



Elachee Nature Science Center

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Calendar of Events

Winter/Spring
2009

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.

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. 10–11:30 am.

February 7th - Winter Ecology. March 7th - Early Spring Wildflowers, April 4th - Spring Migration, May 2nd - Medicinal Plants, June 6th - Stream Animals.

Explore native plants and animals of Chicopee Woods on a naturalist guided hike. Great for families, scouts, 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 10th, February 7th, March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 11th, August 1st, September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th. 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.

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: \$50, Adults: \$25.

Stars Over Elachee Telescope Programs at Chicopee Lake.

Fridays/Saturdays at dusk - Saturday, February 28th, 6-8pm; Friday, April 3rd & Saturday, April 4th, 7:30-9:30; Friday, May 1st & Saturday, May 2nd, 8-10pm.

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.

Members Only Program - Astronomy.

Saturday, January 31st, 5:30-7:30pm. - Our Elachee members can take advantage of this opportunity to investigate the night sky using one of our telescopes to view stars, constellations and planets with the assistance of our staff astronomer.

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Special Events

Backyard Conservation Workshops.

Saturday, March 21st, 10am-12noon.

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.

Adopt-A-Stream Training at Elachee.

Friday, March 27th, 6-10 pm, and Saturday, March 28th, 9 am-4 pm.

Friday, June 19th, 6-10pm and Saturday, June 20th, 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.

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

Museum Center Winter Seasonal hours effective December 1st.

Please check our website home page for specific hours.

Admission: Adults \$5, children 2-12 \$3, Members free.

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