

PINEY RUN RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COUNCIL

30 Martz Road
Sykesville MD 21784

Nature Center: (410) 795-6043



January 2021

The Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council is dedicated to supporting Piney Run Park and Nature Center. With the focus on conservation and environmental education, many programs and activities held throughout the year are promoted and offered by the Piney Run Council. Income from these programs and events as well as Nature Center memberships helps the Council provide support for exhibits, the Piney Run Summer Nature Camp, college scholarships and kayaking instruction as well as other activities to benefit the Park and Nature Center programs.

As caretakers of our resident raptors, the latest Council project has been to build a new aviary for them. Architectural drawings were developed in December 2019 and the Piney Run Council committed to having a new aviary built for our resident raptors during the 2021 fiscal year. A general contractor was hired to build the aviary with input from park management and approved permits from the Carroll County Government as well as assistance from the park maintenance staff. Construction of the new aviary began in July 2020. This project was funded entirely with donations from many generous supporters and Council reserve funds. While there were weather and material delivery delays periodically throughout the project, the construction of the beautiful new Piney Run Park Aviary was completed in January 2021. Along with the new building, the Council was also able to acquire two new resident raptors – our screech owls. Since the Council has not yet met our fundraising goal for this project, we are still accepting donations to supplement the Council's event income and reserve funds. Please see the [Piney Run Park Aviary GoFundMe page](#) for more information on how to support this worthy project.

Since park programs thrive on new ideas, input from additional people is always welcome and encouraged by the Council. All Council meetings are open to the public. Any member of the Nature Center is automatically a member of the Council, but must attend two Council meetings within the previous 12 months (and be 18 years of age) in order to vote at these meetings. Council meetings are held bi-monthly on the 3rd Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at 6:00 p.m. in the Piney Run Nature Center (or via Skype during the pandemic). It is at these meetings that updates from Park Staff and Council members are presented and discussed, decisions are made about fundraising events, and how membership and fundraising money is spent for the benefit of the Park and Nature Center. Please contact the Council Treasurer, Renee Schoff, for more information (PineyRunParkCouncilTreasurer@gmail.com).

Nature Center memberships, park passes, pavilion rentals and registrations for County-sponsored Carroll County Recreation & Parks programs can be purchased on the new RecDesk website:

<https://ccrec.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.



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Below are the current Council fundraising events and activities being planned for 2021 subject to current pandemic restrictions at the time of the event. All Council proceeds are used to support the Piney Run Nature Center and Piney Run Park and the community. Discounts are offered to Nature Center members for some programs. More 2021 events may be added as restrictions are eased and/or this schedule may change. Please follow the “[Friends of Piney Run Park & Nature Center](#)” on Facebook for current event information or contact the Nature Center at (410) 795-6043.

- **Nature Center Memberships** – available all year; valid for the current calendar year
- **Spring Hydrangea Slate Painting Class** - Saturday, April 17th from 1:30pm–3:30pm at Pavilion 6
- **Piney Run Park Aviary Dedication** – late spring or early summer
- **Basket Weaving Class with Partnership Crafts by Joan Betzold** – dates TBD
- **Summer Slate Painting Class** – Summer 2021 date TBD
- **Apple Festival** – Saturday, September 25th from 10am - 4pm (Tentative). This event is evolving due to the pandemic restrictions that may still be in place in September.
- **Kayaking at Piney Run Park** – Throughout the open season the Nature Center has various guided kayaking opportunities at the park. Please contact the Nature Center at (410) 795-6043 to schedule a private group paddle or see the [quarterly program guide](#) for scheduled dates, times and other information.
- **“Members Only” Event** – Summer/Fall 2021 date TBD
- **Summer/Fall Basket Raffle** – dates and prizes TBD
- **Coffee House with Live Music** – Summer/Fall 2021 date TBD
- **Adult Holiday Workshop** – Saturday, December 4th from 10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm (Tentative) (*Nature Center members receive a discount!*)
- **Children’s Holiday Workshop** – Friday, December 10th from 4pm-6pm and Saturday, December 11th from 10am-12pm (Tentative)
- **Piney Run Park Aviary Donations**– Piney Run’s raptors have moved into their new home – the new Piney Run Park Aviary! Please help support this project with your donation to the **Piney Run Park Aviary** on [GoFundMe.com](#).

Information about these and other Council events can be found on the [Friends of Piney Run Park & Nature Center](#) Facebook page. Piney Run Park information is available at [pineyrunpark.org](#).

Council Executives: Jean Redmond, Vice President
Renee Schoff, Treasurer

Claude Hoerner, Secretary
Deb Rottman, Park Superintendent



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Please help by making a
donation toward the **Piney
Run Park Aviary** at
[GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com). Donations
are also accepted at the Nature
Center Desk or by mailing a
check to the Piney Run Nature
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The Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council qualifies for 501(c)(3) status as a member of the Friends of Carroll Recreation and Parks non-profit organization