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Audubon is bringing citizen science programs to senior citizen centers across our region. It's an engaging way for older people to keep in touch with the natural world.



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This Audubon View

As we go to print on this edition of the Bulletin, the dust is still settling on the 2016 Presidential election. Leading up to the election, people would frequently express their concern to me about how the election results could impact environmental issues such as climate change, clean air and water, and renewable energy. Although the candidates differed sharply on their views and plans on environmental issues, a large majority of the U.S. population is in agreement—climate change is real. We want clean energy and we need healthy water and air both for ourselves and future generations.



During the debates, environmental policy never made it to the forefront. However, the President-elect has repeatedly called for a withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement, to roll back the Clean Power Plan, and to greatly reduce the role of the Environmental Protection Agency in safeguarding our environment. Had these proposed initiatives been brought up during the debates, their impact could have been questioned by moderators and the public—and more people might understand that the positive steps we've taken to safeguard our environment could now be in jeopardy.

While we might hope that things go well, we cannot sit back with a “wait and see” approach. This is the best time to double down on making our voices heard. Between now and the inauguration, key figures in the new administration will be selected. Many of the top priorities and plans will be determined and set into motion. The President-elect has shown himself to be keenly in tune and responsive to the mood of the country—especially when it comes to social media. The environment has always been one of the “purpliest” of issues and it is critical that all of us—regardless of party or candidate—make our shared concerns known.

Audubon has long been a science-based advocate of pragmatic solutions to the challenges facing environment. You can count on us to continue this tradition, share important news about the environment, and alert you to opportunities to express your opinions. I hope I can count on all of you to make your environmental concerns and needs known as we move into 2017.

—Jim

DIRECTIONS TO *Our Reserves*

Trails are open year-round, 7 days a week, dawn to dusk.

BEECHWOOD FARMS NATURE RESERVE:

Take Route 28 north from Pittsburgh to Route 8 North/Butler exit. Turn right at first traffic light on to Kittanning Road, which becomes Dorseyville Road. Travel 4.3 miles and Beechwood will be on your left.

SUCCOP NATURE PARK: Take Route 8 North from Pittsburgh or South from Butler and turn on to West Airport Road. Once on West Airport Road, Succop Nature Park's driveway will be the first road on your left.

TODD NATURE RESERVE: Take Route 28 North from Pittsburgh to the Butler/Freeport Exit I7. Turn right at Route 356 North, and then right at Monroe Road. Travel about 2 miles, and make a right at Kepple Road. Travel 1.5 miles and Todd Nature Reserve will be on your right. Park in the lot and please sign in at the informational kiosk at the cabin. Trail maps are located at the kiosk.





AUDUBON BRINGS

Citizen Science to Seniors

Because senior citizens often feel disengaged from the natural world, due to physical limitations or their living situation, Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania has worked to bring the outdoors to them—through our Citizen Science at Senior Centers programs.

The programs encourage seniors to get engaged with the outdoors—whether it's by going outside or just looking out their window at a bird feeder. They take notes, record their observations, ask questions, and socialize with each other and with Audubon staff, while providing endless possibilities for fostering new interests.

The programs use multisensory stimulation and the outdoor world of birds and nature to help seniors and people living with dementia to interact with their environment. Older adults are encouraged through the program to stay active. The engagement also helps to work their minds and keep them socially connected. Research shows that maintaining social relationships and learning new skills and ideas can assist aging brains.

Starting in January of 2016, we piloted a program tailored specifically for the needs of seniors at Cabot Concordia in Butler County. ASWP educator Ryan Stauffer visited Concordia twice a month, from January to June, to present programs to the facility's residents. These Citizen Science programs included how to identify birds, count Monarch Butterfly larvae and Ladybugs, and identify the calls of certain species of frogs.

Ryan's arrival at Concordia became a greatly anticipated event for the residents—many gathered with a group of friends on a regular basis to participate in the programs. But Concordia was not the only facility to participate in this program.

In August, Sunnyview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Butler City began hosting a series of these programs. Many of Sunnyview's residents have are struggling with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, and the Sunnyview program was designed with this particular group of residents in mind. While the first class began with a modest number of participants, the final class featured a packed house of participants.

This fall, we began presenting a series of Citizen Science at Senior Centers programs at Longwood Nursing Home at Oakmont, working with both the facility staff and residents to make the facility's grounds and buildings more bird friendly.

Longwood residents will help to maintain native plant and pollinator gardens, and will assist in the construction and installation of a Chimney Swift tower. The tower will be made at Longwood's wood working shop and participants will monitor the birds that use the new tower.

Stay tuned as ASWP continues to grow our Citizen Science at Senior Centers program across the region. We're excited to see the positive impacts that these programs are making in the lives of senior citizens.

Winter/Spring PROGRAM SCHEDULE

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE AT
ASWP.ORG OR BY CALLING (412) 963-6100.

Special Events

KIDS' CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

January 7, 9–11am / Succop Nature Park

Kids and parents are invited to participate in a family-friendly version of the Pittsburgh Christmas Bird Count. Our naturalist will guide you. This event is appropriate for school-age and up. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Advance registration is required. Free event.

JUNIOR BIRDER PROGRAM

*January 21, February 18, March 11, April 22, May 13
10am–12pm at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve*

Young adults are often very interested in the life stories of birds, their ecology, and identifying our local avian species. This program is for children (ages 6–18) who are interested in learning more about birds and becoming a better bird watcher! This program consists of 5 classes in the winter and spring. \$50 per member; \$60 nonmember.

MAPLE MADNESS

*March 18, 10am–1pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
March 25, 10am–1pm / Succop Nature Park*

Last seating for pancake brunch is at 1pm. Last guided hike leaves after the 1pm brunch group has finished their meal. Experience the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of Maple Sugaring as you take a trip through the history and science of maple syrup. Enjoy a pancake brunch, too! Registration is required, with brunch seatings every 30 minutes. Last seating for pancake brunch is at 1pm. Last guided hike leaves after the 1pm brunch group has finished their meal. Cost is \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

MASTER BIRDER PROGRAM

*March 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27
6:30–8:30pm at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve*

Audubon's Master Birder Program is for the intermediate birder who would like to take his or her birding knowledge to another level.

Outings are designed to reinforce class subject matter and to get firsthand experience with the breadth of birds that occur in Western Pennsylvania. Graduates will have a detailed understanding of local habitat, bird identification, and behavior along with the desire to share their learning through an ongoing volunteer commitment to the ASWP. Cost is \$400.

GREAT PITTSBURGH EAGLE EGG HUNT

April 8, 11am–2pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Celebrate the region's Bald Eagles at our annual egg hunt! We'll also have crafts, activities for all ages, and PixController will be at Beechwood for a live NestCam broadcast. Get more details at www.aswp.org. This event is free!

DRAWING & PAINTING BIRDS

April 29, 10am–3pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Led by master artist Marianne Pionati, participants will work with basic shapes as you draw this beautiful creature using value, line, color, texture and more. Demonstrations of eyes, beaks, feet and feathers will be done to help explain the process. After completing your drawing and color choices finish it off in any medium of choice. Cost is \$40 member, \$45 non-member.

Birding & Nature Hikes

BIRDS & MORE NATURALIST LED MORNING WALKS

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve: Every Wednesday at 9am; Free
Succop Nature Park: Every Thursday at 9am; Free

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT WALK

*February 18, 2–4pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
February 19, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park*

Join the ASWP naturalists for our annual Great Backyard Bird Count walk on Audubon's trails. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

MAKE & TAKE: CREATE A WALKING STICK & HIKE

April 23, 2–4pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
April 8, 10am–12pm / Succop Nature Park

A walking stick is a great tool to have on the trail. Using tough and sustainable birch wood, we will create custom walking sticks with an inlaid compass, leather lanyard, and measurement notches. During the hike, we will use our sticks to measure the height of trees and navigate using the compass. All materials are provided. One walking stick per registration. \$20 per member group; \$25 per nonmember group.

MIGRATORY BIRD HIKE

April 29, 8–10am / Beechwood Farms & Succop Nature Park

We welcome bird watchers of all ages and skill levels on our walks to catch glimpses of spring migrant birds of many species. Bring your binoculars, or you may borrow ours. Cost is \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

MORAIN STATE PARK BIRD OUTING

April 30, 8–10am / Moraine State Park

Join an Audubon naturalist in a birding excursion at Moraine State Park. We will be meeting at the North Country Trail Parking Lot on Route 528 at 8am, about a mile north of the bridge over Lake Arthur. Please check the aswp.org for additional details. This event is free!

Audubon at Night

WOLF MOON HIKE

January 14, 7pm / Succop Nature Park

The wolf moon is named for the lean, dead-of-winter times of January—but survival never takes time off. Search the landscape for resources for a cold winter's night under a full moon. Eat supper before you come! We'll warm up around the campfire at the end. This is an outside program and is appropriate for adults. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

OWL PROWL

January 21, 5:30pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Learn about our local owls inside, then search for them on the trails. Appropriate for all ages. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

FULL MOON HIKE FOR ADULTS

February 10, 7pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

We love kids, but we all need a break. Enjoy a stroll under the winter moon in the company of other adults. We will end with a hot cup of cocoa. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

FULL MOON HIKE FOR FAMILIES

February 10, 7pm / Succop Nature Park

This program will allow you to explore our grounds at night. We will take note of the sights and sounds as we creep through forests and meadows. After the hike, we will kindle a campfire and cook a snack. Don't worry about flashlights, but be sure to bundle up! \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

NIGHT CAMPFIRE AND HIKE

March 11, 6:30–8pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
March 4, 6:30–8pm / Succop Nature Park

Enjoy a warm campfire, a story or two, and a hike under the stars. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

Preschool Programs

FLEDGLINGS: AGES 3–5

Jan. 12, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 13 / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11 / Succop Nature Park
All programs run 10–11:15am

Give your 3–5 year old a head start on a lifetime of loving the outdoors. Fledglings programs incorporate stories, a walk, and activities to introduce new and fun nature themes to young participants. Parent or caregiver must be present. \$4 member; \$6 nonmember.

January: Sensational Snow

March: Down the Maple Trail

February: Chick-a-dee-dee-dee

April: Spring Peepers

Hands-On Programs

WINTER WALKABOUT: SIGNS OF LIFE

January 14, 2–3:30pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
January 15, 2–3:30pm / Succop Nature Park

The dead of winter is not really dead at all! Step out into the winter sunshine to see who and what's out there. Free!

ICE FISHING

January 14, 10am–12pm / Succop Nature Park

Try your hand at ice fishing with one of our educators on the Succop Nature Park pond. This program depends on the weather. Please check aswp.org where we'll list if conditions are appropriate. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

January 18, February 16, March 15, April 12
10am–1pm / Succop Nature Park

The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania is pleased to announce a series of classes at Succop Nature Park designed for homeschooled students. These classes run from 10am–1pm with a mid-point lunch break.

Families are free to sign up for scheduled classes, or they can choose a topic of their choice and schedule it at their convenience with our environmental educator. Many of the classes can be expanded to multiple sessions if requested. These classes are for K–12 with mixed grade levels welcome. The cost is \$10 per student.

NATIVE EVERGREENS

January 28, 2–4 pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
January 29, 2–4 pm / Succop Nature Park

From trees to ground covers this class will introduce you to PA's native evergreen plants and discuss the best way to care for them and use them in the landscape. One hour lecture. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

CITIZEN SCIENCE: FROGWATCH TRAINING*

January 29, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms & Succop Nature Park

Learn to identify and count frogs by sound. Frogs are an important indicator of ecosystem health. Visit frogwatch.org for details about the FrogWatch Citizen Science program. Act 48 hours available. This event is free.

CITIZEN SCIENCE: GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT TRAINING*

February 4, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms & Succop Nature Park

The Great Backyard Bird Count takes place Presidents day weekend and can be done anywhere there are wild birds. Get ready to count with this training reviewing common species and reporting procedures. Visit GBBC.org for details about the count. Great for scout leaders, parents, and others who want to learn about the count and get tips for getting their groups involved. Act 48 hours available. This event is free!

CITIZEN SCIENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

February 11, 9am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
February 11, 1–3pm / Succop Nature Park

Real scientific observations can be made right at your school and submitted to several citizen science programs. Birds, ladybugs, plants and more can all be studied. This workshop will cover how citizen science can be incorporated in the classroom. We will review the various projects available and sample related activities and curricula. 3 hours. Act 48-eligible. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

FERN WORKSHOP

February 18, 2–4pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
February 19, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park

Learn how to propagate native ferns from spore (the fern version of seeds) in a hands-on workshop. Participants will be able to take home their project. This program is appropriate for adults and advance registration is required. \$10 per member; \$15 per nonmember.

SIGNS OF SPRING

February 25, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
February 26, 10am–12pm / Succop Nature Park

The cardinal begins singing its spring song in mid-January to remind us that winter will end at some point. Can spring be right around the corner? Come on out to Beechwood and discover the budding signs of spring on the reserve. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

CITIZEN SCIENCE: PROJECT BUDBURST TRAINING*

February 25, 10–11:30am / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
February 25, 3–4:30pm / Succop Nature Park

Every plant tells a story. Whether you have an afternoon or a whole season, you can make an important contribution to a better understanding of changing climates. Project Budburst is a national network of people monitoring plants as the seasons change. We will explain the program and show you how to participate. Classroom session combined with a field experience. Act 48 hours. This event is free.

BIRDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

March 4, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
March 5, 10am–12pm / Succop Nature Park

Global climate is changing in ways not seen for millennia, and we know humans bear at least part of the responsibility. How will birds in North America be impacted? This talk will cover the findings of Audubon's 2014 Climate Report and the challenges facing bird species across the continent. Free.

BACKYARD BIODIVERSITY

March 25, 2–4pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
March 26, 2–4pm / Succop Nature Park

Learn to select and place native plants in your backyard to create a beautiful, practical habitat for wildlife. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

FROGS IN THE POND AT NIGHT

March 31, 7:30–9pm / Beechwood Farms & Succop Nature Park

We will start inside with a program on our common local frogs and their sounds, then head down to the pond after sunset to listen. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

RAIN HARVESTING

April 15, 12–2pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
April 16, 12–2pm / Succop Nature Park

Water is a precious resource—use it, don't lose it. Learn about the environmental benefits and financial savings Rain Gardens and other rain harvesting techniques offer. Each participant will make a rain gauge to measure rainfall. Appropriate for adults and interested youth. \$10 per member; \$15 per nonmember.

*Citizen Science programs are offered for free through a generous grant from Dominion Foundation.

HUMMERS @ HOME

April 22, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms & Succop Nature Park

To live such high energy lifestyles, hummingbirds must sync their migration and nesting times with the flowering of nectar-bearing plants. Learn how climate change threatens to throw off this delicate balance, with unknown repercussions for hummingbirds. Free.

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Scouts

WINTER SHELTERS FOR SCOUTS

January 14, 12–2pm / Succop Nature Park

It is easy to find adequate shelter in summertime; but winter provides some challenges. This class will teach scouts how to construct practical emergency shelters from natural materials. We will learn about insulation, how it works, and how to find it in the dead of winter. Please dress warmly and have winter footwear. \$7.50 per Scout.

GEOCACHING FOR SCOUTS

January 21, 9am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Complete requirements 1–7 of the Geocaching Merit Badge. Learn geocaching basics in preparation to hide your own cache. Participants will need to bring their own GPS-enabled device, such as a smart phone or a standalone GPS that has a walking mode.

GPS-enabled smart-phones will need a geocaching app installed. Requirements 8 and 9 will have to be done independently outside of the workshop to complete the badge. We are registered merit badge counselors for this badge. Workshop will both inside and outside; dress for the weather. \$10 per scout.

WILDERNESS MERIT BADGE

February 25, 9am–3pm / Succop Nature Park

This course will cover all requirements for the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge except the overnight portion. We will learn to build fires with alternative methods, how to signal for help, how to utilize and improvise tools, treat injuries, locate water and make it potable, and recognize what happens to our brains when we are under stress.

Please bring a small pack of supplies that you think would be useful to have in a survival situation. Bring your merit badge book, lunch, appropriate clothing, and water. Blue cards are provided. \$7.50 per scout.

MAPLE FOR SCOUTS

March 11, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms & Succop Nature Park

Experience the science and history of Maple Sugaring. Groups or individuals welcome; advance registration is required. Contact Scott Detwiler at (412) 963-6100 to make your reservation. \$7.50 per scout.

SCOUT BADGE DAY

April 1, 10am–12pm / Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

April 8, 12–2pm / Succop Nature Park

Earn a nature-related badge of your choice. Arrangements are by den or troop and must be made in advance by contacting our education department. Contact Scott Detwiler at (412) 963-6100 to make your reservation. \$7.50 per scout.

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

Check it out at www.aswp.org. And get ready to register for this year's summer camps!



WINTER/SPRING 2017 *Calendar of Events*

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

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- 11 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
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- 29 Citizen Science: FrogWatch Training

FEBRUARY

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- 8 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
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- 11 Citizen Science in the Classroom
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- 18 Fern Workshop
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- 25 Citizen Science: Project Budburst Training

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- 30 Master Birder Program
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- 8 Great Pittsburgh Eagle Egg Hunt
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- 13 Master Birder Program
- 13 Spring Peepers
- 15 Rain Harvesting
- 19 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 20 Master Birder Program
- 22 Junior Birder Program
- 22 Hummers @ Home
- 23 Make & Take:
Create a Walking Stick and Hike
- 26 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 27 Master Birder Program
- 29 Drawing and Painting Birds
- 29 Migratory Bird Hike

Succop Nature Park

JANUARY

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- 7 Kids' Christmas Bird Count
- 10 Fledglings: Sensational Snow
- 12 Birds & More Naturalist Led Hike
- 14 Wolf Moon Hike
- 14 Winter Shelters for Scouts
- 15 Winter Walkabout: Signs of Life
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Moraine State Park

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News and PROGRAM UPDATES

IMPROVEMENTS AT OUR RESERVES

You may have noticed some new signage at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve and Succop Nature Park. Or the new roof at Beechwood. These improvements are a result of our capital campaign! Thank you to all who have contributed and we hope that you enjoy seeing our continued improvements that help us to connect people to birds and nature.

NATIONAL AUDUBON TAPS US FOR NEW INITIATIVE

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania's experience with native plants is known nationally! Because of our experience with propagating native plants and teaching people the benefits of these local specimens, National Audubon Society turned to us for help in developing their recently-launched Native Plants for Birds initiative.

BALD EAGLE WEBCAMS

It's almost Eagle time! Be sure to visit www.aswp.org to follow the region's Bald Eagles via webcams as they begin another breeding season. Last year, the Hays Bald Eagles laid their first egg in mid-February, and the Harmar Bald Eagles laid their first egg in early March. Both pairs of eagles successfully fledged two eaglets.

Teachers—looking to bring eagle education into your classroom? Our distance learning programs connect your classroom directly to an Audubon educator. Your students can watch the eagle cams live while asking our educator questions. Call (412) 963-6100 to talk with our education department about these programs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Household: \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Steward: \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalist: \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Level: \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecologist: \$250 | |

Go online now or mail this form with payment to:
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NOTE: Gift memberships will be sent directly to the recipient.

How to list your recognition on the recipient note:

PAYMENT BY:

Check Enclosed Credit Card
Credit Card No.: _____
Expiration Date: _____

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

AUDUBON NATURE STORE NEWS *Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!*

WINTER SALE

January 7 through January 21

Shop Audubon Nature Store for special savings on seasonal merchandise and more, as we prepare our shelves for the arrival of spring items. Discounts from 25% to 70% off.

MARCH IN FOR MAPLE!

Each year, we at Audubon Nature Store, look forward to another batch of Pennsylvania pure maple syrup from Wagner's Sugar Camp of Somerset County. There is nothing like the taste of real maple syrup on a tall stack of pancakes on a cold morning! Stop in and stock-up on amber and dark syrup available in half-pints, pints, quarts, half-gallons and gallons. We also carry pure honey from Bedillion Honey Farm of Washington County, as well as single-origin, organic coffee from Building New Hope, which is roasted in Pittsburgh, PA.

HELPING HUMMINGBIRDS

Saturday, April 1, 2016 at 2pm

Join us in the Nature Store to learn how you can attract and aid hummingbirds in your own backyard. Learn about the connection between hummingbirds and flowering plants, and potential impacts from climate change. ASWP Education Director Chris Kubiak will discuss options for feeders and food sources. This event is free!

AUDUBON NATURE STORE IS LOCATED
AT BEECHWOOD FARMS NATURE RESERVE,
614 DORSEYVILLE ROAD IN FOX CHAPEL.



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PITTSBURGH, PA 15238

Maple Madness

March 18
10am-3pm
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
614 Dorseyville Road • Fox Chapel

March 25
10am-3pm
Succop Nature Park
185 West Airport Road • Butler

Enjoy a naturalist-led walk through the history of maple sugaring—after diving into a Pancake Brunch!

Rain or shine. Last seating for pancake brunch is 1:00 p.m.

Reserve your space online at aswp.org or Call (412) 963-6100

Our New Nature Store IS OPEN IN SARVER!

Do you live near Todd Nature Reserve in Sarver, PA? Now you can shop Audubon Nature Store—right in your community! Our newest Nature Store contains a selection of products to encourage the enjoyment of birds and nature, including our proprietary bird seed mixes, feeders, accessories, books, and gifts.

Our Sarver location is located in Yellowjacket Square, 612 South Pike Road, Sarver, PA 16055.

**DON'T MISS THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DINNER ON DECEMBER 31!
VISIT ASWP.ORG FOR CBC INFO.**