NATURE PROGRAMS – ROCKWOOD

For more information on these programs, call 804-768-7448.
www.chesterfield.gov/nature center

Discover our live snake, turtle and honeybee exhibits, and learn more about the plants and animals of Central Virginia. Sign up for an archery program, summer camps, environmental education programs or arrange the next outing for your class or other children’s group. Our naturalists are available to answer your questions and expand your understanding of our natural world.

Location: Rockwood Park, 3401 Courthouse Rd. 804-768-7448

Facility Rental: Looking for a unique, private location for your next event? The Rockwood Nature Center multipurpose room is available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. An hourly charge will apply. The 1100-plus square foot room has a drop down projection screen, tables and chairs, and multiple sinks.
Details: 804-768-7448
Rockwood Nature Center Hours:
• Fall: Wednesday-Friday, noon-5 p.m.

ARCHERY

Introduction to Archery
Enjoy the fun of learning a new sport, from stance to follow through, focusing on beginning form, safety, and proper use of equipment. Participants will learn the basics of archery on their choice of simple compound bows or recurve bows. This class focuses on group-style target archery. Class is held rain or shine. For ages 10 and older, adults and families welcome.
OUTDOOR: Rockwood Nature Center, 3401 Courthouse Road
Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon $20
Course 37777
Course 37778
Oct. 10
Sundays, 2-4 p.m. $20
Course 37779
INDOOR: Future Beulah Recreation Center, 4216 Beulah Road
Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon $20
Course 37780
Course 37781
Nov. 21
Sundays, 2-4 p.m. $20
Course 37782
Dec. 13

Adult Introduction to Archery
Learn the basics of this fun and rewarding sport, in an adults-only version of our popular Introduction to Archery course. Participants will learn the basics of archery including the rules, safety, and step-by-step shooting form for group-style target archery with adjustable compound bows for individuals of all strengths and draw lengths. Class is held rain or shine. Minimum age is 18.
OUTDOOR: Rockwood Nature Center, 3401 Courthouse Road
Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon $20
Course 37774
Oct. 17
INDOOR: Future Beulah Recreation Center, 4216 Beulah Road
Sunday, 2-4 p.m. $20
Course 37775

Star Shooters Club – New Archer Introduction
Required for all students new to archery who would like to participate in the Star Shooters Youth Archery Club but did not take an introduction to Archery Course within the past year. Participants must be enrolled in courses 37787, or 37784 to take this class. For ages 10 and older.
Rockwood Nature Center, 3401 Courthouse Road
Tuesday, Sept. 1, 5:30-7 p.m. $10
Course 37785

Star Shooters Youth Archery Club
This program, for kids ages 10-16, meets weekly for eight weeks. This is a great way for kids to receive more in-depth archery instruction in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. During each class, participants will learn techniques, form, and rules for target archery, as well as try different types of bows (compound and recurves), shoot archery games and perform drills to become a better archer. Twice per season, kids can earn one of a series of rank patches based on their personal shooting scores. Bows and equipment are provided or use your own with instructor approval. At the end of the season, archers compete in a members-only tournament where the kids can pit their skills against others in their age brackets to take home a trophy! New students with no archery experience are encouraged, but also must register for the new archer club member introduction class. Instructors are USA Archery-certified. Cost includes equipment, patches, trophies, and tournament medals. Three time slots are available, but space is limited. Register early to be assured a spot.

$100/person
Rockwood Nature Center, 3401 Courthouse Road
Tuesdays, Sept. 8-Oct. 27
11 a.m.-noon
Course 37787
Course 37784
5-6 p.m.
ROCKWOOD NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

High School Archery – CCPS online PE Credits Eligible
Students will learn the skills need to gain a firm foundation in archery and is designed as a beginner archery development program for high school aged students. This class focuses on group-style target archery and is taught by USA Archery- certified instructors. All equipment is provided, and this course meets 20 hours for CCPS online PE requirements per season.
Rockwood Nature Center, 3401 Courthouse Road
Mondays and Thursdays $80
Sept. 28-Oct. 29, 4-5:30 p.m. Course 37788
** For individuals participating in CCPS online P.E., there will be another season in Spring 2021 that will provide an additional 20 hours.

Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD)
This is the next step for youth archers who are experienced shooters and serious about taking their archery to the next level. JOAD is a developmental program offered by Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation that uses the USA Archery curriculum. This program is for youth, ages 10-20. To be eligible to join the JOAD program, members must own their own bow, have completed at least two seasons of the Chesterfield Star Shooters Youth Archery program, and be able to shoot a score of 55 points or higher in that class. (Exceptions can be made for those with substantial archery experience outside of the Star Shooters program, i.e. NASP, etc.) JOAD registration cost includes star pins earned and lanyard to hold them. Additional membership in USA Archery (www.usaarchery.org) is highly recommended and required to compete in most tournaments, but not required to initially participate.
Details: Rockwood Nature Center, 804-768-7448 or Archery@Chesterfield.gov
INDOOR: Future Beulah Recreation Center, 4216 Beulah Road
Wednesdays, Oct. 14-Dec. 16 $90
(not held 11/25)
1-2 p.m. Course 37783
5-6 p.m. Course 37782
6:30-7:30 p.m. Course 37855

Adult Archery Practice
Join fellow adult archers in our new indoor range for weekly practice and archery camaraderie. Archers must bring all their own equipment and know how to use it. No formal lessons will be given during practice times, but informal tips and coaching from instructors will be given as needed. The indoor distance of 18 meters will be shot, all targets and FITA-style target faces will be provided.
INDOOR: Future Beulah Recreation Center, 4216 Beulah Road
Thursdays, Oct. 15-Dec. 17 $60
(not held 11/26)
6-7:30 p.m. Course 37776

DO I NEED A WILDLIFE REHABBER?
Finding animals alone or in unusual places does not always mean they are in distress. This program focuses on dispelling some of the popular myths surrounding wild animals and how good intentions can often be more harmful. Learn when it is appropriate to intervene and when to contact a licensed wildlife rehabber. For 18+.
Sunday, Sept. 27, 1-2 p.m. $7 Course 37831

Raging Reptiles
Join the head of Rockwood Nature Center’s animal care team, Jessi Sakiewicz, to learn about all the nature center’s reptile friends. Enjoy hands-on interactions with turtle, lizards, and snakes to see what makes reptiles so cool. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Please register at least one week in advance.
Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $5 Course 37789

It’s a Snake
Join the head of Rockwood Nature Center’s animal care team, Jessi Sakiewicz, to learn about Virginia’s snakes. Find out how to tell the difference between venomous and non-venomous species, discover more about snake behavior, get tips about snakes as pets, and interact with Rockwood’s reptiles. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Please register at least one week in advance.
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $5 Course 37790

Holiday Nature Wreath Workshop
Create and decorate an all-natural wreath for the holiday season, while meeting new people or socializing with old friends. Collect natural materials from the park, before warming back up inside with a hot beverage. Then, create a nature wreath with the instructions and extra materials provided. For 18+.
Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-noon $20 Course 37791

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50+ NATURE PROGRAMS

50+ Introduction to Archery
Rockwood Nature Center is offering a seniors-only option of our popular introduction to archery course. Learn the basics of this fun and rewarding sport, including the rules, safety, and step-by-step shooting form for group-style target archery. Participants can choose between adjustable compound bows for individuals of all strengths and draw lengths or simple recurves. Class is held rain or shine. Minimum age is 50.
Saturday, Oct. 10, 1-3 p.m.  $20  Course 37773

Snakes in the Garden
Have you ever found a snake, or evidence of one, as you were weeding or planting flowers? Was it venomous or non-venomous? This program will cover the basics of Virginia Snake I.D. especially the garden and yard-loving species you are most likely to meet. Minimum age is 50.
Thursday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m.-noon  $7  Course 37830

PRE-SCHOOL NATURE PROGRAMS
Details: Denise Flora, 804-717-6860 or florad@chesterfield.gov

NATURE EXPLORERS
Do you have a little tike eager to learn more about the natural world? These classes combine the excitement of nature with developing basic skills through nature walks, crafts, and stories. A parent or legal guardian must be present for the entirety of the class. For ages 3-5. $6/class

Squirrel or Chipmunk?
Discover the difference between squirrels and chipmunks on a "squirrel watching" nature hike. Make a squirrel puppet and enjoy a fun story.
Friday, Sept. 18, 10-11 a.m.  Course 37817

Wise Owls
Can owls turn their heads all the way around? What do owls eat? Let's explore the world of owls. Investigate a pretend owl pellets and enjoy a fun story.
Friday, Oct. 2, 10-11 a.m.  Course 37820

Animal Armor
Animals protect themselves in a variety of different ways from scales to spines and everything in between. Discover the wide world of animals that wear "armor" to protect themselves.
Friday, Oct. 16, 10-11 a.m.  Course 37821

The Shape of Things
Go on a "shape walk" with binoculars to discover the many shapes found in nature. Make a shape necklace and play a matching game with objects found on the walk. Also dance and sing with leaves.
Friday, Nov 6, 10-11 a.m.  Course 37823

Terrific Turkeys!
Have a gobbling good time playing the game of “Where’s Mr. Turkey?” and singing “Look at Mr. Turkey.” Also make a turkey craft and read a fun turkey story.
Friday, Nov. 20, 10-11 a.m.  Course 37826

Let it Snow!
Is snow hot or cold? Find out as we play a snowball game and make our own snow. Make a snowy craft and read a snowy story.
Friday, Dec. 11, 10-11 a.m.  Course 37829

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