

PINEY RUN RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COUNCIL

30 Martz Road
Sykesville MD 21784
Nature Center: (410) 795-6043



September 20, 2023

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. We continue to receive many compliments. 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 was able to host numerous fundraising events this past year including the 2nd annual **Piney Run Park Fall Festival** which is sponsored jointly by the Piney Run Council and Carroll County Recreation and Parks. The Council also hosted the Holiday Crafts workshops, the Cabin Fever Crafts Show, the Spring Fever Coffeehouse and the recent Sounds of September Coffeehouse as well as several paint classes and several basket weaving classes. We're planning these same event this coming year.

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 Thursday 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). At these meetings 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, via email (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 the year.



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 late 2023 and in 2024 as of September 2023. 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 2023 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.
- **Fall Slate Painting Class** – Saturday, September 23rd 1:00pm–3:30pm in Pavilion 6
- **Fall Perennial Swap** – Sunday, October 1st 1pm – 3pm on the Nature Center patio
- **3rd Annual FALL FESTIVAL** – **Saturday, October 14th from 10am - 4pm**. Live music, craft & food vendors, scarecrow making, onsite & to-go crafts and much more!
- **Winter Slate Painting Class** – Saturday, December 2nd from 1pm-3pm
- **Adult Holiday Workshop** – Saturday, December 9th from 10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm
- **Children’s Holiday Workshop** – Friday, December 15th from 4pm-6pm and Saturday, December 16th from 10am-12pm
- **Winter Basket Weaving Class with Partnership Crafts by Joan Betzold** – date TBD
- **Cabin Fever Crafts Show** – Saturday, February 17th 10am–4pm
- **Spring Fever Coffee House** – Friday, March 22nd 7pm-9pm
- **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 Basket Weaving Class with Partnership Crafts by Joan Betzold** – Date TBD
- **Celebrate Spring/Herb Festival ??**
- **Spring Perennial Swap** – Sunday, May 19th 1pm-3pm
- **Basket Weaving Class with Partnership Crafts by Joan Betzold** – Sunday, May 21st 9am-3pm
- **Bake Table at the Sasquatch Saturday Event** – date TBD
- **“Members Only” Event** – Summer/Fall (date TBD)
- **Summer/Fall Basket Raffle** – September/October
- **Fall Basket Weaving Class with Partnership Crafts by Joan Betzold** – date TBD

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 Rita Jacobs, Vice President Claude Hoerner, Secretary
Renee Schoff, Treasurer Gina Porter, Park Superintendent



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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 2023 Piney Run Park **Adopt A Critter Membership** which will help support our critters for an entire year! Each sponsor will be mailed a certificate and photo of the critter they are sponsoring; and will be 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:

Species	Name
American Toads:	<i>Bonny & Clyde</i>
Barred Owl:	<i>Ally</i>
Black Rat Snake:	<i>Kaa</i>
Common Water Snake:	<i>Alyster</i>
Crested Gecko:	<i>Alvin</i>
Eastern Box Turtles:	<i>Boris & Claire</i>
Eastern Screech Owls:	<i>Rusty & Rudy</i>
Great Horned Owl:	<i>Patriot</i>
King Snake:	<i>Elvis</i>
Lake Fish:	<i>Rotating exhibit</i>
Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches:	<i>Sponsor assigns names</i>
Musk Turtle:	<i>Stinky</i>
Red-Eared Slider:	<i>Gus</i>
Red-Shouldered Hawk:	<i>Loki</i>
Red-Tailed Hawk:	<i>Handsome</i>



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=2184>

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The Piney Run Park Aviary is here

thanks to the
**Piney Run Recreation and
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Patriot



Handsome



Ally

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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