



# THE NATURE CENTER

## At Steele Creek Park

Saturday, September 15, 5:00pm

***Life in the Leaf Litter*** – Meet Lance at the Nature Center for a trip into our woods to learn about the importance of leaf litter from soil formation to the many creepy crawlies that call it home.

Saturday, October 6, 5:00pm

***Salamander Adventure*** – Did you know that the southern Appalachian region is the salamander capital of the world? Meet Lance at the Nature Center for a mild hike looking for these secretive forest floor creatures.

Friday, October 19, 4:00 pm

***Fall Scenic Hike*** – Meet Jeremy at the Nature Center for a moderately strenuous hike into the woods in search of fall colors and scenic vistas! We'll learn about some native wildlife along the way, too.

Friday, November 2, 4:00pm

***Fall Foliage and Tree ID*** – Meet Don at the Nature Center for a moderate walk learning to identify trees by their leaves and branches. It's also a great time for fall color!

Saturday, December 1

***2:00 pm: Winter Greenery Hike*** – Meet Don at the Nature Center for a Holiday-themed adventure! Enjoy a mild hike in search of winter wonders including Christmas Ferns, mistletoe, and hollies. Also, help find and collect a 2017 Christmas tree for our Nature Center!

***4:00 pm: Christmas Tree Decorating*** – After the hike we'll come back to the Nature Center to decorate our tree and have some holiday refreshments!

## ***October 12 & 13, 2018: 2<sup>1st</sup> Annual Wildlife Weekend!***

**All programs are free with park admission and will begin from the new and expanded Nature Center at Steele Creek Park!**

*Come to the Nature Center Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm. A short program and ribbon-cutting will follow the reception and photography contest awards.*

*Then, join us on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 am. Bird banding, LOTS of kids' activities, fossils, nature walks, seminars, and much more with area experts will be ongoing throughout the day!*

*Keep a Lookout for the Official Poster, Coming Soon!!!  
Call the Nature Center at 423.989.5616 for more information!*