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**LETTUCE SURPRISE YOU AT THE CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER WITH
FUN FOR GARDENERS AND NATURE LOVERS OF ALL AGES!**

[ROSWELL] PREPARE FOR SPRING AND EXPLORE NATURE AS SPRING AWAKENS. OUR MARCH PROGRAMS OFFER A WIDE VARIETY OF FUN AND INTERESTING ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH. MEET OUR WILDLIFE, TOUR THE GARDENS AND TAKE A FIELD TRIP. MEET AND ENGAGE WITH OTHERS OF LIKE MINDS AT OUR NATURE SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS OR SIGN UP FOR INTERESTING CLASSES. YOUR CHILDREN WILL LOVE OUR SPRING BREAK CAMP TOO. SPRING IS COMING, SO GET READY TO HIKE, DISCOVER AND BLOOM! REMEMBER, OUR GENERAL ADMISSION IS \$8 FOR ADULTS, \$6 FOR SENIORS AND \$5 FOR CHILDREN 3-12 AND FREE ADMISSION FOR MEMBERS AND CHILDREN 2 AND UNDER. OUR HOURS ARE NOW 10AM TO 5PM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AND NOON TO 5PM ON SUNDAY. DIRECTIONS AND INFORMATION ON ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.CHATTNATURECENTER.ORG.

Saturday, March 5

Wildlife Department Behind the Scenes Tour and Open House

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Join the dedicated staff and volunteers of the Wildlife Department for a Once- A- Year behind the scenes glimpse into the workings of this fascinating working trauma center for native animals. Learn about our raptor rehabilitation, our work with reptiles and mammals and learn about what we do, where we work and ask questions about the animals. This is a complimentary tour. Donations toward wildlife rehabilitation are always welcomed.

Saturday, March 5

HORTICULTURE EVENTS IN THE UNITY GARDEN

10:30 AM-1 PM

Veggie Gardening Basics, Hints, and Tips

With Fred Conrad, Atlanta Community Food Bank

Do you want to grow your own vegetables but don't know how to get started? Or are you a seasoned gardener who feels stuck in a rut? Join us in our Unity Garden for a hands-on how-to of vegetable gardening. Guest speaker Fred Conrad will share secret

tips of the trade and help you learn to flex your green thumbs. Just in time for spring planting, this fun and educational presentation will cover such topics as seasonal vegetable selection, proper soil preparation, seed-starting, and double-digging. An expert in the field of vegetable gardening, Fred serves as the Community Garden Coordinator for the Atlanta Community Food Bank and specializes in helping beginners build the gardens of their dreams. Included with General Admission.

Saturday, March 5

Historic Daffodils in Georgia

1:30 pm

Talk About Tuff! Georgia Daffodil Society past president, Sara Van Beck, presents the history of Georgia daffodils from the 1700's to the 1930's. Found in pastures, along roadsides and in your great grandmother's garden, these bulbs have stood the test of time. Come find out why! Included with General Admission.

Tuesday, March 1 through Friday: March 4

Certified Interpretative Guide Training

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM each day

Do you want to create meaningful experiences and memories that last a lifetime? Are you hoping to connect minds and hearts to the beauty of nature & the mysteries of history? Then become the best interpretive guide you can be by earning the Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG) credential with the National Association for Interpretation. Ages 16 to Adult, Pre-registration required. For more details, including a pricing break down, visit the Adult Activities/Certifications page of our website at www.chattnaturecenter.org. Class fees range from \$242 - \$372 per student.

Wednesday, March 9

Chattabookie Book and Film Club

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Join us for our new book and film club. Each month, jump into a discussion of a film or book about nature and environmental issues. March meeting we will be discussing the book *Bottlemania* by Elizabeth Royte. **Ages 16 Adult, \$10 Non-members, Free Members** **Pre-registration required.** Register on-line, by e-mail at scheduling@chattnaturecenter.org or by phone at 770-992-2055 ext. 237.

Saturday, March 12

Family Bird Walk

8:30 - 10:00 AM, All Ages

Join Master Birder and wildlife volunteer Zelia Lebeau for a family morning bird walk! This is the perfect class for the beginner birder of any age. Included with General Admission.

Saturday, March 12

All About Nature Social Club – FIELD TRIP
Arabia Mountain Hike & Nature Center Tour

8AM – 1PM

Join our quarterly field trip Dine & Discover potluck. Spend your morning exploring GA with like-minded folks and learning from an expert in the field. Docents & Master Naturalist Graduates FREE, \$5 Members / \$10 non-members, Ages 16 & up. Pre-registration is not required. Carpool & travel information are available on our website <http://www.chattnaturecenter.org/All-About-Nature-Social-Club>

Friday - Sunday, March 18 - 20

Film - *The National Parks*- Showing in the Cowie Weiss Theater

1:00 PM & 2:00 PM

Ken Burn's award winning look at the history of America's National Parks. Each episode features the beginnings of our majestic park system including Yellowstone, Yosemite, Smoky Mountain National Park and more. Two new episodes each day! All ages, Included with General Admission.

Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20

Georgia Daffodil Society Blooms at the Chattahoochee Nature Center

Kingfisher Hall will bask in the gold, yellow, white and pink glow of hundreds of daffodils as The Georgia Daffodil Society presents its annual show. Spreading the joy of growing daffodils and educating the public has been the core of the Society's mission since being founded in 1954. Many past year entries have topped more than 500 blooms. Every year sees outstanding blooms from a range of climates. Exhibitors come from Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama. Many exhibitors grow hundreds of varieties, while others grow just a few. A bloom from a first-time exhibitor is just as likely to be a ribbon winner as one from a veteran. The GDS encourages newcomers, regardless of age, to enter their blooms. **Exhibits Entry Period on the 19th from 8 AM-10 AM. Open to the Public on Saturday, March 19th from 1:30-5 PM and Sunday from Noon-5 PM.** For detailed information, go to www.gadaffsoc.org. Admission is \$6 to CNC during the show hours.

Saturday, March 19

Adopt-A-Stream Chemical

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Join us for this FREE hands-on workshop to learn what kinds of chemicals are found in our local water sources and how these chemicals help determine the water and habitat quality of your creek. Bring a sack lunch, plenty of drinking water, and dress for both indoor and outdoor activities. Ages 10 - adult, FREE, Special Pre registration for this program required, call (404) 612-8006 or email Sharon.Smith@fultoncountyga.gov.

Saturday, March 19

Night Hike

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Join a naturalist on a journey outdoors to see what happens at night at CNC as you hike through the woods or wetlands, visit with a nocturnal animal up close and personal, and enjoy a campfire complete with roasting marshmallows!! Ages 5 - adult, \$10 Non-Members/\$7 Members.

Saturday, March 19

Gardening Through the Season Series- Late Season Lettuces

10:00 AM-1 PM

Kaiser Permanente Unity Garden

Free to the public/does not include admission to the Nature Center

Heighten your garden experience and lend a helping hand to the community! The Unity Garden is operated largely through volunteer efforts, and we need your help! Join Libby Lintel, Unity Garden Coordinator, for these workdays in the garden and gain valuable knowledge that you can apply at home with your own veggies. Each Saturday begins with an informative presentation in the Plaza Conference room followed by some time spent working in the Unity Garden. Perfect for beginners who want to learn how to grow their own food. For more info, contact Libby at l.lintel@chattnaturecenter.org.

March 20, 2011

Spring Bloomers Tour- With Lisa Cole, Horticulturalist

1:00 PM

Join Lisa of the Horticulture Department for a tour of the gardens on this First Day of Spring! Discover plants just peeping out of the ground, uncover dainty first flowers, gain knowledge in folklore and medicinal uses of the early plants of spring. This program is fun and informative for kids of all ages. Included with General Admission.

On-going from March 20 to April 10

Reflections of Georgia- Cowie Weiss Theater

Enjoy a quiet moment in our high-definition Theater and find inspiration in beautiful photography of Georgia's floral diversity! This beautiful slide-show presentation is also a preview of what we have to offer at our Native Plant Sale. Included with General Admission

Thursday March 24

All About Nature Social Club – Spring Plants & Wildflowers

7 – 9 PM

Join our monthly Dine & Discover potluck. Spend your evening socializing with like-minded folks and learning from an expert in the field. Bring a dish to share. Docents & Master Naturalist Graduates FREE. \$5 Members / \$10 non-members, Ages 16 & up. Pre-registration is not required.

Saturday, March 26

Bird Walk for Adults

8 - 10AM

Join CNC wildlife volunteer and Master Birder, Stacy Zarpentine, for a morning bird walk to discover what feathered friends you will find around the grounds. Included with General Admission

Plan Ahead and Sign Your Kids Up Now For....

APRIL SPRING BREAK AT CAMP KINGFISHER

All aboard for a wonderful week! Your kids will enjoy nature during the spring while hiking, playing, doing arts and crafts, seeing live animal presentations, doing science exploration activities and having lots of fun.

Dates: Monday - Thursday, April 4 - 7

Register for Monday only, Monday -Thursday or Tuesday- Thursday

Hours: Full Day 9 AM -4 PM

Extended Care 8:30 AM -9 AM & 4 PM-6:15 PM

Register Online: Our date and fee options for your family have improved!

Select one day for \$60. {Or pick 2 or 3 day options.} Four days for \$235 plus members discounts. Ages: Kindergarten 7th Grade. Call (770) 992-2055 x222 or download a form from www.chattnaturecenter.org/camp-kingfisher

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