

PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

MIDDLE CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

2012 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

All programs begin at 7:30 PM at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.
 For further information or directions, please call the Middle Creek Visitor Center at: 717-733-1512.
 There is no admission charge for any program.

APRIL
12

"Saw-whet Owl Banding and Research"

Join Sandy Lockerman, a licensed bird bander as she reviews the Ned Smith's Center's Saw-whet Owl Research Project; a cooperative project undertaken by the Ned Smith Center and the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Learn what is involved in the banding practice and what the Ned Smith Center has learned about the Commonwealth's smallest owl over the course of the past fifteen years.

Sandy Lockerman
 Ned Smith Center for
 Nature and Art

MAY
10

"The Wild Plants and Animals on Southeastern Pennsylvania Farmlands"

The flora and fauna of Lancaster county's farmland will be the focus of this evening's lecture on some of the wild plants and animals that have adapted to and utilize these habitats. This talk will follow these wild plants and animals throughout the seasons. The presentation will be lead by one of Lancaster County's most seasoned naturalists.

Clyde McMillen-Gamber
 Naturalist
 Lancaster County Parks

JUNE
14

"Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock Ecology and Management"

The Game Commission's biologist responsible for game bird management will review the unique habitat requirements of grouse and woodcock. It will also identify the issues involved in the management of their populations and habitats. Managing sites for these species that rely upon early succession (or "young forests") habitats can improve the population trends of multiple game and non-game species that share the same successional habitats.

Lisa Williams
 Wildlife Biologist
 Pa. Game Commission

JULY
12

"Hunting Snow Geese: Tactics and Techniques"

Andy Dively, a waterfowl guide along the Susquehanna River and in Delaware, will share the tactics and strategies he utilizes for guiding snow goose hunters. Aspects such as decoys, calling, and other techniques will be reviewed. His program is designed to assist hunters in bagging more snow geese and allow participants to more fully enjoy the extended hunting opportunities the Conservation Season for snow goose provides.

Andy Dively
 Treasurer
 Susquehanna River
 Wetlands Trust



AUGUST
3, 4 & 5

MIDDLE CREEK WILDLIFE ART SHOW

The 27th Annual Wildlife Art Show will showcase the works of 30 of Pennsylvania's finest wildlife artists. Enjoy some beautiful wildlife art and meet the artists who create it.

Fri. Aug. 3 1PM-6PM
 Sat. Aug. 4 9AM-6PM
 Sun. Aug. 5 10AM-5PM

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"Antarctica: A Grand Tour in Nature"

Barbara & Petter Hunsberger will present a program about their 21-day cruise to Antarctica, guided by Brian Keating, a naturalist with the Calgary Zoo. For those who haven't travelled to Antarctica, it is difficult to convey the stark grandeur and breathtaking beauty. The landscape includes mountain vistas of snow-covered rock rising straight from the sea, vast icebergs, islands seven miles long, hundreds of thousands of birds, and whales and seals cruising next to or underneath one's Zodiac. Birds and other wildlife were often observed within a few feet. With astonishing numbers of birds and wildlife, Antarctica, above all, remains a mystical and magical place that calls you back for further adventures. This presentation will include photos from Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, the South Orkneys, South Shetland Islands, and the Antarctica Peninsula.

Barbara and Peter
 Hunsberger
 Lancaster County Bird Club

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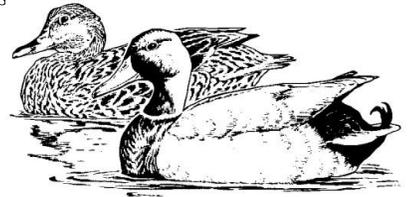
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SEPTEMBER

**6 "Bats and White-Nosed Syndrome: So You Think Mosquitoes
Are Bad Now?"**

White-Nosed Syndrome (WNS) is considered by many, including Pennsylvania's mammalogists, to be the most devastating disease to impact wildlife. This talk will provide information on this new disease responsible for mass mortalities in bat populations throughout eastern North America. Current information will be provided including the research being conducted to increase the understanding of how this disease affects bats, all with the goal of protecting some of the Commonwealth's most common bat species from possible extinction.

Dan Mummert
Wildlife Diversity Biologist
Pa. Game Commission



15 & 16

WILDFOWL SHOW

The 26th Annual Middle Creek Wildfowl Show will feature hand-carved waterfowl decoys, other wildfowl art and much more. Decoy carvers will enter their creations into gunning decoy, decorative decoy and shorebird decoy competitions. Retriever demonstrations will also be featured. General proceeds from the show will benefit the Wildlands Preservation Fund for the preservation of open space.

9 AM - 5 PM Both Days

Retriever Deminstrations:
Sat. 10 AM & noon
Sun. 11 AM & 1 PM

Duck and Goose Calling
Contests: Sun. 1 PM

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NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

Hunters and anglers have always been at the forefront of the conservation movement. National Hunting and Fishing Day is designed to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of sportsmen towards conservation and to introduce others to the joys of outdoor pursuits. Many sportsmen's organizations and other conservation groups will be represented. There will be ongoing exhibits, programs and activities throughout the day. If you appreciate and enjoy the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, come out and thank the sportsmen; for without them, places like Middle Creek would not exist.

11 AM - 5 PM



SPECIAL NOTE: The Ned Smith Art Auction (previously held at Middle Creek) will be held at the Ned Smith Center in Millersburg on October 6, at 9:30AM. Visit the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art's website at www.nedsmithcenter.org

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