

2015 NATURE FEST SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 16				
6:30-7:30pm	Growing Nuts in TN How to raise various types of nuts in your own backyard. Hector Black Penn 211	Photomicrography Interactive presentation showing use of camera and microscope to see that it's a small world after all! Walt Carlson Penn 318	Rain, Rain Go Away! A fun and informative talk about the weather from Cookeville's own Weather Guy. Michael Detwiler Penn 318	Nature Kids Activities Hands on "nature" fun for the younger generation! For ages 5 and up. Beth Smith Penn 308/310
7:45-8:45pm	Intro to Veggie Gardening How to plan, implement, harvest and enjoy your vegetable garden! Larry McNabb Penn 211	Eight Legged Freaks Learn about spiders and scorpions. Live animals will be displayed. Chris Brown Penn 320		

FRIDAY, APRIL 17				
STEM Center Events!	To the Edge and Back Virtual theater tour of the Universe! Show times: 4:00, 4:30, 5:00 and 5:30. STEM Virtual Theater Reed Boswell	Switch An award winning documentary. Go on a "global adventure to discover the future of energy"! Begins at 6:00pm (approx. 1.5 hrs). STEM Auditorium Scott Eddins		
6:30-7:30pm	S-s-s-s-snakes Learn interesting facts and myths about snakes! Ray Jordan Penn 128	Safe Drinking Water Learn about Cookeville's H ₂ O purification process! From municipal to in home methods. Cary Vaughn Penn 318	Exotic Insect Collection An extensive insect collection and a chance to talk to the collector himself! Nadeer Youssef Penn 211	Touch a Snake 6:30 - 8:30 Visit our reptile (and other) friends! Snake handling optional. Penn 310
7:45-8:45pm	Night Sky 8:00 - 9:30 What can you see in the night sky with and without a telescope? Steve Robinson TTU Farm	Adventures on the Amazon Stories and photographs from four trips to the Peruvian Amazon. Dan Combs Penn 318	Salamanders Learn about salamanders and their habitats. LIVE ANIMALS! Mark Thurman Penn 320	Night Hike 8:00 - 9:30 Experience the sights and sounds of Cane Creek Park at night. Bring a flashlight! Danny Bryan CCP Hilltop

SATURDAY, APRIL 18				
10:00am-12:00pm	Wildlife Tracking Use wildlife telemetry equipment to find radio transmitters hidden in the woods. Steve Hayslette CCP Courtside	Tree Walk Learn to identify trees by shape, bark, foliage and other clues. Dan Combs CCP Lakeview	Wood Carving 101 Come by, observe and learn basic small figure wood carving from this artist! Tom Cumberlin CCP Hilltop	TWRA Wildlife Exhibit 10:00am - 4:00pm Visit the educational exhibit brought to us by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. CCP
12:30-1:55pm	Native Americans: A Living History 12:30-3:00pm Hands on educational display! Linda Veal and Carol and Steve Cash CCP Courtside	Wildflower Walk Check out the flowering plants and learn their names as you walk through Cane Creek Park. Shawn Krosnick CCP Lakeview	Wood Carving 101 Come by, observe and learn basic small figure wood carving from this artist! Bonnie Masters CCP Hilltop	
2:00-2:55pm		Turtle Time Learn about turtles found at Cane Creek Park and elsewhere in TN. Live turtles will be displayed. Dan Combs CCP Lakeview	Shake, Rattle and Roll! Learn about earthquakes in TN with this interactive demo! Jeannette Wolak CCP Hilltop	Creek Critters 1:00 - 4:00 Two chances to explore creek diversity. Meet at City Hall parking lot on the Spring St. side at either 1:00 or 2:30 to caravan to site (about 10 miles). Joshua Perkins Keith Gibbs Blackburn Fork Scenic River

Special Film Showing: "Animal Misfits: Odd, Bizarre, and Unlikely Creatures!"

5:15 - 6:15 in Penn 320. Sponsored by WCTE.

6:30-7:30pm	Live Birds of Prey Interesting facts and stories. Many birds on display. Dave Haggard Penn 128		Creatures of the Night! Award winning photographer explores the common and not-so-common critters of the night! Lisa Powers Penn 320	What's Under the Scope? 6:30 - 8:45 Stop by and see the small parts of nature that make up our world! Aubree Hill Penn 308
7:45-8:45pm	Plants in Motion Moving plants?! Time-lapsed video of organisms you thought were stationary! Richard Pirkle Penn 211	Birding by Ear Tricks-of-the-trade for learning bird songs. Dan Combs Penn 318	Bigfoot: Fact or Fiction? Whether it's Sasquatch, Yeti, or Bigfoot, questions abound! Come hear tales and get some facts! Jason Miller Penn 320	Touch a Snake 5:30 - 8:30 Visit our reptile (and other) friends! Snake handling optional. Penn 310

SUNDAY, APRIL 19				
1:30-2:30pm	Composting Made Simple The basic principles and benefits of composting and how to enjoy it. Randy Dodson CCP Courtside	What's Under a Rock? Search under rocks for salamanders and other critters. Dan Combs CLNA Parking Lot	Knots 1:30 - 3:30 Don't get all tied up! Learn to tie a few simple and useful knots in a short time. Rope provided. Gary Richardson CCP Hilltop	TWRA Wildlife Exhibit 1:30 - 3:30 Visit the educational exhibit brought to us by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. CCP
2:30-3:30pm	Vermicomposting for fun! Workshop on managing a bed of Red Wiggler worms for use in the garden and for fishing. Randy Dodson CCP Courtside			Canoeing 1:30 - 3:30 Check out the fundamentals of pleasure/leisure canoeing. Come dressed to get wet at the boat ramp. Alfred and Dale Ballinger CCP

CCP = Cane Creek Park

Penn = Pennebaker Hall

TTU Farm = TTU's Shipley Farm

CLNA = City Lake Natural Area

STEM = Oakley STEM Center at TTU

No registration required. Attend and enjoy these free enlightening events!