

PINEY RUN RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COUNCIL

30 Martz Road
Sykesville MD 21784

Nature Center: (410) 795-6043



January 2022

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 (see below) and kayaking instruction as well as other activities to benefit the Park and Nature Center programs and for the enjoyment of our visitors.

As caretakers of our resident raptors, the new aviary completed in January 2021- and sponsored and funded by the Council - has been a huge success. Many compliments have been received. Since the Council has not yet met its 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.

The Council and Park staff held the 1st annual **Piney Run Park Fall Festival** on October 16th, which was a success despite some changes to the food items available for purchase due to pandemic precautions. We are planning the next **Piney Run Park Fall Festival** for Saturday, October 8th, 2022 and we hope you can join us!

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 Wednesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at 6:30 p.m. typically in the Piney Run Nature Center (or at the park's Pavilion 5 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. If you are interested in additional information about the Council, please contact the Council Treasurer, Renee Schoff, for at PineyRunParkCouncilTreasurer@gmail.com or call the Nature Center at 410-795-6043.

Nature Center memberships, park passes, pavilion rentals and registrations for County-sponsored Carroll County Recreation & Parks programs can be purchased on the County's RecDesk website: <https://ccrec.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. (Park Entrance Fee is still applicable for Nature Center members.)

We thank you for your support of Piney Run Park, the Piney Run Nature Center and the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council and hope to see you frequently throughout 2022.



The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or who has a complaint should contact The Department of Citizen Services, 410.386.3600 or 1.888.302.8978 or MD Relay 7-1-1/1.800.735.2258 as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.



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Below are the upcoming Council fundraising events and activities being planned for 2022 as of January 2022. All Council proceeds are used to support the Piney Run Nature Center, Piney Run Park and the community. Discounts are offered to Nature Center members for some programs. More 2022 events may be added and/or this schedule may change. Please follow the “[Friends of Piney Run Park & Nature Center](#)” on Facebook for current event information or call the Nature Center at (410) 795-6043.

- [Nature Center Memberships](#) – available at ccrec.recdesk.com; valid for the calendar year
- [Adopt A Critter Memberships](#) – available at ccrec.recdesk.com; valid for the calendar year
- **Piney Run Park Aviary Donations** – Piney Run’s raptors are enjoying 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.
- **Cabin Fever Crafts Show** – ~~Saturday, February 12, 2022~~ – postponed until Saturday, May 7th
- **Winter Paint Class** – ~~Saturday, February 19, 2022~~ – postponed until April 30, 2022
- **Spring Fever Coffee House** – ~~Friday, March 18, 2022~~ - postponed
- **Basket Weaving Class with Partnership Crafts by Joan Betzold** – Saturday, March 26, 2022
- **Kayaking at Piney Run Park** – Various guided kayaking programs are listed in the program guides (ccrecpark.org). Please contact the Nature Center at (410) 795-6043 to schedule a private group paddle or for more information.
- **Spring Slate Paint Class** – Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Pavilion 6
- **Sprint Crafts Event** – Saturday, May 7th
- **Summer Slate Paint Class** – Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Pavilion 6
- **“Members Only” Event** – Summer/Fall 2022 date TBD
- **Summer/Fall Basket Raffle** – dates and prizes TBD
- **Summer/Fall Basket Weaving Class with Partnership Crafts by Joan Betzold** – date TBD
- **2nd Annual FALL FESTIVAL** – **Saturday, October 8th from 10am - 4pm**. Live music, craft & food vendors, scarecrow making, costume parade, onsite & to-go crafts and much more! This event is evolving due to the pandemic restrictions that may still be in place in October.
- **Adult Holiday Workshop** – Saturday, December 10th from 10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm
- **Children’s Holiday Workshop** – Friday, December 16th from 4pm–6pm and Saturday, December 17th from 10am–12pm

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:

Colleen Winters, President	Jean Redmond, Vice President	Claude Hoerner, Secretary
Renee Schoff, Treasurer	Chris Duffy, Park Superintendent	

Max Bukowitz, Park Naturalist



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Officers:**

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The Piney Run Park Aviary is here

thanks to the

**Piney Run Recreation and
Conservation Council**



Our goal is to raise \$60,000 to help offset the construction costs!

Please help by making a donation via [GoFundMe.com](#) to the [Piney Run Park Aviary](#) fundraiser or mail your donation to the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council with the note "**Piney Run Park Aviary**" to the address above or bring your donation to the Nature Center. *Thank you for your support!*



**Meet our Eastern screech owls,
Rusty and Rudy!**



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ADOPT A CRITTER



Sponsored by the Piney Run Recreation & Conservation Council

The Piney Run Nature Center's live animal residents require constant care. You can help support the critters in general or sponsor a particular animal by purchasing a 2022 Piney Run Park **Adopt A Critter Membership** which will help support our critters for an entire year! Each sponsor will receive a certificate and photo of the critter they are sponsoring in the mail and are invited to schedule a private session with the naturalist and their sponsored critter for their family's own personal encounter by calling the Nature Center at 410-795-6043.

Animals in need of sponsors include:

Barred Owls:	Ally & Lorraine
Great Horned Owl:	Patriot
Red-Tailed Hawk:	Handsome
Red-Shouldered Hawk:	Loki
Eastern Screech Owls:	Rusty & Rudy
Corn Snake:	Cob
King Snake:	Elvis
Black Rat Snake:	Kaa
Musk Turtle:	Stinky
Red-Eared Slider:	Gus
Snapping Turtle:	Tank
Eastern Box Turtles:	Boris and Claire



The fee for each membership is only \$30. What a great gift idea for any nature lover!

Adopt A Critter Memberships can be purchased online at the Carroll County Recreation & Parks Program Registration sight:

<https://ccrec.recdesk.com/Community/Membership/Detail?membershipId=996>

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Scholarship Program Information

In alignment with the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council's strong belief in education, two \$1,500 scholarships have been created to help students with college education related expenses.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a member, a child of a member, or under guardianship of a member of the Piney Run Nature Center.
- Applicant must be a full-time student taking undergraduate courses **or** in the final year of high school and planning to enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited college or university recognized by the [U.S. Department of Education](https://www.ed.gov/) in the current year.
- The same individual cannot win this scholarship in two consecutive years.
- Applicant must have a non-related adult sponsor - who is not an employee at Piney Run Park - provide a letter of recommendation or complete the Applicant Appraisal section of the application.
- A minimum grade point average (or equivalent) of 2.5 (on a scale of 4.0) – official transcript required.
- A minimum SAT score of 1000 or ACT composite of 22-24 or equivalent.

Requirements Checklist – Each qualified student must submit the following items:

- ☐ **Scholarship Application:** Complete and sign the Scholarship Application.
- ☐ **Transcript and Scores (official transcripts must be in original sealed envelopes):**
 - High school student applicants should deliver the Transcript Section to the school's principal or guidance counselor to complete, sign, and return to the applicant in a sealed envelope, along with an official transcript.
 - College student applicants need to provide an official college transcript and a record of their SAT/ACT scores.
- ☐ **Recommendation/Appraisal:**
 - Obtain a letter of recommendation from a non-related adult appraiser (one who is not an employee at Piney Run Park, such as a high school or college counselor or advisor, instructor, professional person, or supervisor).
 - Or have non-related appraiser complete the Applicant Appraisal section of the application.
- ☐ **Written statement:** Prepare a statement explaining why the scholarship is deserved and how it will help. Consider explaining how you became interested in nature, why your intended major is important to you, describing your experiences or involvement with Piney Run Park and/or sharing how this scholarship will help improve your financial situation. (No more than one typewritten double-spaced page.)
- ☐ **Return** all of the above in a single envelope (Transcript and Letter of Recommendation/Applicant Appraisal sections must be in their own sealed envelopes) postmarked no later than April 11th, 2022 to:

Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council
Attn: Scholarship Review Committee
30 Martz Road
Sykesville, MD 21784

Any questions may be e-mailed to PineyRunParkCouncilTreasurer@gmail.com.

Selection Process

The Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council **Scholarship Committee** has the sole responsibility for selecting award recipients on behalf of the Council, based on a combination of factors. Once the initial academic requirements are met, the student's involvement with Piney Run Park, school, community and environmental activities, work experience, the statement submitted by the student, and appraisal (by the adult sponsor) will be considered.

Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council

Scholarship Program Application

If space in any section is inadequate, continue on another sheet and attach to application.

Due Date: April 11, 2022

APPLICANT INFORMATION

☐ Male

☐ Female

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Date of Birth

Street Address

Apt.

City

State

Zip

Telephone No.

Are you or your parent/guardian a member of the Piney Run Nature Center? ☐ Yes ☐ No Member Name: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father's/Guardian Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Street Address

Apt.

City

State

Zip

Telephone No.

If guardian, relationship to applicant:

Mother's/Guardian Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Street Address

Apt.

City

State

Zip

Telephone No.

If guardian, relationship to applicant:

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Name

Principal

Graduation Date (Mo/Yr)

School Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone No.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

List the name of the college or university that you **currently attend or plan to attend in the future**. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.) Use official school names – do not use abbreviations.

Current/Future

College/University

City

State

☐

☐

☐

Major or course of study

Anticipated date of graduation

(Month/Year)

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

In the following sections, describe your (A) school and community activities and volunteer work (e.g., Piney Run Park, student government, sports, choir, hospital volunteer, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.), noting all special awards, honors, and offices held, and (B) paid work experience during the past four years.

A	Activities and Volunteer Work	Number of Years	Awards/Honors	Offices Held

B	Paid Work – Employer	From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)	Hours/Week	Total Earnings

OTHER AWARDS

List other scholarship awards you have applied for or been granted.

Scholarship Award	Amount	Status
	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Granted
	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Granted

Application Checklist

This application for a scholarship becomes complete and valid only when you have returned the following in a **SINGLE ENVELOPE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN April 11th, 2022**:

- ☐ This completed and signed Scholarship Program Application
- ☐ The envelope containing the official transcript of grades (and the completed Transcript section for high school students)
- ☐ The document showing your SAT/ACT scores (for college students only)
- ☐ The envelope containing the letter of recommendation or the completed Applicant Appraisal section
- ☐ The statement explaining why the scholarship is deserved and how it will help. Consider explaining how you became interested in nature, why your intended major is important to you, describing your experiences or involvement with Piney Run Park and/or sharing how this scholarship will help improve your financial situation. (No more than one typewritten double-spaced page.) to:

Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council
Attn: Scholarship Review Committee
30 Martz Road
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This application becomes the property of the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

The Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council **Scholarship Committee members** have the sole responsibility for selecting award recipients on behalf of the Piney Run Council, based on a combination of factors. Once the initial academic requirements are met, the student's involvement with Piney Run Park, school and community and environmental activities, work experience, the statement submitted by the student and appraisal (by the adult sponsor) will be considered.

CERTIFICATION

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. If requested, we agree to give proof of the information given on this application. We realize that if proof is not submitted when requested, this application will not be considered valid.

Applicant's Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature (if Applicant is a minor)	Date
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Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council Scholarship Application

Applicant Name: _____

TRANSCRIPT SECTION – An official transcript of grades must be sent with this application. **NOTE:** Minimum application requirements: a minimum grade point average of 2.5 **and** combined SAT score of 1,000 or ACT composite of 22-24, or equivalent.

High school students must include a high school transcript of grades **and have the following section completed by the appropriate school official.**

Please return to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

PSAT- Verbal _____ Math _____ SAT- Verbal _____ Essay _____ Math _____

ACT-Verbal _____ Math _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: Weighted _____ / _____ Unweighted: _____ / _____

School Official's Signature

Date

Telephone Number

School Official's Name (Please type or print)

Date

College students need to provide an official college transcript in a sealed envelope **and a record of their SAT/ACT scores.**

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Applicant Name _____

APPLICANT APPRAISAL

A non-related high school or college counselor, advisor, instructor, professional person or supervisor (not employed at Piney Run Park) must provide a letter of recommendation or complete this section.

You have been asked to provide a letter of recommendation or to complete this section of the scholarship application form to assist the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council with awarding our scholarships to the most-deserving qualified applicants.

If completing this form in lieu of a letter or recommendation, please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. If you have additional comments, please attach a separate sheet.

Please return the letter of recommendation or this completed form to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

The applicant's choice of a post-secondary education program is

☐ Extremely appropriate ☐ Very appropriate ☐ Moderately appropriate ☐ Inappropriate

The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability

☐ Extremely well ☐ Very well ☐ Moderately well ☐ Not well

The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and community is

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources

☐ Extremely well ☐ Very well ☐ Moderately well ☐ Not well

The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative

☐ Extremely well ☐ Very well ☐ Moderately well ☐ Not well

The applicant demonstrates good problem solving skills, follows through and completes tasks

☐ Extremely well ☐ Very well ☐ Moderately well ☐ Not well

The applicant's respect for self and others is

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

Appraiser's Signature _____

Date _____

Telephone No. _____

Appraiser's Name (please print or type) _____

Title/Affiliation _____

Appraiser's Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Basket Weaving Class

Saturday, March 26th, 2022
Piney Run Nature Center

9:00am – 3:00pm

Registration deadline is Sunday, March 20th!

Once again the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council is pleased to offer a new basket weaving class with Joan Betzold, the talented award-winning master weaver and owner of [Partnership Crafts by Joan Betzold!](#) During each class, Joan guides the participants through the necessary steps to weave their own hand-crafted basket. This will be yours to keep and take home with you at the end of the class.

Joan saw a version of this basket in an antique shop that was made on a hoop...very unusual!! In this class, students will weave Joan's version of this basket. The dimensions are 8" x 8" x 8" including the handle. It is continuous weave with a twined double layer bottom. This basket is perfect for flowers, gathering shells or picking berries. It is a special original design that will be a beloved gift or addition to your own collection.



\$60 per person (includes all materials and park entrance fee).
Questions? Call the Nature Center at 410-795-6043.



Register for Program ID 22WG06.07 at
<https://ccrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program>, scan the QR code or click on the link below. Don't wait - the class is limited to only 20 participants!

Join the fun and sign up today! Register here:
<https://ccrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1035>

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