

# PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

## MIDDLE CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

### 2013 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

**"The History and Life of a Pennsylvania Wildlife Conservation Officer"**

**11** Conservation Officer Michael Reeder of Lebanon County will provide a detailed account of the life and history of conservation officers in the Commonwealth. Beginning with the early days of Game Wardens and moving into the current role these officers play. WCO Reeder will discuss the ins and outs of the job thereby providing the public with insight as to what a Wildlife Conservation Officer does on a daily basis.

WCO Michael Reeder  
Pa. Game Commission

#### MAY

**"Canoe Camping in Ontario's Old Growth Wilderness"**

**9** Thirty miles northeast of Sudbury, Ontario is the world's largest stand of old growth red pine forest. It borders a series of lakes and rivers with white granite cliffs and crystal clear water. The Canoe Club of Greater Harrisburg's Dirk Dixon will take you on a photo journey by canoe into the newly formed Chiniguchi River Waterways Provincial Park. It's an area that can only be accessed by several days of paddling and portaging, but worth all the effort. Dirk will discuss how a 2 billion year old catastrophic event continues to affect the fragility of this wondrous wilderness area.

Dirk Dixon  
Canoe Club of Greater Harrisburg

#### JUNE

**"A Kaleidoscope of Middle Creek Images"**

**13** With the advent of digital photography and the ease in which these images can be distributed provides a wonderful opportunity to take a look at the wildlife of Middle Creek. Game Commission personnel and wildlife watchers have supplied the staff with photographic images of wildlife that need to be shared. Not only will the program feature these photos but will also provide an opportunity for one to hone their identification skills.

Bert Myers  
Environmental Education Specialist  
Pa. Game Commission

#### JULY

**"The First Frontier"**

**11** The word "frontier" conjures images of Conestoga wagons and Plains Indians on horseback, but for hundreds of years the frontier lay along the Eastern seaboard - the boundary between complex Native cultures and the colonizing Europeans. Join Scott Weidensaul, author of the new book "The First Frontier," for an exploration of this older, wilder, darker period on Eastern history, when the land between the Atlantic and the Appalachians was contested ground - fought over by people who, despite differences of race, birth and language, considered it theirs, and worth dying for.

Scott Weidensaul  
Author & Naturalist



#### AUGUST

**MIDDLE CREEK WILDLIFE ART SHOW**

**2, 3 & 4** The 28th 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. 2     1PM-6PM  
Sat. Aug. 3     9AM-6PM  
Sun. Aug. 4     10AM-5PM

**"Crown of the Continent"**

**15** There is one place in the continental United States where a great, wild ecosystem exists with nearly all of its original parts intact, including a full complement of native predators. This ecosystem referred to as the Crown of the Continent. The Crown region embraces Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park and the surrounding region of unbroken prairie, deep forest, plunging valleys, and jagged peaks. The Crown is part of an even larger area called Y2Y, or the Yellowstone to Yukon ecosystem. This illustrated presentation discusses the two keystone parks in the United States that anchor the region, Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.

Barbara and Peter  
Hunsberger  
Lancaster Co. Bird Club

**PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION**  
**MIDDLE CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
**2013 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.

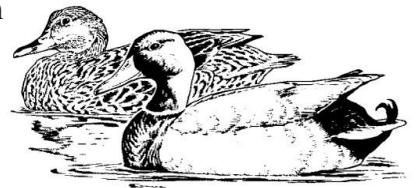
**SEPTEMBER**

**5**

**"Penn State-Mont Alto: A History of  
Forestry Education in Pennsylvania**

Penn State-Mont Alto is now in its second century of educating excellence. In May 1903, the governor of Pennsylvania established the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy in Mont Alto. Along with both the Biltmore and Yale Forestry Schools, the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy was one of the first forestry schools in the nation. Over 100 years later, the Forest Academy, now Penn State-Mont Alto, still educates America's foresters as well as students in other disciplines. This evening's program will explore the history of this forestry program, its impact on today, and the forestry curriculum currently taught at Penn State-Mont Alto.

Dr. Elizabeth Brantley  
Professor  
PSU-Mont Alto



**21 & 22**

**WILDFOWL SHOW**

The 27th 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. Also featured will be retriever demonstrations. General proceeds from the show will benefit the Wildlands Preservation Fund for the preservation of open space.

9 AM - 5 PM Both Days

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

Duck and Goose Calling  
Contests: Sun. 1 PM

**29**

**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. It also is designed to introduce others to the joys of outdoor pursuits. Many sportsmen's organizations will be represented along with other conservation groups. 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 5 at 9:30AM. Visit the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art's website at

[www.nedsmithcenter.org](http://www.nedsmithcenter.org)

**MIDDLE CREEK IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME  
COMMISSION AND PAID FOR PRIMARILY WITH HUNTING LICENSE DOLLARS**