

**The Chip Holt Nature Center presents FREE family programming**

***"The Nature of Things" 2018***

February 22 Thursday 7-8pm	<b>Wild Wings</b> will be bringing <b>LIVE</b> birds of prey to the nature center. Learn about <b>hawks</b> and <b>owls</b> , their habits and habitats! See birds up close and personal! A popular program, seating is limited to 50 participants.
March 16 Friday 7-8pm	<b>Composting in your backyard.</b> Peggy Grayson, from GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee will share information on how to successfully compost in your own backyard. Directions for making your own simple compost bins will be available. Seating is limited to 50 participants.
April 20 Friday 7-8pm	<b>Native Plant Gardens:</b> Ellen Folts , owner of Amanda's Garden in Springwater, will share information on how to grow native plants in your garden. With an influx of invasive species and a desire to "go native", Ellen's expertise will guide you in your garden planning. Seedlings will be available to add to your garden. Seating is limited to 50 participants.
May 18 Friday 7-8pm	<b>Fresh Water Mussels:</b> What do you know about Native aquatic mussels? Where do they live, what do they eat, how are they beneficial to our waterways? Find out when Amy Mahar, of the DEC Fisheries Unit, joins us to share her expertise on these aquatic mussels. Seating is limited to 50 participants.
June 16 <b>Saturday</b> <b>9-12</b>	<b>Youth Fishing Clinic.</b> Join the Nature Center for a free fishing clinic. Learn fishing techniques for Conesus Lake. What fish live there? What do they eat? When are they in season? Try your hand at baiting a hook and casting. You might be surprised by what you catch! <b>No fishing license required! Ted's Tackle will provide the bait! We'll have the fishing poles!</b>
July-August M-F 9am-12	<b>Nature Camp:</b> a daily program is offered for kids to experience nature and science experimentation. No registration required! Drop in any day! (adult must accompany child)
September 21 Friday 7-8pm	<b>Conesus Lake Fisheries Management Update.</b> Matt Sanderson, DEC Fisheries Biologist, will be sharing data regarding the health of the Conesus Lake sports fishing. Data collected over the last several years has been analyzed, and an updated summary will be presented. Find out what you need to know about the status of your favorite fish! Seating is limited to 50 participants.
October 26 Friday 7-8pm	<b>Bats!</b> Just in time for Halloween! Learn about these fascinating and beneficial mammals. Liz Thompson, an expert on bats, will be joining us to share her knowledge. Updates on the local populations and how you can help them thrive will be shared. A decorative bat craft will follow the presentation. Seating is limited to 50 participants.
November 30 Friday 7-8pm	<b>Wreath Making:</b> A holiday tradition at the Nature Center continues. Join us to make your own holiday wreath with local natural materials. A beautiful wreath to keep or give as a gift! Registration and \$8 fee to cover cost of materials is required. There is a limit to 25 participants and spots go quickly. Register by emailing <a href="mailto:chipholtnaturcenter@yahoo.com">chipholtnaturcenter@yahoo.com</a> to reserve your spot.

All programs (except Nov.) are FREE and open to the public! The Chip Holt Nature Center is a non-profit community based organization. Donations are accepted. **Sponsorship opportunities are available.**



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