The Wonder of Birds  
*June 3, 10, and 17*  
*July 7, 22, and 29*  
*August 5 and 19*  
*All bird programs begin at 10:45 a.m. and are appropriate for children of all ages.*

Join us in the children’s garden as we wonder every week about the amazing birds of our region. We are partnering with Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center for visits with their beautiful raptor birds including owls, kestrels and hawks. On alternating weeks our resident avian educator, Alissa Pendorf, and our garden guides will facilitate programs on backyard feeder and songbirds. Learn how to identify and attract birds to *your* backyard!

Bat Wonders  
*Tuesday, July 21*  
*10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*  
*Family Program (all ages)*

Please join us in the cave (of course!) where we will learn about our resident brown bats and why we need to protect these wondrous creatures. Pam Shellenberger, from the PA Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will brighten the cave with new knowledge about the only mammals that fly!

The Three R’s: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle  
*July 13, August 3, and August 10*  
*10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*  
*Ages: Kindergarten – Grade 5*

Join Amy Schirf from the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority (CCRRA) to learn all about the 3R’s. Children will learn why it is important to reduce, reuse, and recycle as well as hear tips about how to keep our Earth clean and green. Children will be taught recycling basics and get to see/feel many items made from recycled materials. Fun worksheets and a recycled item will be awarded to each child for attending.
Garbage-Eating Wonder Worms
11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Ages: Kindergarten – Grade 5

Description: Join CCRRA’s Mimi Cooper for a “hands-on” activity with nature’s recyclers, introducing children to the concept of vermicomposting and waste reduction through organics recycling. Children will have the opportunity to observe worms and worm behavior and preform simple experiments.

Special Events

Summer Solstice Celebration
June 19
10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Join us in the children’s garden for a musical celebration to welcome the new season. Activities begin at 10:30 a.m. Join the drum circle around the sundial at 11:45 a.m. wearing a summer nature crown with your sun-shaker in hand! Drum, drum, drum for the sun!!

Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts
Celebrating the Art of Nature in Childhood’s Gate Children’s Garden
Thursday and Friday, July 9 and 10
10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

The garden is a beautiful setting for art making. Wild weaving, rock stories, plant-printing, harvest-tasting, music-making . . . come out for some eARTh!

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