Come together to restore urban marshlands, protect wildlife, and foster a greener future. Let's make a positive impact on our environment!

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Storytime with the Bunnies** | *Children*  
**6/20 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** | *\$15.00*

Hop on over for story time with our friendly bunnies! Children will enjoy a fun, engaging story, followed by a light snack for both kids and bunnies.

**ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER**

**Knee High Naturalists: The Sun**  
*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**6/24 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** | *\$15.00*

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

**ASHLAND NATURE CENTER**

**Summer Native Garden Workshop** | *Adults*  
**6/25 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM** | *\$30.00*

Join Us for a hands-on workshop focusing on summer maintenance of your native plants! Learn about different strategies like the "Chelsea chop" and how it can benefit the look of your garden from summer into fall.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Weather Wonders: Cloudy**  
*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

**6/27 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM** | *\$15.00*

A hands-on preschool program where little learners explore the amazing world of weather! Each month, children will discover a new type of weather through stories, experiments, crafts, and outdoor observations.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**New to Nature Workshop, Summer**  
*Adults*

**6/28 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM** | *\$38.00*

Discover how outdoor time boosts children's growth, creativity, and well-being. Learn age-appropriate ways to introduce nature from infants to school-age kids, with tips for everyday exploration and family connection.



# DelNature Summer Camp



Get Ready for DelNature Summer Camp



**TWELVE WEEKS OF NATURE DISCOVERY**

**FOUR LOCATIONS TO EXPLORE**

**COUNTLESS MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME**



Join us for Back to Camp Night!

Prepare for your summer camps by visiting our locations and find out where DelNature summer camp magic happens every day.

**Ashland & Coverdale** | Friday, June 5, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Abbott's Mill** | Friday, June 26, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

[DelNature.org/summercamp](https://DelNature.org/summercamp)

# Programs & Events

# JULY

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Fresh Air and Farm Hike** | *All Ages*  
7/2 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | \$5.00

Step outside and explore the farm! This guided hike invites families to connect with nature, spot local plants and wildlife, enjoy fresh air, and discover the sights and sounds of the outdoors. Fun, relaxing, and perfect for all ages!

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Coverdale Farm Book Club: Gathered: On Foraging, Feasting, and the Seasonal Life**  
*Adults*

7/8 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
\$18/class; \$50/series of 3 classes

Discover the joy of reading! Join our monthly Book Club for lively discussions on books about food, eco-farming, and nature. Enjoy great conversation, tasty snacks, and a welcoming community.

## ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

**Music at the Mill** | *Special Event, ages 5+*  
7/9 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

*Member Free | Non-member Adult \$10 | Non-member child (ages 5+) \$5*

Celebrate the summer with food trucks and live music at Abbott's Mill Nature Center's monthly Music at the Mill concert series.



## ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

**Knee High Naturalists: Birdwatching**  
*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*  
7/10 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Today, we are young ornithologists, observing the canopy of trees to see who we can find. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.





**FLINT WOODS PRESERVE**

**Wood Thrushes and Wood Lots**

*Adults, ages 18-100*

**7/10 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$30.00**

Explore a beautiful private preserve in search of Wood Thrushes and their nests

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Wake up the Farm Breakfast | All Ages**

**7/11 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00**

Rise and shine—it's farm time! Start your day with a relaxing tour around the farm, say good morning to the animals, and enjoy a light, tasty breakfast. It's a fun way to explore, sample, and soak in the magic of a fresh new farm day!

**ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER**

**Knee High Naturalists: Habitats All Around**

*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**7/15 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

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**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Rooted in Community: Craft Together**

*Adults*

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**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Coverdale Meadows Tour: Full Bloom!**

*Adults*

**7/16 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$30.00**

Walk the extensive wildflower meadows at Coverdale Farm during the height of summer bloom. Learn how these meadows were created and get managed through prescribed fire, invasive control, and mowing.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Knee High Naturalists: Critters in the Garden**

*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**7/17 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

Find out who is scurrying around in the garden at the farm! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



**DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

**Kayak the Christina** | *Adults, ages 14+*  
**7/18 | 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM** | \$40.00

Explore the Christina River and marsh by Kayak. Immerse yourself in our beautiful wetlands while watching herons, beavers, bald eagles, and more.

**ASHLAND NATURE CENTER**

**The Enchanted Forest** | *Children*  
**7/18 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** | \$20.00

Craft your own fairy house, listen to fairytales, and solve an enchanted mystery among the wise old trees of Ashland's forest

**DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

**DEEC Day of Service** | *All Ages, ages 5+*  
**7/18 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** | *Free*

Join us for a DEEC Day of Service! Come together to restore urban marshlands, protect wildlife, and foster a greener future. Let's make a positive impact on our environment!

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Storytime with the Bunnies** | *Children*  
**7/18 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** | \$15.00

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**ASHLAND NATURE CENTER**

**Knee High Naturalists: Bug Catchers**  
*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*  
**7/24 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** | \$15.00

Learn how to use an insect net and try your hand at catching bugs of all kinds! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Weather Wonders: Hot and Humid**  
*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*  
**7/25 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM** | \$15.00

A hands-on preschool program where little learners explore the amazing world of weather! Each month, children will discover a new type of weather through stories, experiments, crafts, and outdoor observations.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Crafting Cocktails with Nature**  
*Adults, ages 21+*  
**7/30 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** | \$60.00

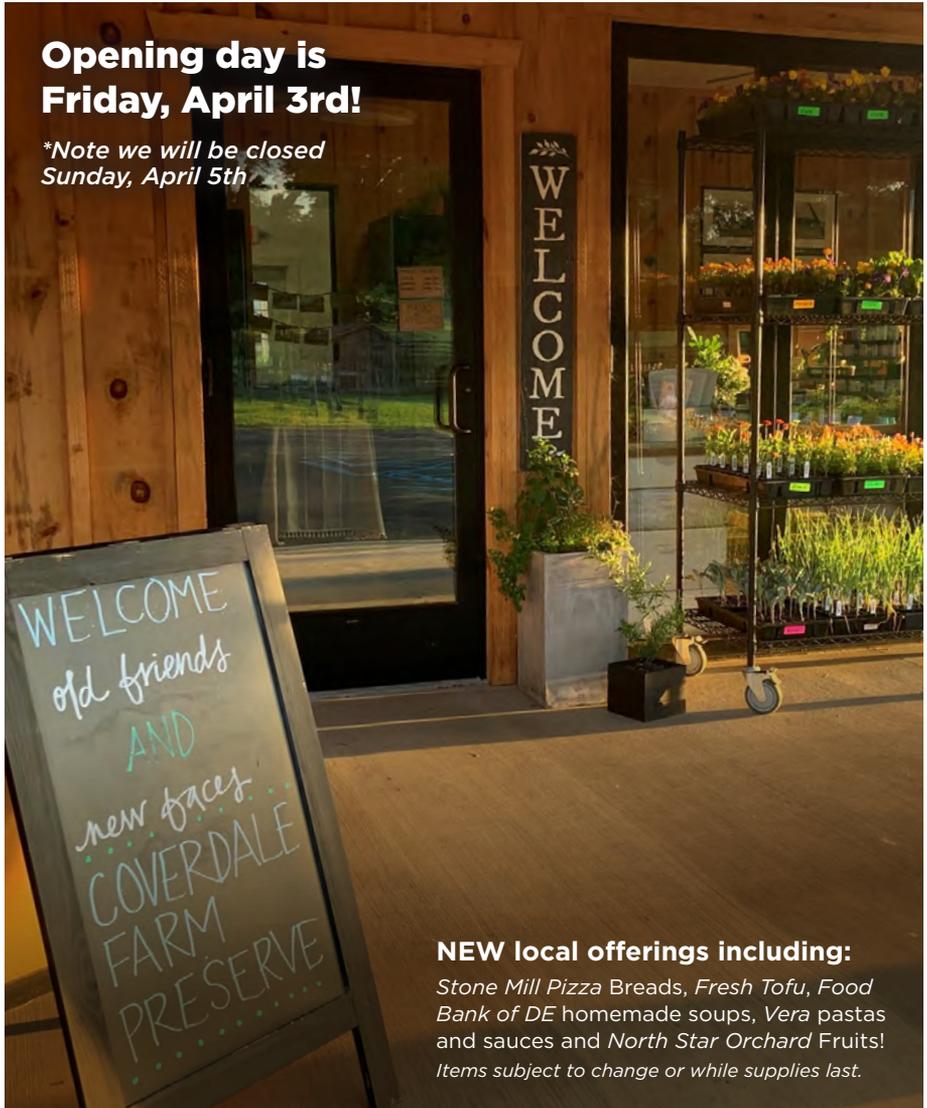
Learn to craft cocktails infused with fresh herbs! Experiment with flavors like mint, rosemary, and lavender to create aromatic, delicious drinks. A hands-on experience blending creativity, flavor, and nature in every sip!

# The Market at Coverdale Farm Preserve



Shop The Market for farm fresh produce, eggs, local and artisanal products.

April - November | Fridays, 12 pm - 6 pm | Saturdays, 10 am - 5 pm | Sundays, 11 am - 3 pm



**Opening day is  
Friday, April 3rd!**

*\*Note we will be closed  
Sunday, April 5th*

**NEW local offerings including:**

*Stone Mill Pizza Breads, Fresh Tofu, Food Bank of DE homemade soups, Vera pastas and sauces and North Star Orchard Fruits!  
Items subject to change or while supplies last.*

# Programs & Events

# AUGUST

## DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

**Kayak the Christina** | *Adults, ages 14+*  
8/1 | 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM | \$40.00

Explore the Christina River and marsh by Kayak. Immerse yourself in our beautiful wetlands while watching herons, beavers, bald eagles, and more.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Fitness, Food and Friends** | *Adults*  
8/1 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00

Meet new people, enjoy a short, light workout, and refuel with tasty refreshments. Connect, move, and relax in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere perfect for self-care and fun.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

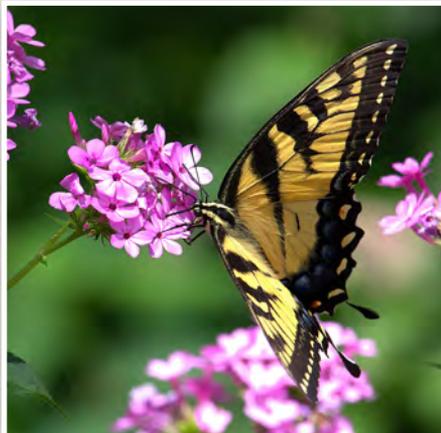
**Fresh Air and Farm Hike** | *All Ages*  
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## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Knee High Naturalists: A Farmer's Life for Me** | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*  
8/7 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Get your hands in the soil and help out with the animals at Coverdale! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Wake up the Farm Breakfast** | *All Ages*  
8/8 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00

Rise and shine—it's farm time! Start your day with a relaxing tour around the farm, say good morning to the animals, and enjoy a light, tasty breakfast. It's a fun way to explore, sample, and soak in the magic of a fresh new farm day!

## ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

**Knee High Naturalists: Flight of the Butterfly** | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*  
8/12 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00

Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Coverdale Farm Book Club: Lab Girl**  
*Adults*

8/12 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
\$18/class; \$50/series of 3 classes

Discover the joy of reading! Join our monthly Book Club for lively discussions on books about food, eco-farming, and nature. Enjoy great conversation, tasty snacks, and a welcoming community.

## ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

**End of Summer Family Picnic** | *Families*  
8/13 | 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM | Free

Celebrate the end of summer at Ashland Nature Center. Sip, snack, and savor the beauty of a late summer evening. Enjoy live music, activities for all ages, local food trucks, and drinks for purchase.



**ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER**

**Music at the Mill** | *Special Event, ages 5+*  
**8/13 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

*Member Free | Non-member Adult \$10 |  
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Celebrate the summer with food trucks and live music at Abbott's Mill Nature Center's monthly Music at the Mill concert series.

**ASHLAND NATURE CENTER**

**Knee High Naturalists: Dragonflies and Cattails** | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*  
**8/14 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

Join the buzzing dragonflies and damselflies as we navigate the wetlands and learn about marshy ecosystems. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

**DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

**DEEC Day of Service** | *All Ages, ages 5+*  
**8/15 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free**

Join us for a DEEC Day of Service! Come together to restore urban marshlands, protect wildlife, and foster a greener future. Let's make a positive impact on our environment!

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Storytime with the Bunnies** | *Children*  
**8/15 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15.00**

Hop on over for story time with our friendly bunnies! Children will enjoy a fun, engaging story, followed by a light snack for both kids and bunnies.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Rooted in Community: Craft Together**  
*Adults*

**8/19 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$7.00**

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**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Rooted in Community: Craft Together and Fiber Art** | *Adults*

**8/19 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$12.00**

Mingle with fellow makers to craft, chat, and unwind with snacks and good company. Bring a project or just yourself. Experiences fiber artist will be available to show off their talents

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Knee High Naturalists: Sunflowers**  
*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**8/21 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

Explore the majesty of sunflowers and feel a real sunflower! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

**FLINT WOODS PRESERVE**

**Woods, Wildflowers, and Warblers at Flint Woods** | *Adults*

**8/26 | 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM | \$30.00**

Enjoy Flint Woods Preserve during a time when the meadows are blooming, the woodlands are lush, and the warblers are moving through. Enjoy wine and cheese in a beautiful meadow.



**ASHLAND NATURE CENTER**

**Serpentine Barrens and Octoraro Nursery**

*Adults*

**8/27 | 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM | \$60.00**

Visit Nottingham Park, a Serpentine Barrens in Chester County Pa, in search of rare and unusual plants and birds. Tour Octoraro Native Plant Nursery and take home a free container seedling!

**ASHLAND NATURE CENTER**

**Full Moon Treasure Hunt | *Families***

**8/28 | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM | \$30.00**

Can you find the treasure hidden at Flint Woods Preserve? Hunt for elusive clues under the full moon, and decode mysterious messages in the hopes that we'll find our prize. Price per family.

**ASHLAND NATURE CENTER**

**Knee High Naturalists: Butterflies**

*Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

**8/28 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15.00**

Beautiful butterflies are fluttering all around Ashland! How many will you find? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Weather Wonders: Stormy**

*Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

**8/29 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | \$15.00**

A hands-on preschool program where little learners explore the amazing world of weather! Each month, children will discover a new type of weather through stories, experiments, crafts, and outdoor observations.

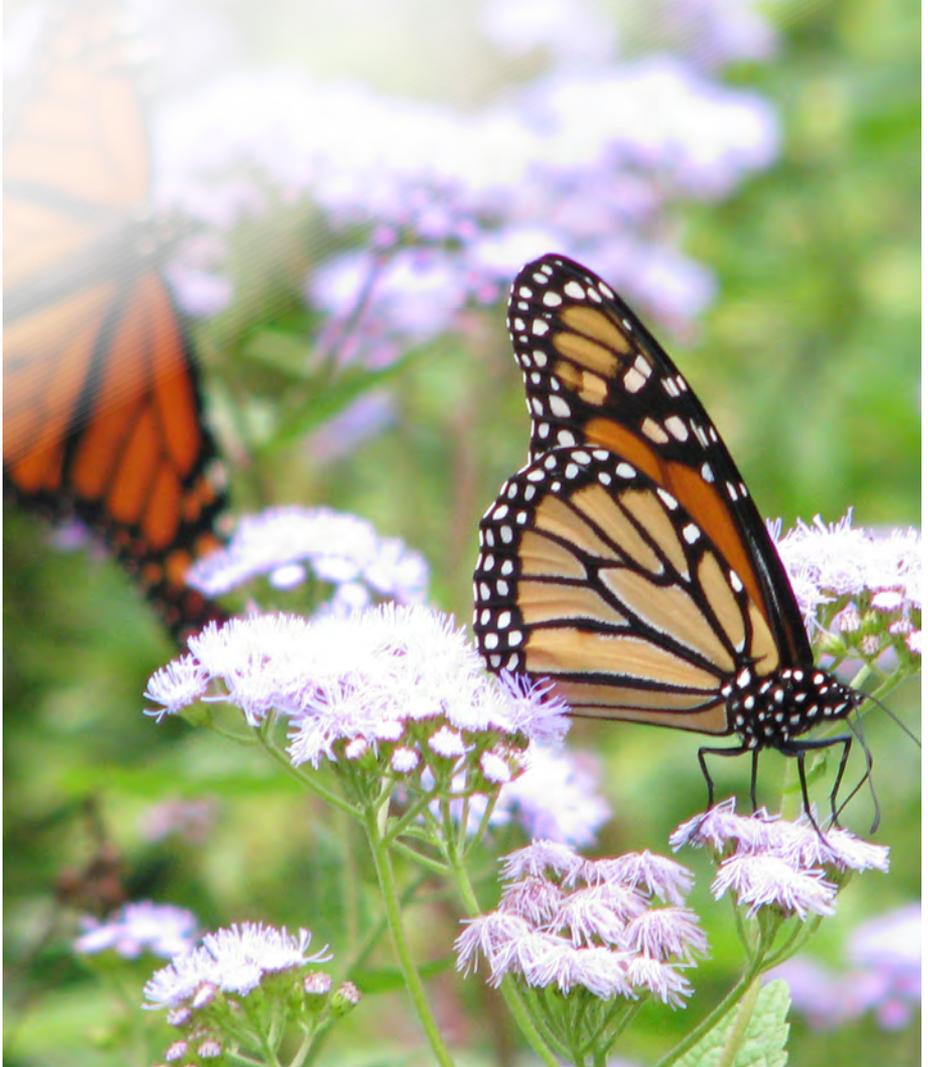


# Leave a Lasting Legacy

## Join the Monarch Legacy Society.

Consider making a planned gift to DelNature and joining our **Monarch Legacy Society** to create a meaningful legacy that supports environmental education, strengthens conservation efforts, and advances advocacy to protect the natural resources we all cherish.

**Visit [DelNature.org/legacy](https://DelNature.org/legacy) to learn more.**



# Make a Difference with DelNature



Support our Mission

## Membership

Your membership connects you to a vibrant and dedicated community, supporting our mission of education, conservation, and advocacy.

- **Discounts on programs for all ages**
- **Spring Native Plant Sale Members Day**
- **Discounts on birthday parties and facility rentals**
- **Exclusive Members Only programs**

Questions? Email Tyler Conover, Development and Outreach Coordinator, at [Tyler.Conover@DelNature.org](mailto:Tyler.Conover@DelNature.org).

**Join DelNature today!**  
**[DelNature.org/join](https://DelNature.org/join)**



## Sponsorship Opportunities

To request our sponsorship opportunities packet, email Suzanne Geouque, Director of Advancement at [Suzanne.Geouque@DelNature.org](mailto:Suzanne.Geouque@DelNature.org)

*Partner with us!*



## DelNature Amazon Wishlist

Do you have a favorite DelNature program or activity? Now you can directly support our mission by donating gear that enhances your favorite DelNature programs!

**Scan here to shop and donate!** 



# Programs & Events

# FREE & RECURRING!

DelNature invites you to take part in our free, weekly programs all season long! Whether you're looking to explore the outdoors on your own or with family, we've got a variety of activities to enjoy.

## COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

### Adult Farm Hike | Adults

1st and 3rd Saturdays | Apr-Aug

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Free

Experience a scenic, mid-impact hike that changes weekly based on participant interest. Enjoy fresh air, peaceful views, and a deeper connection with nature on the farm and in the preserve.

## BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

### Bird Banding at Bucktoe Creek Preserve

Wednesdays | April 8 - November 25

7:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Free

Our Bird Banding project is essential to helping bird populations thrive. We join the worldwide bird banding effort to help the study of birds' habits to understand what they need.

*This program is free but weather dependent and subject to change. Contact Ian Stewart at [ian@DelNature.org](mailto:ian@DelNature.org) for more information.*



## BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

### Bird Walks at Bucktoe Creek Preserve

Adults, ages 16-99

Sundays | April & May

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Free

Enjoy a gentle guided hike through the meadows and woods of a beautiful private preserve in search of migrating and nesting birds. Beginners welcome! Meet at 432 Sharp Road, Avondale PA

## ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

### Bird Walks at Middle Run | Adults

Tuesdays | April & May

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Free

Enjoy a gentle guided hike along the Middle Run Birding Trail in search of migrating and nesting birds. Beginners welcome! Meet at gravel parking lot loop off Possum Hollow Rd.

## MIDDLE RUN VALLEY NATURAL AREA

### Bird Walks at Middle Run | Adults

Wednesdays | Apr-Nov

7:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Free

See birds up close as we carefully measure, weigh and band them to track their movements and survival. All banding is conducted by trained professionals under the necessary permits. Please note that banding will not take place in windy or wet weather.



**COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE**

**Farm Stroll** | *All Ages*

**Saturdays** | Apr-Aug

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM** | *Free*

This low-impact hike offers a chance to explore the happenings on the farm, visit with the animals, and take in the natural beauty.

**DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

**Meet Marsh Animals** | *All Ages*

**Saturdays**

**1:45 PM - 2:15 PM** | *Free*

Take a naturalist guided boardwalk stroll to look for wildlife and see our live animal collection. Just drop in, or let us know you're coming by registering now.

**DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

**Netting in the Marsh** | *All Ages*

**Saturdays** | Apr-Oct

**1:00 PM - 1:30 PM** | *Free*

Immerse yourself in the captivating world of marsh ecosystems! Use dip nets to get up close and personal with tadpoles, fish, snails, and more. This is 30 minutes of hands-on fun you don't want to miss!

**DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

**Storytime at the Marsh** | *Children, ages 3-6*

**Wednesdays** | Apr-Aug

**10:45 AM - 11:30 AM** | *Free*

Join us to read a story together and then participate in an extension activity.



**Celebrating**  
 the **50<sup>th</sup>**  
 ANNIVERSARY  
 of the  
*Harvest Moon*  
 FESTIVAL  
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Delaware Nature Society's Harvest Moon Festival began in 1976 as the Harvest Moon Craft Festival, growing over the decades into one of the region's most beloved autumn traditions celebrating nature, community, and the autumn season. After a brief break, the Harvest Moon tradition continues — reintroduced through new and expanded festivities.

In 2026, DelNature marks the 50th anniversary of the Harvest Moon Festival with a series of **four** distinct festivities: **the Fall Native Plant Sale, the Taste of Coverdale, Autumn at Abbott's, and Halloween at the Farm.** Through these events, the festival's past and present converge, sustaining its role as a cherished autumn tradition.

# Autumn Events



## FALL NATIVE PLANT SALES

**Saturday, September 19**  
**Coverdale Farm Preserve, Greenville**  
**Saturday, October 3**  
**Abbott's Mill Nature Center, Milford**

Shop our Fall Native Plant Sale for plants for a variety of growing conditions that help you Garden for Water and Wildlife. Find plants that create visual interest while providing food and shelter for wildlife.



## TASTE OF COVERDALE

**Thursday, September 24**  
**Coverdale Farm Preserve, Greenville**

This premier annual fundraising event serves as a community celebration of the unique places and food of Coverdale Farm Preserve. Funds raised directly support the ongoing stewardship and preservation of Coverdale's landscapes and programs.



## AUTUMN AT ABBOTT'S MILL

**Saturday, October 3**  
**Abbott's Mill Nature Center, Milford**

This event is a mix of seasonal treats, educational experiences, and classic autumn fun, offering a warm and welcoming way to celebrate the Fall season with friends, family, and neighbors. The **Fall Plant Sale** will also take place that day, giving visitors the chance to shop for seasonal plants and garden favorites.



## HALLOWEEN AT THE FARM

**Saturday, October 24**  
**Coverdale Farm Preserve, Greenville**

Join us for a spook-tacular day of fall fun at Coverdale! Come in costume and participate in our Halloween Parade at 11 AM and 2 PM, then hop on a hayride through the autumn farm landscape. Enjoy animal demonstrations/ education sessions, learn about their products, play classic fall games, and let your creativity shine with seasonal crafts. There's something for the whole family to enjoy - and a few surprises along the way!



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