

PINEY RUN RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COUNCIL

30 Martz Road
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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 through the Council. Nature Center memberships, generated through 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. Volunteers and funding from the Council make possible the Apple Festival and other special events.

Council meetings are held bi-monthly on the 3rd Tuesday in January, March, May, July (optional), September, and November at 6:00 p.m. in the Piney Run Nature Center. Reports are received at the meetings from the Park Staff. It is at these meetings that decisions are made governing how membership and fundraising money is spent for the good of the Park. Any member of the Nature Center is automatically a member of the Council, but must attend two meetings within the past 12 months (and be 18 years of age) in order to vote. All Council meetings are open to the public. Since park programs thrive on new ideas, the input of additional people is always welcome.

Below are the current Council fundraising events and activities for 2019. All Council proceeds are used to support the Piney Run Nature Center and Piney Run Park. Discounts are offered for Nature Center members for some programs.

- *Nature Center Memberships* – available all year; valid for the current calendar year
- *Cabin Fever Art Show & Sale* – Saturday, February 16th from 10am - 4pm
- *Spring Fever Coffee House* – Friday, March 22nd from 7pm - 9pm
- *Basket Making Lesson with Partnership Crafts by Joan Betzold* – Saturday, April 13th from 9am - 3pm
- *Perennial Swap* – Sunday, May 19th from 1pm - 3pm
- *Annual Apple Festival* – Saturday, September 28th from 10am - 4pm
- *Kayaking at Piney Run Park* – Throughout the open season Nature Center has various guided kayaking opportunities at the park. Call the Recreation & Parks Department at 410-386-2103 or see the quarterly program guide for dates, times and other information.
- *Basket Making Lesson with Partnership Crafts by Joan Betzold* – Saturday, August 17th from 9am - 3pm
- *Adult Holiday Workshop* – Saturday, December 7th from 10am – 12 pm and 1pm – 3pm with a pot luck lunch at 12pm (*Nature Center members receive a discount!*)
- *Children's Holiday Workshop* – Friday, December 13th from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday, December 14th from 10am - 12pm
- *Adopt a Critter* – The Nature Center's live animal collection requires constant care. Animals in need of sponsors include birds of prey, snakes, and turtles. You can sponsor all of their critters or a specific one.

Information about these events and other park events can be found on the [Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council](#) Facebook page or you may call the Nature Center at 410-795-6043.

Council Executives: Jack Redmond, President
Claude Hoerner, Secretary
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