



Elachee Nature Science Center

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Calendar of Events

Winter/Spring
2007

Ongoing Programs

Now in the museum!

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. Admission: Adults \$3; Ages 2-12 \$2; Members, Free.

Searching for Spaceship Earth. Take a voyage to outer space in our astronomy hall filled with an array of displays to acquaint you with our solar system, planet earth, and beyond. Discover how much you weigh on other planets, make a rubbing of star constellations, and watch an astronomy video. Children will enjoy the moonscape, hands-on activities and special reading area. Admission: Adults \$3; Ages 2-12 \$2; Members, Free.

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

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

First Saturday Hikes.

February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st; 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, \$3; Ages 2-12, \$2; Under age 2 and Elachee members free.

Trail Work Party.

Saturdays, 10am-3pm; January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, July 7th, August 4th, September 15th, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st. Also National Trails Day at Elachee, June 2nd, 9am-1pm.

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. January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st.

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.

1st Wednesday Home School Programs.

1st Wednesday of every month. September 6th, 2006 through May 2nd, 2007; 1:30-3:30 pm.

Learn about a different science topic each month in these 2-hour sessions designed specially for home school students. Pre-registration required. Program Fee: Students, \$9; Adults, \$5.

Stars Over Elachee Telescope Programs at Chicopee Lake.

Friday, January 26th, 5:30-7:30, Friday, February 23rd, 6-8pm, Friday, March 23rd 7:30-9:30pm, Saturday, April 21st 7:45-9:45, Saturday, May 19th, 8-10pm.

Learn to use a telescope and star chart to see planets, stars, and constellations in the night sky. Suggested for ages 8 and above. Pre-registration required and 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.

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Special Events

Compost and Rain Garden Workshops.

Saturdays: January 20th, March 10th; Compost, 10-11am; Rain Garden, 11am-noon.

Thursdays: February 1st, February 15th, March 29th, April 12th, April 26th; Compost 3-4pm, Rain Garden 4-5pm.

Learn how to use leaves to build rich soil and/or catch and release rainwater to create a beautiful garden that prevents erosion in your yard. Sponsored by the City of Gainesville. Free to local residents. Call to pre-register.

Adopt-A-Stream Training at Elachee, Friday, February 16th, 6-10 pm, and Saturday, February 17th, 9 am-4 pm. Also Friday, June 15th, 6-10pm and Saturday, June 16th, 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.

Shadows In Space at Chicopee Lake.

Saturday, March 3rd, 6-8pm.

Learn about lunar and solar eclipses and the phases of the moon. Then watch the total eclipse of the moon and view Venus, Saturn and stars with a telescope and assistance from the North Georgia Astronomers' Club. Call to register. Adults \$3; Ages 2-12, \$2; Members and under age 2, Free.

Elachee's Pre-order Spring Plant Sale. March 5th-30th. Plant list, order form available March 5th.

Pre-order high quality perennials, native azaleas, woody shrubs and plants that attract butterflies, birds and wildlife. Order by March 30th for pickup on Friday, April 13th 10am-5pm or Saturday, April 14th 10am-Noon at Elachee. Call to receive a list and order form.

Spring Break Camp.

Monday, April 2nd - Friday, April 6th, 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.

North Georgia Spring Bird Festival - Neotropical Migratory Birds

April 16th - August 18th, Monday - Saturday, 10am-5pm.

Learn about migratory birds that visit our area in this exhibition from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Explore how they get here, why they are declining and what you can do to help. Admission (includes museum and live animal exhibit): Adults, \$3; Children 2-12, \$2; Under 2 & Elachee members free.

Earth Day at Elachee

Saturday, April 21st, 10am - 1pm.

Celebrate our planet and its wonders with outdoor exploration, activities, and fun. Participate in guided hikes, geocaching, crafts and learning about our natural world. Admission: \$3 Adults, \$2 Children ages 2-12. Children under 2 and Elachee members free.

Flights of Fancy Benefit Auction.

Friday, May 4th, 6-9 PM.

Come to the beautiful Chicopee Lake Aquatic Studies Center for a casual evening featuring wine, hors d'oeuvres, jazz music and a unique silent auction of "flighty" garden items, bird houses, and yard art created by local artists, notables and Elachee friends. Proceeds benefit Elachee's education programs for children. Tickets \$30 per person in advance. Call 770/535-1976 for reservations.

Special Events (continued)

North Georgia Spring Bird Festival - Paintings of Richard Parks.

May 1st - 31st, Monday - Saturday, 10am-5pm.

Appreciate beautiful birds through the eyes of Richard Parks, Georgia's acclaimed bird artist, as we host a selection of his original paintings of native birds. Admission (includes museum and live animal exhibit): Adults, \$3; Children 2-12, \$2; Under 2 & Elachee members free.

North Georgia Spring Bird Festival - Morning Bird Hikes.

Monday, May 7th - Friday, May 11th. 8-11am.

Join expert birders for a day or all week 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.

North Georgia Spring Bird Festival - Elachee's Family Bird Fest at Chicopee Lake.

Saturday, May 12th, 9am-1pm.

Investigate the beauty and wonder of nature's flying species through guided bird hikes, mini-workshops, crafts, and a live raptor show. Program fee: Adults \$3, Children ages 2-12 \$2, Children under 2 and Elachee members free.

Camp Elachee Preview.

Saturday, May 26th, 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 29th-August 3rd, 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 \$3, children 2-12 \$2, Members free.

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