



# Elachee Nature Science Center

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Calendar of Events

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. See 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)

Borrow 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.

### Elachee Trail Crew Work Days.

**Saturdays. 10am-3pm. January 10th, February 7th, March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 11th, August 1st (9am-noon), 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.

### 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.

### Backyard Conservation Workshops.

**Saturdays, 10am-12noon; March 7th, March 21st, April 4th.**

**Compost: 10-11am; Rain Garden/Rainwater Collection: 11am-noon.**

Learn the basics of composting, rain garden design and rain barrel construction. Explore composting, a natural way to dispose of leaves and other yard materials while building rich soil for your garden. Then investigate rain garden creation and rain barrel construction to capture, store and reuse rainwater around your home. These workshops are made possible by a grant from the City of Gainesville and are free to local residents, but pre-registration is required. Call or email [elachee@elachee.org](mailto:elachee@elachee.org) to register.

## Special Events

### **Elachee's Pre-order Spring Plant Sale. March 16th - April 3rd.**

Pre-order high quality, drought resistant native plants that attract butterflies, birds and wildlife to your yard. This spring's selections include perennials, grasses, ferns, shrubs and azaleas. Order by April 3rd for pick up on Wednesday, April 22nd 12noon-4pm or Thursday, April 23rd 4-7pm at Elachee. Call to receive a list and order form or download from [www.elachee.org](http://www.elachee.org).

### **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.

### **Spring Discovery Camp.**

**Monday, April 6th - Friday, April 10th, 9 am-2 pm.**

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

### **Elachee's Weed Warrior Workshop.**

**Thursday, April 16th, 1-4pm.**

Learn to identify exotic invasive plants in your landscape and then investigate removal and control techniques for different species. Classroom portion will be followed by a short trip to the field to aid in invasive identification. Participants should bring work gloves. Free but pre-registration is required and those participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. To register call 770-535-1976 or email [judith@elachee.org](mailto:judith@elachee.org).

### **Earth Day at Elachee**

**Saturday, April 25th, 9am - 3pm.**

Celebrate our planet with a morning of service in Chicopee Woods and afternoon of nature exploration. Join our natural resource staff from 9am-noon on Preserve beautification and maintenance projects. Bring a picnic lunch for 12-1pm and from 1-3pm enjoy wildlife activities including bird and wildflower hikes and live animal programs. Pre-registration is required - Call or email [elachee@elachee.org](mailto:elachee@elachee.org). All activities are free for those participating in the morning service projects. Program Fee for those not participating in the morning events: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children ages 2-12. Free under 2 & Elachee members.

### **Flights of Fancy Benefit Auction.**

**Friday, May 1st, 6-9 pm.**

Join fans of winged wildlife and Elachee supporters for a casual evening featuring beverage bar, light dinner fare, live jazz and an auction of truly unique yard art, garden sculptures, and hand decorated bird houses and feeders created by local artists, notables and Elachee friends. Proceeds benefit Elachee's education programs for children and conservation efforts in the preserve. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance. Call 770/535-1976 for reservations.

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## Special Events (continued)

### **Camp Elachee Preview.**

**Saturday, May 23rd, 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. You can even register while you're here! Free.

### **Camp Elachee 2009. Weekly sessions throughout the summer.**

**May 26th - August 7th, 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. Themes include animals, bugs, reptiles, water, energy, astronomy and more. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Register by mail, phone or online. Call to verify availability.

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

Seasonal museum hours: Please check our website. Admission: Adults \$5, children 2-12 \$3, Members free.

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