

# 2024 RayCEP Program Schedule

## **Thursday, June 6th at 6:00 PM**

History of Raystown Lake – Facts, myths, legends...Learn something new about PA's largest man-made lake, and challenge what you thought you knew through a game of jeopardy at the Visitor Center!

## **Thursday, June 13th at 6:00 PM**

Weary Walking – Join us to learn what to be cautious about when heading outside. Bugs, the sun, and the do's and don't of hiking all at the Visitor Center.

## **Thursday, June 20th at 6:00 PM**

Craft Night! – Let's get crafty at the Visitor Center. Come and make seed bombs, Bee Hotels, and do other fun activities to learn about Pollinators!

## **Friday, June 21st at 6:00 PM**

Pollinator Party – RayCEP will be working with the WOOD MOBILE in learning about forestry and the importance of pollinators. This evening outside of the Visitor Center, join us in walking through the pollinator garden and ID some cool critters!

## **Thursday, June 27th at 6:00 PM**

Leave No Trace 1/2 – We will be introducing the first two principles of Leave No Trace. Leave No Trace programming will help us share with you how to respectfully and sustainably enjoy nature! This week, come learn how to plan ahead for your trips and how to camp/travel sustainably at the Visitor Center!

## **Thursday, July 4th at 6:00 PM**

Did you know Raystown is home to nesting Bald Eagles? Get to know our local residents as RayCEP interns reveal what life is like at the top for these birds of prey. Join us at the Visitor Center!

## **Friday, July 5th at 6:00 PM**

Birding Walk – Follow us on Hillside Nature Trail as we search for our feathery friends. Learn the calls of some of PA's native birds!

## **Thursday, July 11th at 6:00 PM**

Leave No Trace 3 – Join us at the Visitor Center to learn the principles of LNT 3: Disposing of Waste Properly. Leave only footprints, take only photos!

## **Friday, July 12th at 6:00 PM**

Tree I.D Walk – Join us at Hillside Nature Trail where we will go on a walk identifying some of PA's trees! We will also be applying the skills learned from LNT 3, get ready to give back and do some trash clean up!

## **Thursday, July 18th at 6:00 PM**

Creatures of the Dark – Join RayCEP at the Visitor Center to learn about creatures of the night! We will be doing an owl pellet examination as well as doing a deep dive into nocturnal animals native to the area!

## **Friday, July 19th at 9:00 PM**

Owl Prowl – We will be going on a nature walk starting at the Visitor Center putting to use the knowledge we learned on Thursday! Join us to look for owls, bats, and other night critters as well as to enjoy a nice walk through nature!

## **Thursday, July 25th at 7:30 PM**

Leave No Trace 4 – RayCEP will be hosting another Leave No Trace talk. Join us at the Visitor Center to learn how you can be respectful and responsible in nature. This week's topic will be about leaving what you find in nature and preserving the area's natural beauty.

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## Friday, July 26th at 6:00 PM

**PA ROCKS!** – Spend the evening with us as we explore the geology of the Raystown area. Learn all about how sedimentary rocks and see the fossils that fill our land at the Visitor Center!

## Thursday, August 1st at 7:30 PM

**Leave No Trace 5** – Join us Thursday evening at the Visitor Center for the latest installment in our Leave No Trace series! This week we will be discussing proper fire safety and how to minimize your campfire's impact on the environment around you!

## Thursday, August 8th at 7:30 PM

**Leave No Trace 6** – Yet another Leave No Trace talk! This week we will be discussing wildlife and how to best respect it. Join us to learn about respectful practices when viewing wildlife and how to share nature with them at the Visitor Center!

## Friday, August 9th at 6:00 PM

**Herpetology: Snakes! Turtles! Lizards!** – Friday night is herpetology night! We will be at the Visitor Center discussing reptiles and amphibians native to the area!

