

BIODIVERSITY SPRING EVENTS

2020

*Register in advance at www.coppellactivities.com

COFFEE WITH THE BIRDS

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 26 • 8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.

Enjoy a quiet morning cup of coffee while watching the birds that frequent the feeders at Coppel Nature Park and learn a bit about a new bird each week. *Coffee and binoculars provided.*

HOT CHOCOLATE & A HIKE

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 15 & FEBRUARY 19 • 5:00 P.M. -6:00 P.M.

Explore Coppel Nature Park with an experienced Master Naturalist for a winter guided hike. Start out with a hot beverage before setting out on the trails. Explore thrilling sights, smells, and sounds the park. *Children must be accompanied by an adult. Hikers are asked to dress appropriately, wear close-toed shoes, and bring a water bottle. No registration required, but space is limited.*

RAPTORS OF NORTH TEXAS • FCNP LECTURE SERIES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 • 10:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.

Erich Neupert, Executive Director of the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center, will discuss and demonstrate the raptors that call North Texas home. View live birds to see their characteristics and exceptional hunting abilities. *Advance registration required.*

BIRD IDENTIFICATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 • 10:00 A.M. -11:00 A.M.

Explore backyard bird feeding while learning fun facts about birds such as the Carolina Chickadee, Northern Cardinal, and Downy Woodpecker. Discover how to attract birds to the yard, understand their habits and quirky, little nuances. *Presented by Wild Birds Unlimited. Advance registration required.*

INTRODUCTION TO VEGETABLE GARDENING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 • 9:30 A.M. -11:00 A.M. & 11:30 A.M. -1:00 P.M.

Just in time for planting season! Get tips on organic vegetable gardening and how to grow food at home from local grower, Amanda Vanhoozier. *Hosted by Keep Coppel Beautiful. Two class times offered. Advance registration required.*

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE FLY FISHING

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 • 9:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M.

Learn how to cast, tie basic fishing knots, tie flies and discuss their uses. Participants will review equipment, learn aquatic ecosystems, safety, fishing, ethics, and regulations. *Ages 12 and up. All equipment and materials will be provided. Presented by Texas Parks and Wildlife Dallas Fly Fishers. Advance registration required.*

TWILIGHT GUIDED HIKE

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 • 5:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.

Explore Coppel Nature Park with an experienced Master Naturalist through a twilight guided hike. Experience the fascinating sights, smells, and sounds of evening activity at the park. *Children must be accompanied by an adult. Hikers are asked to dress appropriately, wear close-toed shoes, and bring a water bottle. No registration required. Space is limited.*

HOME SWEET HOME WILD DAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 • 1:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M.

Animals come in all shapes and sizes with homes equally as varied. Discover different animal homes that can be found in Coppel Nature Park through hands-on experiences and discussion. *Wild Days are geared toward families and youth ages 3-14. These free "come and go" events feature hands-on learning/activity stations.*

BIRD MIGRATION

G5 H F 8 5 Y, MARCH 14 • 9:00 5.M. -10:30 A.M.

Why do birds fly south for the winter? Discover why insects, mammals, birds, and fish migrate or move seasonally from one region to another. *Presented by Wild Birds Unlimited. Advance registration required.*

BENEFITS OF BEES • FCNP LECTURE SERIES

G5 H F 8 5 M MARCH 21 • 9:00 5.M. -10:30 P.M.

Peer into the world of bees! Without bees, our world would be a very different place. Bee hobbyist Bruce Crozier will speak about this fascinating insect and how they act as invaluable resources to our planet. *Advance registration required.*

PLANT COMBOS & COMPANIONS

G5 H F 8 5 M APRIL 4 • 9:00 5.M. -10:30 A.M.

This class will help you create year-round aesthetic beauty by combining plants that offer refreshing seasonal interest with vibrant contrasting colors and textures. Revamp poor drainage zones, deep shade spots or heat island with ecologically friendly combos that will save you time and money. Grow your garden design skills with these innovative concepts and bring the wonders of the botanical world to your landscape. *Presented by AgriLife Water University. Advance registration required.*

WATER QUALITY OF CNP • FCNP LECTURE SERIES

G5 H F 8 5 M APRIL 18 • 9:00 5.M. -10:30 P.M.

Coppell ISD's ninth grade Eco Club shares the results of their study of water quality at Cottonwood Branch creek. This creek flows through Coppell Nature Park, which impacts the health of our water. *Advance registration required.*

CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

G5 H F 8 5 M APRIL 25 • 9:00 5.M. -10:30 P.M.

Participate in the City Nature Challenge and help document the plants and animals of Coppell Nature Park! Become a citizen scientist by using a personal mobile device to collect data while exploring the trails. *Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration required.*

CARNIVORE, HERBIVORE, OMNIVORE, INSECTIVORE - LIVE ANIMAL SHOW

G5 H F 8 5 M MAY 2 • 9:00 5.M. -10:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. -12:00

Do carnivores eat their vegetables? Discover what animals eat, how they find food, and why they prefer certain types of food sources. Presentations are safe, interactive, and designed for all age groups. *Two presentation times are offered. Space is limited. Advance registration required.*

CRITTERMAN • FCNP LECTURE SERIES

G5 H F 8 5 M MAY 16 • 9:00 5.M. -10:30 P.M.

Enjoy a live animal performance featuring animals found in North Texas. Animal Ambassadors are introduced one at a time, for an exciting look at these amazing creatures. *Registration required.*

SUMMER KICK-OFF CRAFT DAY

G5 H F 8 5 M MAY 30 • 9:00 5.M. -1:00 P.M.

Celebrate the start of summer at the Biodiversity Education Center! Craft new treasures out of recycled materials to take home. *No registration required.*

ECOEXPLORER DROP-IN DAYS • TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS • 9 A.M. - 12 P.M. WEDNESDAYS 3 P.M. - 6 P.M.

Drop in during visitor hours to learn about the Biodiversity Education Center, Coppell Nature Park, and the seasonal programs offered. While you're here, learn about the local environment through self-guided, hands-on activities, books, and other interactive items. Then, take what you learn out on the trails to become true EcoExplorers! Check our Facebook page for weekly themes. EcoExplorer is open to all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Free admission!

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