

**Briar  
Bush**  
NATURE CENTER

**Become a Member and Receive:**

- 20% discount on programs
- Early registration for summer camps
- Invitations to members-only events
- Facility rentals for your celebrations
- 10% discount in the Nature Shop
- Discounted/free admission to select nature centers across the nation
- And more!



**Newsletter and Calendar**

[www.briarbush.org](http://www.briarbush.org)

215-887-6603

May – August 2026

**Spring & Summer Hours**

**Business Hours**

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Dede Long Nature Museum**

Daily: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Griscom Bird Observatory**

Daily: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Briar Bush Pond**

Daily: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Pollinator Garden**

Daily: Dawn to Dusk

**Trails**

Daily: Dawn to Dusk

*Facility and trail access may change due to weather or scheduled programs/events.*

*Please call ahead for current hours.*

**Admission:** Donations Accepted

*Admission fees are subject to change.*

*The Dede Long Nature Museum, Griscom Bird Observatory, and Pond will be closed on Memorial Day, Emancipation Day, and Independence Day.*

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**Meet Our New Team Member**

**Marissa Burr, Environmental Educator**



Marissa originally joined the Briar Bush team in 2025 as a Summer Camp Counselor and in early 2026, returned as an Environmental Educator. She received a B.S. in Environmental Biology and minors in Wildlife Conservation and Environmental Science from Delaware Valley University in 2023. Since graduating, she has held various environmental education positions at Peace Valley Nature Center, Elmwood Park Zoo and College Settlement Outdoor School. Marissa grew up exploring the forests and coasts of Maine, which has given her a profound appreciation for nature and a passion for spreading that joy with others. She now lives in Montgomery County and in her free time enjoys board games, crafting and going on adventures with her partner.

36<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Friends of Briar Bush  
Feather Our Nest Gala & Auction  
*Briar Bush In Bloom*  
Friday, September 25, 2026  
6:30pm-10:00pm  
North Hills Country Club  
Dinner & Drinks • Live Auction • Games  
*Scan the code for more information.*



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# Programs for Children

*Most programs require registration for participants ages 2+. Children under 2 years of age are free of charge.*

*Please review all program information at the time of registration.*

*To register, visit [www.briarbush.org](http://www.briarbush.org). Questions or need help registering? Call 215-887-6603.*



## **Magic Mornings**

***For 2-5-year-olds with Adult***

Hey, toddlers! Bring your favorite adult for walks, animal encounters, crafts, activities, and more! Each week features a new nature-themed lesson; register for one day per week.

**Day:** MOST Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in May

**Time:** 10:30am-11:30am

**Cost/Session:** \$12.50 | Abington Resident: \$11.25 | BBNC Member: \$10.00

**Cost/Add'l Child (Same Household):** \$7.50 | Abington Resident: \$6.75 | BBNC Member: \$6.00

## **Nature Pioneers**

***For 4-6-year-olds***

Children can join us on their own for age appropriate activities, walks, crafts, games, animal encounters, and more! Each week features a new nature-themed lesson.

**Day:** Thursdays in May

**Time:** 1:00pm-2:30pm

**Cost/Session:** \$15.00 | Abington Resident: \$13.50 | BBNC Member: \$12.00

## **School's Out, Get Outside!**

***For Children in Grades K-5***

When school is not in session, students can spend a day with Briar Bush exploring the outdoors, meeting animals, making crafts, playing in nature, and more.

**Day:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026

**Time:** 8:30am-3:30pm

**Cost per Participant:** \$75.00 | Abington Resident: \$67.50 | BBNC Member: \$60.00

*After-Care is available from 3:30pm-5:30pm for an additional \$12.00 per participant.*

# Programs for All Ages

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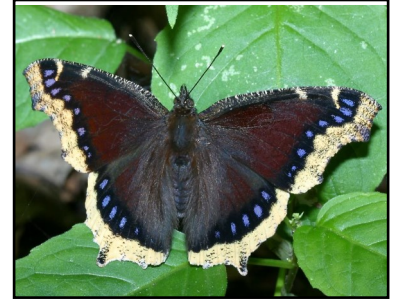
## Sensory Adventure

Humans and animals alike use their senses to explore the world around them. Discover creatures that taste with their feet, identify objects through touch, smell the air with their tongue, and more! Use your senses on a guided hike and learn how our animal ambassadors use their senses.

**Date:** Saturday, May 9, 2026

**Time:** 2:00pm-3:00pm

**Cost:** \$12.50 | Abington Resident: \$11.25 | BBNC Member: \$10.00



## Owl Prowl - Popsicle Program

Whinnies, screeches, and hoots – oh my! Join us in meeting our live owl ambassadors, learning about their specialized senses, and getting a sneak peak of their life at night. We'll also explore the trails in search of resident wild owls. Then, enjoy refreshing popsicles after the program.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2026

**Time:** 7:00pm-8:00pm

**Cost:** \$12.50 | Abington Resident: \$11.25 | BBNC Member: \$10.00



## Water Olympics - Popsicle Program A Briar Bush Nature Center Members-Only Program

Put water to the test in Briar Bush's Water Olympics! Perform experiments and activities that explore water's extraordinary properties. Visit the pond in search of some amazing animals that deserve gold medals of their own. Then, enjoy refreshing popsicles after the program.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 15, 2026

**Time:** 7:00pm-8:00pm

**Cost:** FREE for BBNC Members (*Registration is required.*)



## Micro Hike - Popsicle Program

When we think of ecosystems, we think of forests, oceans, and deserts. But there are entire tiny worlds right beneath our feet! We'll meet some of the smallest residents of Briar Bush both under the microscope and out on the trails in this program that encourages you to think small! Then, enjoy refreshing popsicles after the program.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 12, 2026

**Time:** 7:00pm-8:00pm

**Cost:** \$12.50 | Abington Resident: \$11.25 | BBNC Member: \$10.00



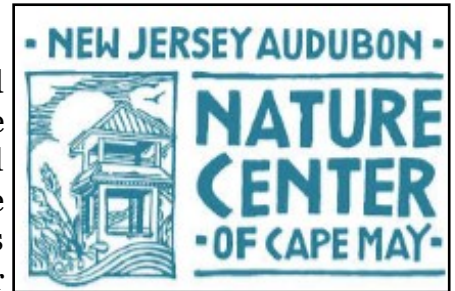
# Programs for Adults

*Most programs require registration.*

*Please review all program information at the time of registration.*

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## Trip to the Nature Center of Cape May



Join us for a day centered around horseshoe crabs and shorebird migration at The Nature Center of Cape May: *the* place to explore the coastal habitats of the Jersey shore, interact with local wildlife, and learn about the area's natural history. We'll visit the beach at Cape May Harbor to see horseshoe crabs spawning as well as shorebirds feeding on the eggs. We'll also sein, dragging a net through the water to catch fish, crabs, and shrimp, and discuss the connections among all organisms of the ecosystem. We'll then explore the Center's horseshoe crab aquatic lab, complete with a touch tank, to discuss their natural history and importance to the medical field. After the program, we'll stay for lunch and explore the Center and walking trails.

**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2026

**Time:** 8:00am-3:30pm

**Cost:** \$60.00 | Abington Resident: \$54.00 | BBNC Member: \$48.00

### Notes:

- Participants will meet at Briar Bush at 7:45am, then leave at 8:00am to travel in the Briar Bush van to the Nature Center of Cape May. Sit back and enjoy the ride!
- Be sure to pack a camera, binoculars, and lunch.
- This program will take place rain or shine. Please dress appropriately for the weather. You will be contacted in the case of cancellation due to extreme weather.
- Walking a short distance is required. Some areas may be accessed by vehicle. Chairs will be provided.



## Volunteer at Briar Bush Nature Center!

Briar Bush could not accomplish its goals without the help of dedicated volunteers.

The Friends of Briar Bush is currently seeking Board of Director candidates with backgrounds in community leadership, business, finance, non-profit management, and education.

**If you are interested in a Board of Director position, please email [info@briarbush.org](mailto:info@briarbush.org) with "Board Candidate" in the subject line.**