



HIGHLANDS
NATURE CENTER

2009 Summer Event Calendar

All programs and special events take place at the Highlands Nature Center & Botanical Garden, 930 Horse Cove Road, and are **free** to the public unless otherwise noted. If you wish to attend a special event, please call ahead (526-2623) as space may be limited. For more information, visit the Nature Center webpage at www.wcu.edu/hbs.

Weekly Programs (May 25 - Aug 15)

- Mondays:** **Botanical Garden Tour** 10:30 – 11:30 am, all ages
Join us on a guided walk to discover the beautiful native plants of the Southern Appalachians.
- Tuesdays:** **Family Nature Activity** 3:00 – 4:00 pm, ages 4 and up
Activities vary but may include critter searches, discovery walks, or nature games. **\$1 per person.**
- Wednesdays:** **Storybook Science Program** 2:30 – 3:00 pm, all ages
Come for a nature lesson based around a children's storybook using items from the Nature Center!
- Thursdays:** **Zahner Conservation Lecture Series** 7:00 pm, ages 12 - adult
Weekly evening seminars are presented by leading scientists, historians, artists, and writers on a variety of environmental topics.
- Fridays:** **Animal Feeding Time** 11:00 am – noon, all ages
Come and observe what each of the Nature Center's animals eat and learn how they feed!
- Saturdays:** **Featured Creature** 11:30 am – noon, all ages
Come and learn more about one of the Nature Center's live animals up close!

Special Events

- June 9 **Owl Pellets** Family Nature Activity, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, ages 6 and up.
Dissect a pellet to discover skulls and bones of the owl's prey. **\$1 per person.**
- June 10 **"Owl Prowl"** 8:00 pm - ?, all ages
In collaboration with the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. Begin with a presentation by the Carolina Raptor Center featuring **live owls**, then stay for a night hike to look for owls in the wild. Bring your flashlight. **Free**, but contributions to CRC are appreciated.
- June 20 **Nature by Night** 9:00 – 10:30 pm, ages 6 - adult
Bring a flashlight to learn about nocturnal animals through a variety of fun activities, games, and observations along the garden trails. **\$2 per person, advanced registration required.**
- July 10 **"Snakes of the Highlands Region"** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, all ages
Come for an educational program about local species featuring **live snakes**. Learn snake identification, natural histories, and common misconceptions about them. **\$2 per person.**
- July - August *More to come! Visit our website for details.*