



Elachee Nature Science Center

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Calendar of Events

Spring
2008

Ongoing Programs

Now in the museum!

Admission (includes museum & live animal exhibits): Adults \$5; Ages 2-12 \$3; Members, Free.

Waters of Time - The Chicopee Woods Story. Follow Walnut Creek as you visit previous eras and inhabitants of Chicopee Woods. View two authentic fossilized mosasaur skeletons and learn how cultures lived through actual artifacts, dioramas, & hands-on activities.

Searching for Spaceship Earth. Take a "voyage" to outer space in our astronomy hall filled with displays and interactive activities to acquaint you with our solar system, planet earth, and beyond. Keep up to date with the latest earth and astronomy discoveries through ViewSpace, a continually updating video display from NASA's Space Science Telescope Institute including amazing views from the Hubble Space Telescope of earth, other planets, and celestial bodies.

Interpretive Chicopee Woods Animal and Botanical Displays. Learn more about the native plants and animals that reside in the Chicopee Woods through our live animal displays of amphibians, reptiles and hawks, interactive habitat kiosk, touch tables, and invasive plant displays.

Neotropical Migratory Birds. Learn about migratory birds that visit our area in this exhibition from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Explore their travels, habitats and survival.

Discover Nature Packs. (Paquete de Naturaleza también en español)

Check out a backpack with investigative gear, nature guides, & fun learning activities about animals, plants or GPS to help you explore the woods. Also available in Spanish. Free to check out in the lobby.

First Saturday Hikes.

February 2nd, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, December 6th; 10–11:30 am.

Enjoy the beauty of the Chicopee Woods Preserve on a naturalist guided hike. Great for families, scout groups, and others. Program Fee: Adults, \$5; Ages 2-12, \$3; Under age 2 and Elachee members free.

Trail Crew Work Days.

Saturdays. 10am-3pm. January 5th, February 2nd, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 12th, August 2nd, September 15th, October 11th, November 1st, December 6th. Help maintain the beautiful trails of the preserve. Bring work gloves and sack lunch. Training, tools and snack provided. Call for location and to sign up. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Georgia Mountains Archaeology Society.

1st Saturday of every month, 10am-3pm. February 2nd, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, December 6th.

History enthusiasts can join members of the archaeology club for their monthly meeting to do field studies and categorize artifacts. Free. Membership fee to join club. Those under age 18 need to be accompanied by an adult. Call to confirm date and location.

Stars Over Elachee Telescope Programs at Chicopee Lake.

Fridays/Saturdays at dusk - February 16th, 5:30-7:30; March 15th, 7:00-9:00pm; April 11th & 12th, 7:30-9:30; May 9th & 10th, 7:45-9:45pm.

Learn to use a telescope & star chart to view planets, stars, & constellations in the night sky. Suggested for ages 8 & above. Pre-registration required & space is limited. Call to register and reserve one of our telescopes. Bring a flashlight and pencil. Program fee: Adults, \$10; Children 2-12, \$5; Members free.

1st Wednesday Home School Programs.

1st Wednesday of every month. January through May, 2008; 1:30-3:30 pm.

Investigate a science topic each month in these 2-hour classes designed specially for home school students. Pre-registration required. 5-Session Semester Program Fee: Students: \$40, Adults: \$20.

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Special Events

Adopt-A-Stream Family Workshop Day at Elachee.

Saturday, February 9th, 10am-1pm.

Learn about the wide variety of insects that live in our streams, ponds, and lakes. This family workshop shows how macro-invertebrates are identified and monitored for determining the health of the water. Discover what makes a healthy stream and how GA Adopt-A-Stream works to accomplish this throughout the state. Trainees under age 18 are welcome when accompanied by an adult. Program fee: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children ages 2-12. Children under 2 and Elachee members free. Registration required. Call to pre-register.

Members Only Programs - Free.

Our Elachee members can get a unique experience to investigate nature with the assistance of our expert staff in these special programs offered once each quarter.

Wednesday, February 20th, 7-10pm. Astronomy - Use one of our telescopes to view the moon's total eclipse, stars & planets with the assistance of our staff astronomer.

Saturday, April 26th, 9am-12noon. Spring Wildflowers - Investigate wildflowers in the Preserve and then stop by our plant sale to pick up some wildflowers for your garden.

Saturday, June 21st, 9 am -12 noon. Stream Ecology - Explore critters that inhabit local streams and how to keep their water environment healthy.

Saturday, October 11th, 8-11am. Birds - Learn about the beautiful varieties of birds that inhabit and migrate through our local area.

Globe at Night 2008. February 25th - March 8th.

Elachee Kick-off Program. Saturday, February 23rd, 7-8:30pm. Join thousands of students and families around the globe counting the stars visible in your backyard. Take part in this international event to observe the nighttime sky and learn more about light pollution. If you are interested in participating, check out Elachee's website for instructions or join our astronomer at the information session listed above.

Adopt-A-Stream Training at Elachee.

Friday, February 15th, 6-10 pm, and Saturday, February 16th, 9 am-4 pm.

Friday, June 13th, 6-10pm and Saturday, June 14th, 9am-4pm.

Join us for an intensive 1.5-day workshop that will train you to effectively and accurately monitor streams. Learn to delineate your watershed, chemically analyze streams, and accurately identify macro invertebrates. Upon completion you'll be certified by GA Adopt-A-Stream, the state's leading citizen science stream monitoring organization. Trainees under age 18 are welcome when accompanied by an adult. Program Fee: \$5. Call to pre-register.

Weed Warriors Training and Control Project, Saturday, March 8th, 10am – 3pm. Join us to learn about exotic invasive plants and work to help us control these pesky weeds in the Nature Preserve. Attend the workshop and then apply your knowledge in the field. Lunch provided. Pre-registration required. Call or email preserve@elachee.org to register.

Backyard Conservation Workshops.

Saturdays, 10am-12noon; March 22nd, April 12th, May 10th.

Compost, 10-11am; Rain & Water Collection, 11am-noon.

Learn the rudiments of composting, a natural way to dispose of leaves and other yard materials while building rich soil for the garden. Then explore ways to capture and store rain and storm water with barrels and cisterns to reuse in a variety of ways including the creation of a rain garden. Funded by a grant from the City of Gainesville, these workshops free to local residents. Call to pre-register.

Special Events (continued)**Elachee's Pre-order Spring Plant Sale. March 24th - April 11th. Plant list available March 24th.**

Pre-order high quality drought resistant varieties of wildflowers, perennials, native azaleas, and woody shrubs that attract butterflies, birds and wildlife. Order by April 11th for pickup on Friday, April, 25th 10am-2pm or Saturday, April 26th 12noon - 2pm at Elachee. Call to receive a list and order form.

Earth Day at Elachee**Saturday, April 19th, 10am – 2pm.**

Celebrate our planet and its wonders with a live raptor show, outdoor exploration, activities, demonstrations, and fun! Learn about our natural world and how to keep it healthy! Participate in guided hikes, geocaching, recycled crafts and exploring our natural world through live animal and nature discovery programs. Admission: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children ages 2-12. Children under 2 and Elachee members free.

Spring Break Camp.**Monday, April 7th - Friday, April 11th, 9 am-2 pm.**

Children in grades K-5th enjoy outdoor fun, games, and crafts while learning about spring in the woods from our experienced staff. Extended care available. Pre-registration required. Call for details and to register.

Elachee's Morning Bird Hikes.**Monday, April 21st - Friday, April 25th, 8:00-11:00am.**

Join expert birders for one or all of these easy 2-3 hour bird hikes as we visit the best birding habitats of Hall County in search of warblers, tanagers, and other beautiful songbirds. Friday's special cruise on Lake Lanier offers a chance to see herons, ducks, sandpipers and Bald Eagles. Fee range: \$5-\$15 per day. Exact times and fees vary with program. Call for details and to register.

Flights of Fancy Benefit Auction.**Friday, May 9th, 6-9 pm. (Please note date change from previous listings)**

Enjoy a casual evening featuring wine, hors d'oeuvres, jazz music and an auction of "flighty" garden items, bird houses, and unique yard art created by local artists, notables and Elachee friends. Proceeds benefit Elachee's education programs for children and conservation efforts in the Preserve. Tickets \$30 per person in advance. Call 770/535-1976 for reservations.

Camp Elachee Preview.**Saturday, May 24th, 11am – 2pm.**

Join us for fun and the opportunity to tour our facility, meet our staff, and sample camp activities like hiking, crafts, and games. Other events for the day include face painting and a live animal program. You can even register while you're here! Free.

Camp Elachee 2006. Weekly sessions throughout the summer.**May 27th - August 1st, Monday - Friday, 9am–2pm. Extended care from 8- 9am and/or 2- 5:30pm.**

Pre-K, elementary, and middle school youngsters experience a hands-on nature and science-oriented program in a woodland setting. Fun activities include hiking, creek exploration, games, songs, crafts, and special programs relating to the theme of the week. Pre-registration required. Register by mail, phone or online. Call to verify availability.

Times and fees subject to change - please call to verify.

Regular museum hours: Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. Admission: Adults \$5, children 2-12 \$3, Members free.

Hiking Trails open Sunday-Saturday, 8am-Dusk. Free. Donations Welcome.