

2015 Winter Break Camps

HERE COMES THE SUN

December 21 - 23

Full day Camp for ages in grades 1-5

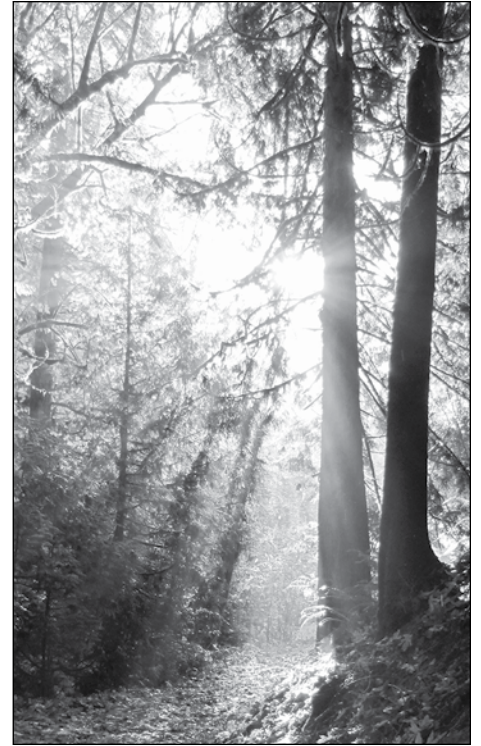
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
non-member \$195 or \$65/day,
member \$170 or \$65/day

Half day camp for ages 4-6

9:00 am - 1:00pm
non-member \$150 or \$50/day
member \$125 or \$50/day

During this camp we will welcome back the return of the sun by celebrating winter solstice. We will feed our winter feathered friends, explore the winter forest, sip hot cocoa, and learn about how winter solstice is celebrated around the globe.

Activities vary from half day to full day camps to be age appropriate.



HOMES FOR GNOMES AND OTHER CREATURES OF THE FOREST

December 28 - 30

Full day Camp for ages in grades 1-5

9:00 am – 3:00 pm
non-member \$195 or \$65/day,
member \$170 or \$65/day

Half day camp for ages 4-6

9:00 am - 1:00pm
non-member \$150 or \$50/day
member \$125 or \$50/day

The weather outside is delightful! During this camp we will explore winter homes. What do animals use for shelter, what are the best things in nature to keep humans dry? Campers will test trees in the forest to see which ones keep them the driest. We will build gnome homes and explore where the little creatures of the forest go for winter.

Activities vary from half day to full day camps to be age appropriate.



OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES WITH OUTDOOR VIEWFINDER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00AM - 1:00PM

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to improve your knowledge of outdoor photography at Tryon Creek with Jason Waicunas of Outdoor Viewfinder.

This one-day class offers you the chance to photograph a wide-range of subject matter, including close-ups of flowers and plants, water features, forest patterns, and wide angle views of the landscape.

Jason will be teaching the artistic side of outdoor photography and providing technical information with an emphasis on proper exposure and composition.

Whether you barely know how to use your camera or are an advanced photographer stuck in a creative rut, Jason will help get you on the way to making better photographs. Within one week of completing each class, you will receive an online critique of your photos.

Classes are likely to fill up, so make your reservation soon!

*Recommended gear to bring: A film or digital camera with a fully charged battery, 3 rolls of film or an empty memory card, 1-3 lenses, a tripod, and a camera bag/case.

\$99 per class for Members.

\$110 / per class for Non-Members.

To register or for more information:
Contact Jason of Outdoor Viewfinder
at oviewfinder@gmail.com
or by calling 503.705.6769.

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MYCOLOGICAL MARVELS OF TRYON CREEK STATE
NATURAL AREA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

1:30 - 3:30PM



Park Ranger and Mushroom Enthusiast Dane Osis from Fort Stevens State Park will visit Tryon Creek to share his knowledge of mushroom identification and ecology. This program will provide an introduction to the important ecological role that fungi fill as well as helpful tricks and tips for identifying Pacific Northwest mushrooms. We'll then hit the trail to discover what species live in Tryon Creek State Natural Area.

**This is a free program
for ages 10 and older**

**Preregistration required
for this event. Please visit
www.tryonfriends.org to register**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register online at www.tryonfriends.org or call us at 503.636.4398

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION



*Stay tuned for more
information*

**Check the website for
updated information.**

**This is a Free program for
all ages. No pre-registration
required.**

**For more information
or questions, call
503-636-9886 x225**



STORY AND STROLL

Fridays, 1:00 - 2:15pm

This program integrates nature exploration, art, literature, movement, and outdoor play. It is geared toward families with young children (preferably ages 2-6) but all are welcome.

Please NOTE! We have a new registration process: space is on a first come, first served basis; register in the Nature Center 30 minutes before the program starts.

October 2 - Pass the Energy
October 9 - Five Senses
October 16 - Slugs
October 23 - Animal Tracks and Signs
October 30 - Mushrooms in the Rain

November 6 - Fall Leaves Fall
November 13 - To Be a Tree
November 20 - Mole's Hill
November 27 - Bird Beak Buffett

STORY AND STROLL

*1st and 3rd Sundays,
10:00 - 11:15am*

October 4 - Pass the Energy
October 18 - Slugs

November 1 - Mushrooms in the Rain
November 15 - To Be a Tree

GUIDED NATURE WALKS

Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:30am

Venture out with a park guide for a free nature hike to explore the forest and stream ecosystems and natural history at Tryon Creek State Natural Area. Topics will vary from week to week, and will be geared for ages 5 through adult, but all ages are welcome. Parents must accompany kids on all hikes.

No groups please– if you are interested in bringing a group please call the ranger at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements for alternate time.

For more specific information, call (503) 636-9886 ext. 225.

October 3 - Busy Beavers
October 10 - Slugs: More Than Slime
October 17 - Nature Gets Ready for Winter in the Park
October 24 - Conifers of Tryon Creek
October 31 - Creepy Creatures of Tryon Creek

November 7 - What the Stumps Can Tell Us
November 14 - Fall Colors
November 21 - Forest Fungi
November 28 - Mysterious Mosses

CLASSROOM DISCOVERY DAYS

Saturdays, 11:30 - 1:00pm

For a special last Saturday treat, wander into one of our classroom discovery days. We've got bones, animal pelts, live animals, and all sorts of other cool stuff we want to share with you. Each session will have a specific theme, but it's not a structured program so you can come and go as you please.

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of Tryon Creek**

November 28 - Mysterious Mosses

This is a Free program for all ages. There is no need to register for this program.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT TRYON CREEK

TRYON CREEK RAVINE RESTORATION PROJECT

Saturday, October 10
9:00 - 1:00pm

Join the Friends of Tryon Creek for a special Stewardship Saturday event! In addition to our weekly ivy pull, we will celebrate with a catered lunch, and a raffle.

This event is funded through a grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation.

Please contact Lizzy Miskell at Lizzy@tryonfriends.org or 503-636-4398 if you have any questions.

Registration required. Please register at www.tryonfriends.org

NO IVY DAY!

Saturday, October 24
9:00 - 12:00pm

Help the Friends of Tryon Creek pull Ivy off of our trees on "No Ivy Day". When ivy climbs trees, it not only flowers and spreads its seeds but the weight of the ivy can knock over those trees, destroying entire tracts of forest. Come help us stop this invader of the woods! Check out noivyleague.com for details and to register. Free t-shirts for registered volunteers!

Please see Stewardship Saturday listing for logistical details.

TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you a High School teen interested in science and nature? Are you looking for a fun way to volunteer with flexibility? Our Discover the Park Through Science program is a great way to get started. Teen volunteers are needed to help run science-based stations to help kids and their families learn about the park from an earth science point of view.

Teens can sign up for shifts on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 - 3:00pm throughout the fall.

Contact Lizzy Miskell at lizzy@tryonfriends.org for more information and to sign up.

PROVIDE EVERYDAY SUPPORT AS A NATURE CENTER HOST!

Nature Center Hosts are integral to our daily operations with responsibilities that include greeting visitors at the front desk, answering questions about the park, forwarding phone calls, and selling merchandise. This position is great for those who are customer-service oriented and enjoy talking about our beautiful park. Four-hour morning and afternoon shifts are available every day of the week.

Please contact Lizzy Miskell if you are interested in this volunteer position at lizzy@tryonfriends.org

STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS

October through December
9:00 - 12:00pm



Every Saturday volunteers hit the trails at 9am and work until noon clearing ivy by hand.

We will provide the work gloves, snacks and spirit.

You come ready to walk ¼ mile, pull, yank or clip the dreaded English ivy (*Hedera helix*).

Wear sturdy shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty, bring a water bottle and your love for protecting the environment.

THIS FALL WITH THE TRYON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL



2015 PLANT SALE IS OPEN!

Tryon Creek Watershed Council Native Plant Sale is now open for pre-orders of native, mostly bare-root native plants. They will be available for pickup February 12-14th 2016 at the Tryon Creek Nature Center.

Visit www.tryoncreek.org for details.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

October 12 - Tryon Creek Watershed Council Meeting, 6-8pm. Meet at the Nature Center in Tryon Creek State Park. Open to the public.

FALL WORK PARTY CALENDAR

September 19 - Invasive Removal Work Party. 10am-1pm. Meet at the intersection of SW 9th Place and SW 9th Drive.

September 26 - Invasive Removal Work Party. 9am-12pm. Meet at the intersection of SW Pasadena Street and SW 39th Avenue

October 24 - No Ivy Day Work Party. 9am-12pm. Meet at 313 SW Palatine Street.

Please wear closed toe shoes and long pants to all work parties. We provide tools, gloves, and snacks. Work goes on rain or shine!