

CALENDAR OF WEEKEND EVENTS

All paid programs include admission to indoor exhibits and Animal Museum.
Pre-payment is required to reserve a place.

JULY

- 10 SAT 5:30 PM – 11 SUN 8:30 AM – MEMBER'S FAMILY CAMP-OUT** – Enjoy a night of nature on the grounds of the Nature Center as we host a family camp-out. You supply your tent and sleeping bag, we'll supply the nature. Join us for an informal barbecue, then explore our moonlit trails with a GNC naturalist in search of owls and other night creatures. Camp-out limited to ten families. Reservations required. First come, first served. Each tent must include a minimum of one adult. Fee: \$20 per person.
- 11 SUN 2:00 PM - WATER OLYMPICS!** – Cool, refreshing and fun...we all love water in the summer, but how much do we know about it? Join Brittany Burgio, Assistant Curator of Living Collections, in a series of fun, interactive experiments and discover more about water and all the amazing things you can do with it. Then stay for a water balloon toss! Recommended for children 6+. Members-\$2, Non-members-\$6 per person.
- 18 SUN 2:00 PM - STORYWALK** – Reading and nature walks...two of our favorite things. Join us for StoryWalk, an innovative program that combines the two. GNC Senior Naturalist John Mancuso will lead you along our woodland trail, and you'll have an opportunity to enjoy a favorite children's storybook along the way. Come see what it's all about. Recommended for children aged 8 and younger. Free. Sponsored by California Pizza Kitchen.
- 24 SAT 2:00 PM - SCIENTIST AT WORK** – It's shocking, it's sensational, it's stupendous – it's science at work. Come assist the Mad Scientist (a.k.a. Curator of Living Collections Travis Brady) in performing wacky experiments, and discover some of the weirder wonders of science. You are guaranteed a good slime. Recommended for ages 6+. Members-\$2, Non-members-\$8 per person.
- 31 SAT 2:30 PM - FLIGHTS OF FANCY** – Butterflies seem to delight everyone. Come walk among the butterflies in our new indoor Butterfly Exhibit and have an informal chat with Travis Brady, Curator of Living Collections, who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about these "flying flowers." Included with Museum admission.

AUGUST

- 7 SAT 10:30 AM – THE LAZY, HAZY PUPPET DAYS OF SUMMER** – Come move, dance and sing with Jill Liflander and her puppet pals! Meet a friendly snuggly cozy bear, dance in a dream with a magical fish, sing 'tra-la-la' with beautiful birdies and lots more! Jilly's puppets are so excited to meet you!!! The program will be held at our outdoor stage area or under our outdoor tent, if it's raining. Recommended for ages 2-7. Members-\$2, Non-members-\$6.
- 14 SAT 10:30 AM - HOW EASY CAN IT BE? COMPOSTING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY** – There's gold in those leaves, grass clippings, weeds and kitchen scraps! Come discover the magic of compost with Environmental Projects Coordinator Anne Jaffe Holmes, and learn how easy it can be to turn your yard and food wastes into valuable fertilizer for your garden. Members-free, Non-members-\$6 per person. (A limited number of Earth Machine backyard composters will be available for sale for \$65. Order yours in advance by calling Anne at 813-1812.)
- 22 SUN 2:00 PM – BOLD, BEAUTIFUL, BREATHTAKING BUTTERFLIES** – From chrysalis to butterfly, come learn all about butterflies and what makes them fascinating and important to our world. Join Brittany Burgio, Assistant Curator of Living Collections, amid the live butterflies in our greenhouse, for a tour through the life of a butterfly. Stay and make your own beautiful butterfly craft! Recommended for children 8 and younger. Members-\$2, Non-members \$6 per person.
- 28 SAT 2:00 PM – FEEDING FUN** – Come visit the live animal museum to see what the Center's critters consider to be a gourmet meal. Included with Museum admission.

SEPTEMBER

- 5 SUN 11:30 AM – GNC HIGHLIGHTS TOUR** – Take a guided tour of the gardens and grounds, and learn about the treasures on the Nature Center's 33 acres. Trail maps provided. Free.
- 11 SAT 4:00 PM – HONEY HARVEST PARTY, PART I** – In preparation for Sunday's demonstration, GNC Beekeeper H. Peet Foster will be opening and harvesting the honey from our beehives at our apiary on the Great Lawn, and welcomes help from interested public. Free.
- 12 SUN 2:00 PM - GRAPE PICKING AND HONEY HARVEST PARTY** – It's the season to reap the harvest of GNC's vines and hives. With Senior Naturalist Dean Fausel as your guide, you'll have a chance to pick grapes in our "demonstration" grape arbor and then help make grape juice using a hand-operated press. The harvest from our hives will be extracted by GNC Beekeeper H. Peet Foster, indoors and away from our active outdoor beehives. There will be a free tasting of a variety of grape and honey-based treats, and fresh-from-the-hive honey will be available for purchase. Members-\$3. Non-members-\$7.
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- 26 SUN 2:00 PM –FAMILY-FRIENDLY GEOCACHING** – A combination of hide and seek and treasure hunting, geocaching has become an international pastime. We invite you to participate in a family-friendly version of geocaching on the grounds of the Nature Center. We'll give you the "coordinate locations" on our 33 acres, and then you're off to do modern day treasure hunting. Geocaching is not a game of finders-keepers; the goal is to find the object and then put it back so that another geocacher can find it. Join us for this fun activity. Best for ages 5 and up. Members free. Non-members \$10 per family.