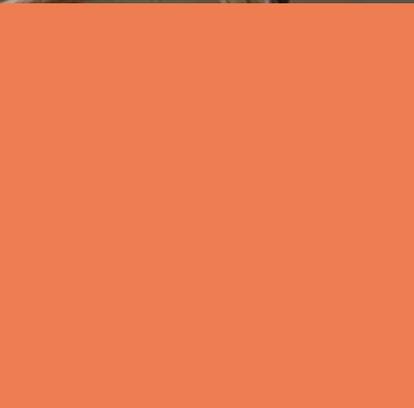





HAWK MOUNTAIN

2026

Calendar of Events





EDUCATION OUT IN THE WILD

There are many ways to experience the magic of migration, both on the Sanctuary or out in the wild! Hawk Mountain's skilled Education team offers a variety of programming for both on-site private programs and off-site events for groups of any size or age.

Hawk Mountain invites your group to experience the wonder of raptors where it all began. From meeting live birds of prey to exploring forest trails and scenic lookouts along the Kittatinny Ridge, our on-site field trips offer immersive, educator-led experiences that bring conservation, migration, and Appalachian ecology to life. Designed for schools, camps, and organizations of all ages and abilities, these engaging programs combine hands-on learning with time outdoors, making Hawk Mountain the classroom and nature the teacher.

Browse all the program options and book your educational experience at hawkmountain.org/offsiteprograms.



NEW PROGRAMS FOR SCOUTS

Hawk Mountain's new and improved Scout Programs offer unforgettable outdoor adventures that combine skill-building, teamwork, and discovery in a truly wild classroom. Whether scouts spend a full Day on the Mountain or embark on a Night on the Mountain overnight experience, they will learn from expert educators, explore forest trails, encounter live raptors, and work toward badges and adventures in a meaningful, hands-on way. With customizable programs for all scouting levels and opportunities to learn under the stars or soar through the day, Hawk Mountain is the perfect place for scouts to connect with nature, challenge themselves, and create lasting memories.

Learn more about our scout programs and badge workshops at hawkmountain.org/scouts.



SEASONAL WEEKEND PROGRAMS

Hawk Mountain's weekend programs are great for groups, families, or individuals, and first-time visitors are especially encouraged to incorporate one or more into your day's visit. All weekend programs are FREE with your trail fee or membership, and no registration is required.

Programs take place Saturdays and Sundays during the Spring and Autumn Migration seasons. They are also available on Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Columbus Day.

See hawkmountain.org/weekendprograms for details.

Raptors Up Close!

This signature program guarantees that you'll see a raptor up close! Learn all about these amazing birds of prey and the role they play in our world. Graciously sponsored by M&T Bank.

Name That Raptor

Learn from Sanctuary staff and trainees how to identify raptors and recognize their key field marks in flight.

How We Study Migrating Raptors

Discover the tools and technologies Sanctuary staff use to study long-distance migrants, including hands-on samples of wing tags, satellite trackers, and more.



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Look for our Members Exclusive events
labeled throughout the calendar.



2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Payment is required at time of registration.

Please register ONLINE at hawkmountain.org/events.

ADA Accessible events are marked with  Please contact us at 610-756-6961 if you require accommodation.

Always check hawkmountain.org/events for the most up-to-date information.

Youth Events

ITTY BITTY NATURE BUDDIES

10 – 11 AM

\$15, \$10 for Members

Designed for children ages 3-5 Program includes story, nature activity, short outdoor hike, and craft. New seasonal theme each month. Registration required.

Visitor Center Gallery

Mar 4 – Silly Snakes

May 6 – Fantastic Flowers

Sept 2 or 6 – Magical Migrators

Oct 4 or 7 – Super Spiders

Nov 1 or 4 – Terrific Trees

Dec 2 or 6 – Feathery Friends

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

10 AM – 12 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members, additional children \$10 each

Homeschooled students are invited to join us for experiential learning about the Appalachian Forest ecosystem with hands-on activities inside and outdoors. For K-12 students. Registration required.

Amphitheater or Education Building

Feb 18 – Fantastic Fossils

Mar 18 – Marvelous Mammals

Apr 15 – Wonderous Watersheds

May 20 – Fascinating Forestry

Sept 16 – Junior Hawk Watch: Beautiful Buteos

Oct 21 – Junior Hawk Watch: Fantastic Falcons

Nov 18 – Wacky Science

Dec 16 – Wildlife Rehabilitation

Summer Nature Camps

\$325, \$275 for Members, per week (unless stated otherwise)

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, daily

Designed for youth entering grades 1–5, these week-long day camps get kids outdoors, developing a deeper connection with the natural world through fun and educational activities. Campers can choose one week or join us for the entire summer!

Registration closes and all required forms are due two weeks before start of chosen camp. [Visit hawkmountain.org/summercamps](http://hawkmountain.org/summercamps) for more details.

CREATIVE CREATURES

June 15 – 19

Uncover the natural world through art, music, and movement. Slow down to enjoy the process of making art and even learn to use the scraps for projects! Meet live animals to inspire your imagination, and make art and new friends under the shade of Hawk Mountain this summer.

ALL ABOUT ANIMALS

June 22 – 26

Everyone loves animals, right? Join us for the All About Animals camp at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary to take a deep dive into every group of animals – big and small. We will hike through the forest, play games, make crafts, meet live animals and even travel to an offsite location to explore!

ECO ENGINEERS

June 29 – July 2

\$260, \$220 for Members

Welcome to the camp where we ask why and how! This week campers will investigate the wonders of the natural world through experiments and hands-on activities. Live animals and special guest presentations are sure to be a blast.

JUNIOR VETERINARIAN

July 6 – 10

Dreaming of a career as a veterinarian? Your journey starts here! Dive into the world of veterinary science as we learn the ins and outs of animal care, welcome in special guests and put your own skills to the test.

WILD SURVIVORS: MAPS, TRAPS, AND SHELTERS

July 13 – 17

Challenge yourself in the great outdoors! Learn survival skills through hands-on experiences while building new friendships. Discover how humans, plants, and animals survive in the wild, and learn to build a shelter, use a compass, and put your skills to the test.

Summer Nature Camps (cont.)

WILD SURVIVORS: EARTH, WIND, AND FIRE

July 20 – 24

Do you have what it takes to survive in the wild? Unleash your wild side in this hands-on, interactive camp! Learn how to start a fire, understand the blowing wind and how it all ties together on planet earth.

ANIMAL ADVENTURES

July 27 – 31

Calling all creatures great and small! Mammals, birds, fish, insects, reptiles, and amphibians! Hands-on activities, games, and crafts will help us discover the animal kingdom. Get to travel to an offsite location for even more animal discovery and fun.

STREAMS TO SKIES

Aug 3 – 7

Step into the best classroom – the great outdoors! Uncover the life of the wild from the cold-water streams and rivers to the vast blue sky. Get to travel to an offsite location to explore it all. Adventure awaits!



Conservation Field Courses

APPALACHIAN ECOLOGY INSTITUTE

These one- or two-day field-oriented workshops are designed for the amateur or professional naturalist who is interested in learning more about the natural history and ecology of the central Appalachians. Certificates of completion will be provided to all attendees, and no experience is required, other than ability and gear for hiking rocky terrain on Hawk Mountain trails.

Prices vary. Visit hawkmountain.org/AppFieldInstitute for details and registration.

May 23 – Birdwatching for Beginners

June 14 – Appalachian Forest Ecology and Tree Identification

Aug 1 – Dragonfly and Damselfly Identification and Natural History for Beginners

Sept 12-13 – Migration Magic: Enjoying Neotropical Migrant Birds on the Move

PROFESSIONAL LAND STEWARDSHIP SERIES

\$50 per course, or \$130 for all three.

This three-part Professional Land Stewardship Series offers hands-on training in essential land management skills, drawing on Hawk Mountain Sanctuary's decades of real-world conservation experience. Designed for aspiring conservation professionals and landowners alike, each course can be taken individually or as a complete skill-building series.

Visit hawkmountain.org/LandStewardshipSeries for details and registration.

June 6 – Use of Rigging and Mechanical Advantage in Conservation

July 11 – Invasive Plant Management

Sept 12 – Trail and Forest Road Maintenance as Forest Management

INTRODUCTION TO RAPTOR FIELD TECHNIQUES

\$700, \$650 for Members

This four-day workshop builds your skills in raptor field techniques and offers insight on how biologists study birds of prey. Learn new methods or hone existing skills through hands-on learning experiences with raptors, including trapping methods, handling, bird banding, blood sampling, satellite telemetry, and more. Small class sizes ensure individual participation and training as students assist biologists on active research projects. No special training is necessary, and the class is open to the public.

Learn more at hawkmountain.org/RaptorFieldCourse.

Thursday, October 29 – Sunday, November 1

FEB

HOW TO DRAW OWLS

Monday, Feb 16 | 12 – 2 PM

\$40

Join wildlife artist Jack Hobe for a hands-on nature art workshop where you'll learn gesture sketching techniques to capture owls in various poses and angles using photos, videos, and mounted specimens. Participants are required to bring their own pencil and paper as well as a color medium if desired. Registration required.

Education Building ♿

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS: FANTASTIC FOSSILS

Wednesday, Feb 18 | 10 AM – 12 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members, \$10 per additional child

Explore the life that was here in prehistory and learn how different types of fossils are made. Make your own fossils and experience a miniature fossil dig as if you were a paleontologist! Registration required. Limited to 30 participants.

Education Building

COFFEE ART

Saturday, Feb 21 | 11 AM – 2 PM

\$25

Join us for a unique and sweet art experience! Learn from wildlife artist Dave Hughes how to create your very own work of art with coffee as your medium. Also learn how your coffee consumer choices impact conservation and wildlife worldwide. Registration required.

Education Building ♿

YOGA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Sunday, Feb 22 | 9 – 10 AM

\$25

Stretch your wings and soar into a new day with yoga with a view by joining our monthly Yoga on the Mountain session in partnership with local studio Yoga-B-Yoga. No experience necessary. Registration required.

Acopian Center

OWL PROWL

Saturday, Feb 28 | 6 – 8 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members

Join us as we hike the forest of Hawk Mountain looking and listening for owls, and learn helpful tips and tricks to locate owls in the wild. Registration required.

Meet at Visitor Center



MAR

BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS

Tuesday, Mar 3 | 9:30 – 11 AM

\$10, \$5 for Members

Enjoy a morning participating in our Project Feederwatch and learn about long-term trends, behavior, and identification of winter bird species. Meet an avian ambassador and enjoy breakfast refreshments. Registration required.

Visitor Center Feeder Station Window ♿

ITTY BITTY NATURE BUDDIES: SILLY SNAKES

Wednesday, Mar 4 | 10 – 11 AM

\$15, \$10 for Members

Slither on over to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary to learn all about these amazing reptiles. Scales and tales await as we learn all about snakes! This monthly program is designed for children 3-5 years old and may include story read-a-longs, nature activities, animal meet and greets, and a short outdoor walk. Registration required.

Visitor Center

PAPER QUILLED CATS IN A SHADOW BOX

Sunday, Mar 8 | 1 – 3 pm

\$35

Learn the basics of paper quilling and make your own colorful paper quilled artwork in a shadow box ready to display or to gift to a loved one. Registration required.

Education Building ♿

PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, Mar 14 | 12:30 – 3 PM

\$50

Join interdisciplinary artist Lisa Kahn Schnell to learn the basics of printmaking and make your own prints using natural and recycled materials. Explore various types of printing, including collagraphy, intaglio, and non-traditional methods. Open to ages 16 and older; younger artists are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

Education Building 

Winter Artisan Series

MAKING GLASS BEADS

Sunday, Mar 15 | 10 AM – 3 PM

\$110

Instant gratification at 1400F degrees! Learn how to make glass beads on the torch, with tips, tricks, and pointers. Leave with three beads of your own! Registration required.

Education Building 

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS: MARVELOUS MAMMALS

Wednesday, Mar 18 | 10 AM – 12 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members, \$10 per additional child

Take a trip through the animal kingdom to discover what kinds of mammals live in your own backyard! Experience real biofacts from mammals and learn to identify their skulls, furs, and tracks. Registration required.

Education Building

PLAID BASKET WORKSHOP

Saturday, Mar 21 | 11 AM – 3 PM

\$60

Come learn how to create a round basket built on a wooden base using dyed and natural rattan reed. This is an advance beginner basket but all levels of weavers may participate. Students will learn to insert the stakes, twine the base, use start and stop weaving to create the sides, and top it off with a folded rim. Registration required.

Education Building 

PAPER QUILLED EASTER ORNAMENTS WORKSHOP

Sunday, Mar 22 | 1 – 3 pm

\$35

Create colorful Easter ornaments while learning the basics of the art of paper quilling. Registration required.

Education Building 

WIRE TREE WORKSHOP

Saturday, Mar 28 | 11 AM – 3:30 PM

\$80

Hand-shape a stunning wire tree from a bundle of 100 steel wires, then paint and mount it in a base of your choice. Registration required.

Education Building 

YOGA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Sunday, Mar 29 | 9 – 10 AM

\$25

Stretch your wings and soar into a new day with yoga with a view by joining our monthly Yoga on the Mountain session in partnership with local studio Yoga-B-Yoga. No experience necessary. Registration required.

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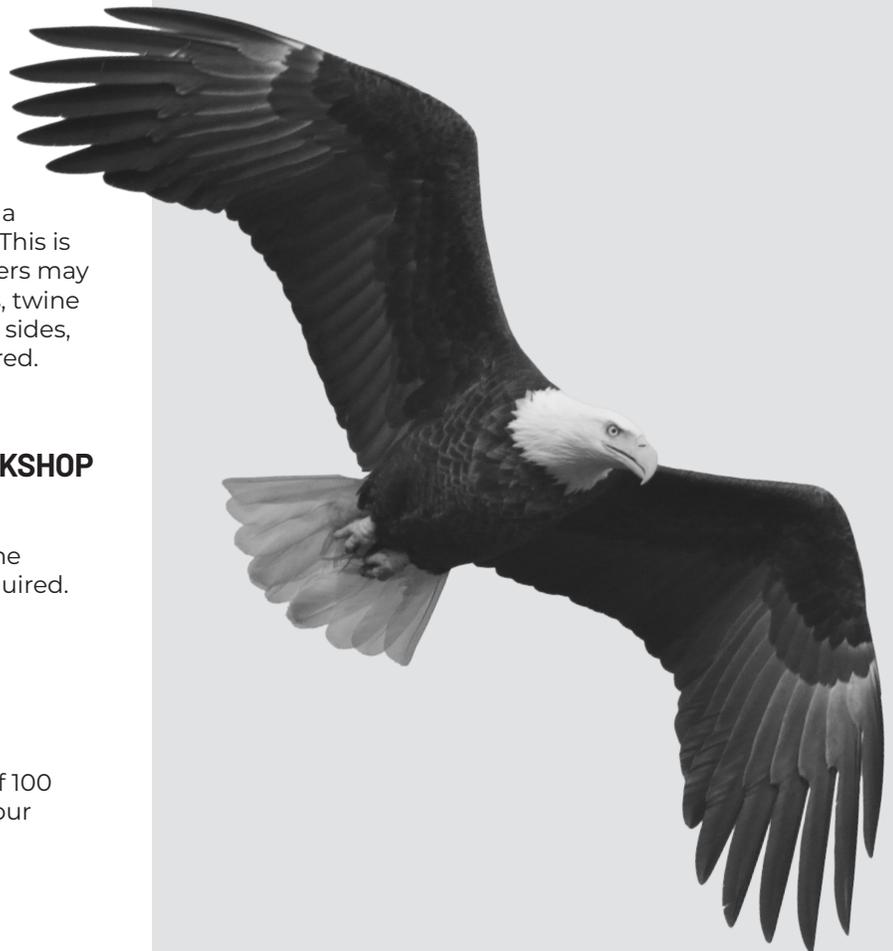
SPRING MIGRATION HAWKWATCH BEGINS

Wednesday, April 1

Trail fee for Non-Members

Join the official counter at North Lookout to watch for returning raptors and other migrants. Count runs through May 15. *Follow daily species tallies at hawkmountain.org/count.*

North Lookout



EDUCATOR WORKSHOP: WILD ABOUT RAPTORS

Thursday, Apr 2 | 9 AM – 4 PM

\$15

Join PA Game Commission and Hawk Mountain educators for an in-depth, educational experience with Pennsylvania birds of prey, covering raptor biology, adaptations, research and monitoring practices, and practicing ID skills. Participants will receive a copy of the award-winning Project WILD K-12 Curriculum & Activity Guide. This workshop is suitable for both formal and non-formal educators and is targeted towards grade levels 3-12. Registration required by Monday, March 30.

Education Building ♿

NO SCHOOL NATURE DAY: BIRDS OF PREY DAY

Thursday, Apr 2 | 10 AM – 12 PM

\$30, \$25 for Members, \$15 per additional child

Enjoy your day off from school at Hawk Mountain, learning about some of the most charismatic animals in the world—birds of prey! We will learn all about these apex predators, take a hike to scan the skies, and meet live raptors up close. Registration required.

Education Building

FULL MOON NIGHT HIKE

Friday, Apr 3 | 7:30 – 9 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members

Take on the night life by joining us for a full moon night hike! We will hike the trails of Hawk Mountain looking and listening for animals that come out in the dark of night. Registration required.

Meet at Visitor Center

SPRING WEEKEND PROGRAMS BEGIN

Saturday, Apr 11

Trail fee applies for Non-Members

Fun and educational weekend programs available Saturdays and Sundays until May 17. The perfect addition to a weekend hike!

See website for details.

HAWK MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE DISCOVERY

Saturday, Apr 11 | 5 – 6 PM

\$20 \$15 for Members

Join Educator Dan Jenkins to view and discuss videos of wildlife that have been captured by Hawk Mountain trail cams and learn about these species' natural history. Registration required.

Visitor Center Gallery

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS: WONDEROUS WATERSHEDS

Wednesday, Apr 15 | 10 AM – 12 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members, \$10 per additional child

Float along as we journey through the path water takes from the sky, to land, to river and back to the ocean as we discover the importance of watersheds and how to protect them. Registration required.

Education Building

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE DAY: BIRD STUDY

Saturday, Apr 18 | 9 AM – 3:30 PM

\$35 per scout

Calling all Boy Scouts! Join us this spring and fully earn your Bird Study Badge by learning from Hawk Mountain educators and exploring the Sanctuary. Registration required.

Visitor Center Gallery

SPRING FLING FAMILY DAY

Saturday, Apr 25 | 1 – 2:30 PM

Trail fee applies for Non-Members

Hop into the start of spring by enjoying a leisurely walk through the forest at Hawk Mountain, searching spring wildflowers and other spring phenomenons. Registration required.

Meet at Visitor Center

YOGA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Sunday, Apr 26 | 9 – 10 AM

\$25

Stretch your wings and soar into a new day with yoga with a view by joining our monthly Yoga on the Mountain session in partnership with local studio Yoga-B-Yoga. No experience necessary. Registration required.

Acopian Center



MAY

GIRL SCOUT MERIT BADGE DAY

Saturday, May 2 | 9 AM – 3:30 PM

\$35 per scout

Brownies and Juniors this one is for you! Brownies will earn their Hiker and Bug Badges while Juniors will be tackling Animal Habitats and Outdoor Explorer Badges. Make new friends and keep the old at Hawk Mountain this spring! Registration required.

Visitor Center Gallery

WARBLER WALK IN THE NATIVE HABITAT GARDEN

Saturday, May 2 | 8 – 11 AM

\$10, \$5 for Members

Take a morning walk through Hawk Mountain's accessible Native Habitat Garden with a naturalist in search of warblers and other migrants. Registration required.

Meet at Visitor Center 

WARBLER WALK AT PINE SWAMP

Sunday, May 3 8 – 11 AM

\$20, \$10 for Members

Take a morning walk with a Hawk Mountain naturalist in pursuit of wood warblers and other migrants in the forests at the base of Hawk Mountain. Registration required.

Pine Swamp

ITTY BITTY NATURE BUDDIES: FANTASTIC FLOWERS

Wednesday, May 6 | 10 – 11 AM

\$15, \$10 for Members

Spring is here! Come learn and grow as we learn all about the wildflowers of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. This monthly program is designed for children 3-5 years old and may include story read-a longs, nature activities, animal meet and greets, and a short outdoor walk. Registration required.

Visitor Center

HAWKWATCHING WITH THE PRESIDENT

Thursday, May 7 | 9 AM – 1 PM

\$20

Depart on a leisurely guided hike to North Lookout with President Sean Grace, then scan the skies for northbound migrating raptors. A bagged lunch will be provided or bring your own. Special food requests cannot be accommodated. Registration required.

Meet in Visitor Center

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BENEFIT FOR THE BIRDS

Friday, May 8 | 6:30 PM

\$200

Enjoy an evening of good food and mingling to benefit the Sanctuary! Visit hawkmountain.org/benefit for details.

Folino Estate Winery 



SONGBIRD MIGRATION STATION

Saturday, May 9 | 8 – 10 AM

\$20, \$15 for Members

Get an up-close look at the research techniques used to study migratory songbirds by spending your morning learning about songbird banding, participating in bird walks, trying your hand at research methods, and learning about the science of migration. Registration required.

Acopian Center

WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY: EVERY BIRD COUNTS - YOUR OBSERVATIONS MATTER

Saturday, May 9 10 AM – 2 PM

Trail fee applies for Non-Members

Participate in guided birding events and visit activity stations highlighting the importance of community science projects in bird conservation.

Begin in Visitor Center 

THE SECRET WORLD OF BATS

Saturday, May 16 | 7 – 8:30 PM

\$15, 10 for Members

Learn the natural history of bats, their environmental impacts, and how you can help local species. Also get to meet live education bats and experience a release of rehabilitated bats into the Sanctuary. Registration required.

Visitor Center Gallery



SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 16 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Sunday, May 17 | 10 AM - 2 PM

Choose from a wide variety of PA native plants perfect for your home landscape and learn about the importance of native plants from our expert volunteers.

Visitor Center Lots ♿

INVASIVE SPECIES AT HAWK MOUNTAIN

Sunday, May 17 | 12 - 2 PM

\$15, 10 for Members

Join Sanctuary Steward Noah Rauch on a walk around the Hawk Mountain grounds and learn ways to identify and manage common invasive plant species in the northeast. Registration required.

Meet in Visitor Center

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS: FASCINATING FORESTRY

Wednesday, May 20 | 10 AM - 12 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members, \$10 per additional child

The leaves are out and so are we! Come discover the trees of Hawk Mountain and learn about ecological succession, products trees help us to create, and how to identify them! Registration required.

Education Building

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS

Friday, May 22 - Monday, May 25

Active service members and veterans receive FREE trail admission or \$15 off a new membership.

Redeem in Visitor Center

MEMORIAL DAY RAPTORS UP CLOSE!

Monday, May 25 | Programs at 10 AM & 2 PM

FREE

Hawk Mountain's signature live raptor program, Raptors Up Close! offers the chance to see live hawks and owls, and to learn what puts these winged predators at the top of nature's food chain. This program guarantees that you will see a live raptor during your visit and is appropriate for visitors of all ages.

Amphitheater ♿

BIRDWATCHING FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday, May 30 | 8 AM - 3 PM

\$100, \$85 for Members & Students

Join Dr. Laurie Goodrich for this beginner-friendly, full-day workshop to learn about essential tools for birdwatching, bird identification, and common species in PA, while exploring Hawk Mountain and contributing to the 3rd PA Bird Atlas. Registration required.

Meet in Visitor Center

YOGA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Sunday, May 31 | 9 - 10 AM

\$25

Stretch your wings and soar into a new day with yoga with a view by joining our monthly Yoga on the Mountain session in partnership with local studio Yoga-B-Yoga. No experience necessary. Registration required.

Acopian Center

JUN

USE OF RIGGING AND MECHANICAL ADVANTAGE IN CONSERVATION

Saturday, June 6 | 9 AM - 4 PM

\$50

Learn practical land stewardship skills from Hawk Mountain's decades of conservation experience in this hands-on course focused on mechanical advantage and simple rigging for conservation tasks, trail work, and land management. Designed for aspiring conservation professionals and landowners, the program shares proven techniques for actively managing landscapes to protect biodiversity. Registration required.

Meeting Location TBD

JUL

HAWK MOUNTAIN ARTS TOUR

Saturday, June 6 | 9 AM - 5 PM

FREE

This self-guided driving tour leads you to a broad mix of artists at home and host studios within a 25-mile radius of the Sanctuary in scenic Albany Township.

See website for details.

VULTURE ENCOUNTER

Friday, June 12 | 10 AM – 12 PM

\$20

Meet a live black vulture, enjoy light snacks, then head to the seminar room for a personal update on findings in the field from our scientists. Registration required.

Acopian Center

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MUSIC ON THE MOUNTAIN: BERKS SINFONIETTA

Saturday, June 13 | 2 – 4 PM

\$25, \$20 for Members

Celebrate spring with a 90-minute performance of classical selections. Dress for the weather, bring optional folding chair. Light refreshments and raptor meet and greet will follow in the Visitor Center. Rain Date is Sunday, June 14. Registration required.

Amphitheater ♿

APPALACHIAN FOREST ECOLOGY AND TREE IDENTIFICATION

Sunday, June 14 | 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

\$100, \$85 for Members & Students

Join this full-day workshop at Hawk Mountain to explore the diversity and ecology of Appalachian trees and shrubs, learning identification and ecological measurement techniques from Dr. Chris Sacchi and Hawk Mountain staff through hands-on field activities. Registration required.

Meet at Visitor Center

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday, June 14

Active service members and veterans receive FREE trail admission or \$15 off a new membership.

Redeem in Visitor Center

LET FREEDOM WING

Friday, July 3 – Sunday, July 5

Wear red, white, and blue apparel or accessories and receive 1/2 off your trail admission. Members who participate are eligible to pick a flag for a prize.

Redeem in Visitor Center

INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

Saturday, July 11 | 9 AM - 4 PM

\$50

This hands-on program covers identification of common invasive plants of the Northeast and proven best management practices for their control. Participants will learn and practice safe and effective manual, mechanical, and chemical methods with a focus on maintaining and enhancing biological diversity.

Meeting Location TBD

MIXER AT THE MEADOW

Thursday, July 23 | 6 PM

Wind down the day with a slow walk (or golf cart ride) to the jaw-dropping Guers Pollinator Meadow, adjacent to the Acopian Center and overlooking Schuylkill County. Learn how we made a meadow, plus the latest on the new Visitor Center. Registration required. Limited to Leadership and Legacy Donors (\$250+ level).

Meet at Acopian Center

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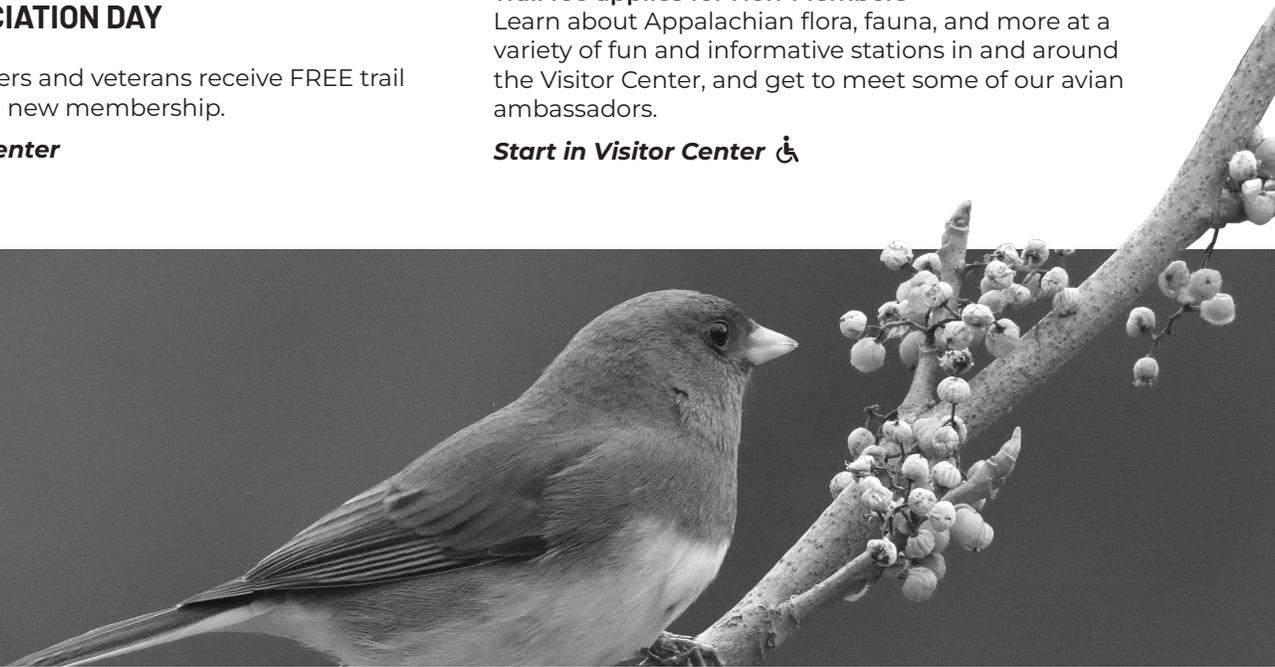
FAMILY FOREST FUN

Saturday, July 25 | 10 AM – 2 PM

Trail fee applies for Non-Members

Learn about Appalachian flora, fauna, and more at a variety of fun and informative stations in and around the Visitor Center, and get to meet some of our avian ambassadors.

Start in Visitor Center ♿



AUG

DRAGONFLY AND DAMSELFLY IDENTIFICATION AND NATURAL HISTORY FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday, Aug 1 | 9 AM – 3 PM

\$100, \$85 for Members & Students

Explore the natural history of dragonflies and damselflies of Berks County in this workshop featuring a morning lecture by Dr. Todd Underwood, followed by hands-on identification at Hawk Mountain's ponds and an afternoon field trip to the Kernsville Dam Recreation Area. Participants will learn life cycles, family-level ID, and capture-and-release techniques while observing a wide diversity of local species. Registration required.

Education Building

BIRDS & BREW

Saturday, Aug 8 | 5 – 8 PM

\$65, \$35 for Designated Drivers (After July 31, increases to \$75, \$40)

An evening of tasting unlimited beer, other libations and snacks all to benefit Hawk Mountain. Ticket includes meal ticket, signature souvenir glass, entertainment, and meet-and-greet with a live raptor. Registration required.

Amphitheater 



AUTUMN MIGRATION HAWKWATCH BEGINS

Saturday, Aug 15

Trail fee for Non-Members

Join the official counters at North Lookout for the longest-running raptor count in the world to watch for returning raptors and other migrants. Count runs through December 15. Follow daily species tallies at hawkmountain.org/count.

North Lookout

Autumn Lecture

MAURICE BROUN AND EARLE POOLE: A FRIENDLY RIVALRY

Thursday, Aug 27 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

FREE

Discover the early history of raptor migration research at Hawk Mountain through the rivalry and eventual friendship between ornithologist Earl L. Poole and the Sanctuary's first curator and hawk counter Maurice Broun. Drawing from journals and historic birding records, Bill Uhrich highlights how their work helped document migration along the Kittatinny Ridge and shaped bird conservation in Berks County.

Visitor Center Gallery



CONSERVATION CELEBRATION: MAURICE BROUN

Saturday, Aug 29 | 10 AM – 1 PM

FREE

Join Hawk Mountain in celebrating the 120th birthday of the Sanctuary's first curator! Learn about his contributions to raptor conservation and more. Browse historical artifacts on display, visit the backyard of Schaumbach's Tavern, the original headquarters and first outdoor classroom, and learn about this remarkable man from HMS staff and volunteers.

Education Building

YOGA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Sunday, Aug 30 | 9 – 10 AM

\$25

Stretch your wings and soar into a new day with yoga with a view by joining our monthly Yoga on the Mountain session in partnership with local studio Yoga-B-Yoga. No experience necessary. Registration required.

Acopian Center

SEPT

ITTY BITTY NATURE BUDDIES: MAGICAL MIGRATORS

Wednesday, Sept 2 | 10 – 11 AM

\$15, \$10 for Members

Look up in the sky, hawks and butterflies are taking flights! Join us on a short hike to our South Lookout to see these migrators in action. This monthly program is designed for children 3-5 years old and may include story read-a-longs, nature activities, animal meet and greets, and a short outdoor walk. Registration required.

Visitor Center



INTERNATIONAL VULTURE AWARENESS DAY PRESENTATION WITH RED CREEK WILDLIFE CENTER

Saturday, Sept 5 | 2 – 3 PM

Trail fee applies for Non-Members

Learn about Pennsylvania's two native vulture species and the unique traits that make them essential to a healthy ecosystem. This engaging presentation features a slideshow and up-close encounters with Red Creek Wildlife Center's resident vultures—nature's flighted clean-up crew!

Amphitheater ♿

AUTUMN WEEKEND PROGRAMS BEGIN

Saturday, Sept 5

Trail fee applies for Non-Members

Fun and educational weekend programs available Saturdays and Sundays until Nov 15. The perfect addition to a weekend hike!

See website for details.

ITTY BITTY NATURE BUDDIES: MAGICAL MIGRATORS

Sunday, Sept 6 | 10 – 11 AM

\$15, \$10 for Members

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Visitor Center

LABOR DAY RAPTORS UP CLOSE!

Monday, Sept 7 | Programs at 10 AM & 2 PM

FREE

Hawk Mountain's signature live raptor program, Raptors Up Close! offers the chance to see live hawks and owls, and to learn what puts these winged predators at the top of nature's food chain. This program guarantees that you will see a live raptor during your visit and is appropriate for visitors of all ages.

Amphitheater ♿

Autumn Lecture

HAWK MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE DISCOVERY

Saturday, Sept 12 | 5 – 6 PM

FREE

Join Educator Dan Jenkins to watch and analyze camera footage of wildlife that has been seen at Hawk Mountain. Learn the natural history of each animal and develop a better appreciation of Pennsylvania wildlife.

Visitor Center Gallery

TRAIL AND FOREST ROAD MAINTENANCE AS FOREST MANAGEMENT

Saturday, Sept 12 | 9 AM – 4 PM

\$50

Designed for aspiring conservation professionals and landowners, this hands-on program builds essential skills through practical training focused on minimizing the impacts of trails and forest access roads on wildlands.

Meeting Location TBD

MIGRATION MAGIC: ENJOYING NEOTROPICAL MIGRANT BIRDS ON THE MOVE

Saturday, Sept 12: 6:30 AM – 3 PM

Sunday, Sept 13: 7 AM – 12 PM

\$200, \$175 for Members & Students

Taught by Dr. Terry Master, this course will focus on migratory birdwatching and species identification throughout different habitats around the Sanctuary, plus a brief introduction to trapping and banding songbirds. Registration required.

Meet at Visitor Center

MUSIC ON THE MOUNTAIN: GABRIEL CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Sunday, Sept 13 | 2 – 3:30 PM

\$25, \$20 for Members

One-hour presentation of classical selections in a beautiful outdoor setting during early migration, followed by light refreshments and raptor meet and greet inside the Visitor Center. Rain cancels. Registration required.

Amphitheater ♿



HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS: JUNIOR HAWK WATCH - BEAUTIFUL BUTEOS

Wednesday, Sept 16 | 10 AM – 12 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members, \$10 per additional child

Soar into what make buteos fantastic long-distance migrators! Hike along with us to our South Lookout as we keep an eye on the skies to find any thermal soaring buteos. Registration required.

Amphitheater

FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday, Sept 19 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Learn from our host of native plant volunteers and choose from over 100 different species of PA native plants for your own home landscape. Get a head start on next spring by planting this fall!

Visitor Center Lots ♿

MONARCH DAY

Saturday, Sept 19 | 10 AM – 3 PM

Trail fee applies for Non-Members

Celebrate peak monarch migration on Monarch Day with expert-led activities and talks on monarch biology, conservation, and how to help declining pollinator populations. Enjoy hands-on microscope exploration, gardening tips, a live monarch tagging demonstration, and learn how to contribute as a citizen scientist.

Amphitheater ♿

NIGHT HIKE

Friday, Sept 25 | 7 – 8:30 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members

Enjoy a fall night up at Hawk Mountain with a guided night hike! Hike the trails of the Sanctuary while keeping an eye and hear out for nocturnal wildlife. Registration required.

Meet at Visitor Center

CUB SCOUT MERIT BADGE DAY: BEARS AND WEBELOS

Saturday, Sept 26 | 9 AM – 3:30 PM

\$35 per scout

Cub Scouts are invited to join us for a day of hiking and learning! Bears will earn the Bear Habitat and Balancing Bears Adventure while Webelos will complete Webelo Walkabout and Math on the Trail Adventures. Registration required.

Visitor Center Gallery



YOGA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Sunday, Sept 27 | 9 – 10 AM

\$25

Stretch your wings and soar into a new day with yoga with a view by joining our monthly Yoga on the Mountain session in partnership with local studio Yoga-B-Yoga. No experience necessary. Registration required.

Acopian Center

VERACRUZ RIVER OF RAPTORS ECO-TOUR 2026

Sunday, Sept 27 – Monday, Oct 5

Join Hawk Mountain Director of Conservation Science, Laurie Goodrich and Pronatura biologists for the trip of a lifetime to view the world's most concentrated raptor migration flyway--Veracruz River of Raptors. Participants will view the migration but also visit key birding sites around central Veracruz Mexico and experience rural culture. **For more information see detailed itinerary and eco-tour schedule at hawkmountain.org/ecotour.**

OCT

ITTY BITTY NATURE BUDDIES: SUPER SPIDERS

Sunday, Oct 4 | 10 – 11 AM

\$15, \$10 for Members

Join us for some web slinging fun! Explore the importance of spiders and make a spider decoration to take home. This monthly program is designed for children 3-5 years old and may include story read-a longs, nature activities, animal meet and greets, and a short outdoor walk. Registration required.

Visitor Center

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Visitor Center

HAWKWATCHING WITH THE PRESIDENT

Friday, Oct 9 | 9 AM – 1 PM

\$20

Depart on a leisurely guided hike to North Lookout with President Sean Grace, then scan the skies for migrating raptors. A bagged lunch will be provided or bring your own. Cannot accommodate special food requests. Registration required.

Meet in Visitor Center

Member
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Autumn Lecture

THE RETURN OF THE OYSTERCATCHER: SAVING BIRDS TO SAVE THE PLANET

Saturday, Oct 10 | 5 – 6 PM

FREE

Join author Scott Weidensaul as he draws from his new book *The Return of the Oystercatcher* to highlight inspiring global success stories in bird conservation. From raptor and seabird recoveries to Indigenous-led habitat protection, he shows how restoring birds offers a powerful roadmap for healing ecosystems and our relationship with the planet.

Amphitheater ♿

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS: JUNIOR HAWK WATCH - FANTASTIC FALCONS

Wednesday, Oct 21 | 10 AM – 12 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members, \$10 per additional child

Speed along the journey of a falcon during fall migration at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. We will learn all about falcons before heading up to our South Lookout to keep an eye on the skies for any super speedy fliers. Registration required.

Amphitheater

MOON GLOW TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Saturday, Oct 24 | 6 – 7:30 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members

Glow sticks and goodies await as we discover the fall forest by the light of a nearly full moon! Join the Education Team for a guided hike to our South Lookout with find some glowing surprises along the way. Costumes encouraged! Suggested for ages 3-6. Registration required.

Amphitheater ♿

YOGA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Sunday, Oct 25 | 9 – 10 AM

\$25

Stretch your wings and soar into a new day with yoga with a view by joining our monthly Yoga on the Mountain session in partnership with local studio Yoga-B-Yoga. No experience necessary. Registration required.

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OWLOWEEN

Sunday, Oct 25 | 1 – 2 PM

\$15

Spend the afternoon with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary owl ambassadors! Learn all about these nocturnal birds of prey while enjoying some light snakes and then dissect a real owl pellet! Registration required.

Education Building ♿

INTRODUCTION TO RAPTOR FIELD TECHNIQUES

Thursday, Oct 29 - Sunday, Nov 1 | 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM daily

\$700, \$650 for Members & Students

This four-day workshop builds your skills in raptor field techniques and offers insight on how biologists study raptors. Learn new methods or hone existing skills with this hands-on training in raptor ID, trapping methods, handling, blood sampling, surveys, telemetry, and more. Must be 18+ to participate. Registration required.

Education Building

*Member
Exclusive*

NOV

ITTY BITTY NATURE BUDDIES: TERRIFIC TREES

Sunday, Nov 1 | 10 – 11 AM

\$15, \$10 for Members

Fall fun awaits at Hawk Mountain! Branch out with us while we explore all about trees. This monthly program is designed for children 3-5 years old and may include story read-a longs, nature activities, animal meet and greets, and a short outdoor walk. Registration required.

Visitor Center

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Visitor Center

EAGLE DAY

Saturday, Nov 7 | 10 AM – 3 PM, Programs at 12 PM & 2 PM

Trail fee applies for Non-Members

Come see a LIVE eagle; this is the only day you'll be guaranteed to see one up close! Also get to learn about HMS's long-term eagle migration counts, eagle migration, identification, nesting and feeding habits, and reasons behind the phenomenal increase in bald eagle populations over the past thirty years.

Amphitheater ♿

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS

Wednesday, Nov 11 – Sunday, Nov 15

Active service members and veterans receive FREE trail admission or \$15 off a new membership.

Redeem in Visitor Center

Autumn Lecture

ORNITHERAPY & FOREST BATHING: NATURAL PATHWAYS TO WELLBEING OF MIND+BODY+SPIRIT

Saturday, Nov 14 | 5 – 6 PM

FREE

Join renowned birder and author Holly Merker in an exploration of how nature-based practices like Forest Bathing and Ornithery support physical and emotional wellbeing, drawing on both ancient wisdom and modern research. Learn how these approaches work and discover simple ways to incorporate nature into your self-care routine at places like Hawk Mountain Sanctuary.

Visitor Center Gallery

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE DAY: FORESTRY

Saturday, Nov 14 | 9 AM – 3:30 PM

\$35 per scout

Enjoy the fall colors and meet other scouts this autumn! By day's end, participants will complete all requirements for their Forestry Badge. Registration required.

Visitor Center Gallery

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS: WACKY SCIENCE

Wednesday, Nov 18 | 10 AM – 12 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members, \$10 per additional child

Join us for some hands-on wacky and fun science experiments that you can replicate at home. Together we will work our way through the scientific method and make some keen observations. Registration required.

Education Building

YOGA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Sunday, Nov 22 | 9 – 10 AM

\$25

Stretch your wings and soar into a new day with yoga with a view by joining our monthly Yoga on the Mountain session in partnership with local studio Yoga-B-Yoga. No experience necessary. Registration required.

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TRAIL CLOSINGS DUE TO DEER HUNTING

ALL Sanctuary trails are closed on the following dates for visitor safety during the rifle hunting season:

Saturday, Nov 28

Sunday, Nov 29

Saturday, Dec 5

Sunday, Dec 6

Saturday, Dec 12



All trails EXCEPT for the main Lookout Trail are closed on the following dates:

Monday, Nov 30 – Friday, Dec 4

Monday, Dec 7 – Friday, Dec 11

DEC



ITTY BITTY NATURE BUDDIES: FEATHERY FRIENDS

Wednesday, Dec 2 | 10 – 11 AM

\$15, \$10 for Members

Don't let winter ruffle your feathers! Investigate feathers of all shapes and sizes and meet one of Hawk Mountains feathered ambassadors while we stay cozy indoors. This monthly program is designed for children 3-5 years old and may include story read-a longs, nature activities, animal meet and greets, and a short outdoor walk. Registration required.

Visitor Center

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Sunday, Dec 6 | 10 – 11 AM

\$15, \$10 for Members

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Visitor Center

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS: WILDLIFE REHABILITATION

Wednesday, Dec 16 | 10 AM – 12 PM

\$20, \$15 for Members, \$10 per additional child

When wildlife get sick or injured, wildlife rehabilitators are there to help! Learn what it takes to become a wildlife rehabilitator, while also discovering what other options there are for animals that can no longer survive in the wild. Registration required.

Education Building

YOGA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Sunday, Dec 20 | 9 – 10 AM

\$25

Stretch your wings and soar into a new day with yoga with a view by joining our monthly Yoga on the Mountain session in partnership with local studio Yoga-B-Yoga. No experience necessary. Registration required.

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RED CROSS ADULT AND PEDIATRIC FIRST AID/ CPR/AED COURSE

Saturday, Jan 16 | 9 AM – 5 PM

\$100

This course incorporates the latest science and teaches students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies to help victims of any age. Students who successfully complete this course will receive a certificate valid for two years. Registration required.

Education Building

RED CROSS WILDERNESS AND REMOTE FIRST AID

Saturday, Feb 20 – Sunday, Feb 21 | 9 AM – 5 PM, daily

\$200

Designed for scouts and scout leaders, outdoor enthusiasts, and anyone who works or spends time in remote environments, this course teaches advanced skills to be used in emergencies when help from professional first responders may be far away. Must be at least 14 years old and hold current adult CPR/AED certification. Participants will receive a 2 year certification. Registration required.

Education Building



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Funding for Hawk Mountain is supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



Benefit for the Birds

Friday, May 8 | 6:30 PM | \$200

Join Hawk Mountain staff and community at Folino Estate Winery to celebrate and enjoy good food, drinks, music, and mingling all to benefit the Sanctuary and kick off the 2026 Spring fundraising campaign. Also get to enjoy a brief presentation about our expanding farmland raptors research.

Visit hawkmountain.org/benefit for more details and to purchase your ticket. Interested in sponsoring or donating to the event? Contact Benefit coordinator Tammy Jandrasitz-Bodey at jandrasitz@hawkmountain.org.



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LEADERSHIP DONOR EVENTS

Supporters at \$250 or higher and Rosalie Edge Society members receive exclusive invites to the following events.

To learn more, contact Mary Linkevich at 610-756-6000 x212 or linkevich@hawkmountain.org.

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Saturday, May 23 | 11 AM

Sunday, Sept 13 | 11 AM

Meet the Hawk Mountain president and leadership staff while you mix and mingle with fellow legacy and leadership donors. Enjoy complimentary brunch and an update from the president followed by a presentation on one of our ongoing conservation programs.



PROFESSIONAL LAND STEWARDSHIP SERIES

This three-part Professional Land Stewardship Series provides hands-on, practical training in essential land management skills, informed by Hawk Mountain Sanctuary's decades of real-world conservation and stewardship experience. Designed for aspiring conservation professionals, landowners, and land managers, the series emphasizes applied techniques that support healthy, resilient landscapes. Each course may be taken individually or combined as a comprehensive skill-building experience tailored to a range of experience levels.

June 6 – Use of Rigging and Mechanical Advantage in Conservation

July 11 – Invasive Plant Management

Sept 12 – Trail and Forest Road Maintenance as Forest Management

\$50 per course, or \$130 for all three

Visit hawkmountain.org/LandStewardshipSeries for details and registration.

Saturday, August 8 | 5 – 8 PM

If purchased by July 31:
\$65 for those tasting | \$35 for those not tasting

If purchased after July 31:
\$75 for those tasting | \$40 for those not tasting

Come spend a late summer evening on the Mountain in support of Hawk Mountain and to celebrate the beginning of another autumn migration season! Enjoy unlimited tastings of beers, ciders, seltzers, wines, and more, along with live music and a delicious buffet dinner.

Details and registration can be found at hawkmountain.org/birdsandbrew.



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SUMMER NATURE CAMPS

Join us for one or all of Hawk Mountain's Summer Nature Camps, designed for youth entering grades 1-6.

Each day will be spent outside developing a deeper connection with the natural world through fun and educational activities.

Camps run daily and cost \$325, \$275 for Mountain Members, except for select weeks. Joining us for 2 weeks of camp or more? Receive a \$25 off promo code to be used towards 1 week of camp; contact us for details. Space is limited so make your selection today!

VISIT HAWKMOUNTAIN.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS FOR MORE INFO.

See you at camp!

