

# Greenburgh Nature Center

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## Mission

Our mission is to educate and to promote conservation, research, and appreciation of nature and the environment while preserving the natural and historic character of our property.

## Vision

The Greenburgh Nature Center will be the leader in nature and environmental education, igniting a lasting desire to preserve and protect the natural world.

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## Green Tip of the Month

### SWITCH TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

Solar, wind, and geothermal power are renewable, sustainable, safe and CLEAN (no CO2 emissions!)

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## Our Supporters



## → Our Valentine to You

This Valentine's Day, we take stock of the generous support we receive from our membership family and the love and care our members demonstrate for their relationship with our property and our animal collection. Your support helps us do many things. Last month, a GNC high school volunteer, working with our Animal Collections staff, had the rewarding pleasure of releasing a red-tailed hawk back into the wild. The bird had flown into a window and needed a few days of medical attention, proper nourishment and rest before returning to the daily challenges of finding food and surviving in our winter climate. Look carefully at the accompanying photo, taken just at the moment of release. It shows a heart shape among the feathers!



## → The Way of Water

With the recent snow storms, we've all become more tuned into precipitation and how it can affect our daily lives. But what do you really know about watersheds and the role



watersheds play in environmental protection? On February 6th, we'll be opening our new natural history exhibit, "The Way of Water: Westchester Watersheds." Our naturalist staff has put together a hands-on display that's sure to help you to better understand just how watersheds function as natural filtering systems for our drinking water and how every life form is dependent on healthy watersheds. You'll be able to consult our watershed map to see how pollution in one small location can affect a much bigger region, and you'll also pick up some tips on simple actions you can take to help protect our watersheds. The exhibit, sponsored in part by Westchester County Parks, will be on view through September, so be sure to stop in!

## → Camp Offerings

If your children love visiting the Greenburgh Nature Center, consider enrolling them in one of our popular summer camp programs.

**CRITTER CAMP**, running July 11th-15th and for students entering grades 4-6, gives children the

opportunity to learn more about animal care and assist with daily chores involving our diverse animal collection.

**ECO-TRAVEL CAMP**, running July 18th-22nd and for students entering grades 5-7, offers daily outings to some fantastic local nature preserves, with accompanying activities like fishing, hiking and beachcombing.

**GREEN ADVENTURES**, running August 15th-19th and for students entering grades 5-7, provides opportunities for children to learn more about environmentally-sustainable practices and visit destinations where such practices are in place, like an organic farm.

For the younger set (entering kindergarten-grade 2), our half-day





END-OF-SUMMER-CAMPS, running August 22nd-25th and August 29th-September 1st, are always a big hit and fill up quickly. For more information and to register, go to our website.



We will also be offering half-day camps during the April school vacation, April 18th-21st. Sign up early...our February vacation camp groups are already filled!



## → Members Pancake Brunch & Annual Membership Meeting



Walk this way to an extra-sweet outing at the Nature Center! We are hosting a Members Pancake Brunch on Sunday, March 6th, at 11:30 a.m. Soon you will receive information about the brunch, a member proxy form, and activities for the day. Please try and join us for our Annual Membership Meeting, right after the brunch. If you can't make it, be sure to return the proxy so that your membership voice is heard. We count on you and welcome your support of our mission!



## → February Fun

Sunday, February 13th, at 2:00 PM - TWEET, SLITHER, MUNCH , CLIMB: Which Pet is Right for Me?



Join Brittany Burgio, Assistant Curator of Living Collections, for a fun, informative talk on popular pets. Before you decide on that potential pet, learn how long they live, what they eat and how to care for them properly. Stay and meet some of the animals from our collection, while Brittany answers the questions you have wanted to ask! For ages 8 and up; free for members, non-members \$5 for children, \$7 for adults.

Sunday, February 20th, at 2:00 PM - WINTER WALK  
Celebrate winter by taking a nature walk with naturalist John Mancuso and seeing what's happening in the GNC's forest. Hot chocolate served afterwards. For all ages; free for members, non-members \$6 per person.

Thursday, February 24th, 2:00 PM - Repeat Program: TWEET, SLITHER, MUNCH , CLIMB: Which Pet is Right for Me?  
During the school vacation, bring your kids on over for a fun, informative talk about household pets. Learn how long they live, what they eat and how to care for them properly. Stay and meet some of the animals from our collection, while our Assistant Animal Collections Curator Brittany Burgio answers all your questions! For ages 8 and up; free for members, non-members \$5 for children, \$7 for adults.

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