

Bay Views

Bay Views is a free evening program series that is held in the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. No registration is required and light refreshments are served. Donations are accepted for the family program which begins at 6:30 p.m. on August 1st.

June 27

Carole Lambert, author of the *Sea Glass Chronicles*, will talk about sea glass and her newest book, *Sea Glass Hunter's Handbook*

July 11

Sherry Bandsema, Strawberry Banke Docent and historical researcher: *Historic Trees and Gardens in Old Portsmouth*

July 18

Pam Hunt of NH Audubon: Dragonflies of NH: *What the Research and Census Tells Us*

July 25

Steve Mirick, author and bird watcher: *Rare and Common Birds in New Hampshire*

August 1

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center: *Why do Animals do That? Family program with live animals. Suggested donation \$2.00/person max \$10/family - 6:30 p.m.*

August 8

Gerry Ward, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Senior Curator: *"Rack 'em Up" a presentation on the past trend of decorating with animal trophies*

August 15

Joanne Burke, UNH Professor and dietician: *Eating Sustainable, Locally Grown Foods (with some samples for refreshments)*

August 22

Win Watson, UNH Professor and Marine Researcher: *The Secret Life of Lobsters (with some special lobster treats)*

CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS

BAYVENTURES 2012

JUNE 9

**SPECIAL FAMILY PROGRAM* (FOR AGES 5 +)*

HORSESHOE CRAB SPAWNING EXTRAVAGANZA

Join the Discovery Center and the Gulf of Maine Marine Educators Association to learn about the secret lives of horseshoe crabs and witness their annual spawning ritual on the shore of Great Bay. Kids 5-18 Free, Adults \$10. Great Bay Stewards and GOMMEA members free. Space is limited. Call to register.

LET'S G.O.! (GET OUTSIDE!)

THURSDAYS 6/28, 7/5, 7/19 AND 8/16 1:00-2:30 \$5/CHILD

Is it hard to get your kids outside away from the electrical outlets? How about writing "Get Outside" for your kids on your summer calendar? Natural landscapes in the outdoors provide rich, diverse, multisensory experiences for free play. As part of a national initiative, let our naturalists provide the opportunity for well supervised, but unstructured play around the Discovery Center. Sign up for one or the series of four.

JULY 11 OR 13

LIFE UNDER A LOG

What creatures scurry when you turn over a log on the forest floor? How are they helping to renew the soil for trees to grow? We will take a peek under our video microscope at samples of "log life" and make a craft to take home.



JULY 18 OR 20

DRAGONHUNTERS 101

We all see them zigzagging around our yards on warm summer evenings. They don't breathe fire or guard a pile of gold, but have you ever stopped to watch what a dragonfly is doing? We will search for the many species of dragonflies that live around Great Bay and make a "winged" craft to take home.

JULY 25 AND/OR 27

WONDERS AT THE WATERFRONT

Join us for one or both of the days this week to discover the thrill of mucking around at low tide on Wednesday and a high tide adventure on Friday. Try your hand at digging for a clam or seining for juvenile fish. Both days will be a blast! Make a craft to take home.

KAYAK THE GREAT BAY ESTUARY

Join Great Bay Discovery Center staff naturalists on a variety of trips throughout the Estuary. Learn about the bay's unique natural and cultural history, seasonal wildlife populations and salt marsh ecology. Call (603) 778-0015 for details.



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"Once Upon An Estuary"

A summer program for 3-6 year olds on Thursdays from 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The cost is \$2 per child. Children, accompanied by an adult, are invited to come listen to a story, play games, and make a craft. Most activities will be outside so please come dressed ready to play and have some fun! Featured stories are listed below.

AUGUST 1 6:30 P.M.

***SPECIAL FAMILY PROGRAM* SQUAM LAKES SCIENCE CENTER**

WHY DO ANIMALS DO THAT?

Why do animals throw up when they're not sick? Why gnaw on wood if you don't eat it? You will learn the answers to these questions and understand the advantages to the animals that practice these behaviors. Suggested donation: \$2/person max \$10/family.

AUGUST 1 AND/OR 3

WONDERS AT THE WATERFRONT

A repeat of the previous week, but opposite days. Join us for one or both of the days this week to discover the thrill of mucking around at low tide on Friday and a high tide adventure on Wednesday. Try your hand at digging for a clam or seining for juvenile fish. Both days will be a blast! Make a craft to take home.

AUGUST 8 OR 10

WORMOLOGY

Why are worms wonderful? Worms are great composters, soil recyclers and food for many other animals. We will travel through a worm tunnel, look at the Discovery Center's worm composting bin and make a craft to take home.

AUGUST 15 OR 17

OLD MACDONALD HAD A FLOUNDER?

Fish, shellfish and seaweed can be farmed too! Aquaculture plays an important part in certain foods that we use. We will taste test several products from the sea and make fish print t-shirts to take home.

AUGUST 22 OR 24

LIVELY LOBSTERS

Did you know that a lobster can live to be over 100 years old? Join us as we look into the life of a lobster and a lobsterman. We will hold a live lobster and get a chance to try out lobstering gear for the morning on our model lobster boat. Make a craft to take home.

SIGN UP!

Program registration begins in May. Each program begins at 9:45 and ends at 12:00 unless otherwise noted. All programs are recommended for ages 7-11 unless specified otherwise.

Please have children wear clothes/shoes that can get wet/muddy. Call (603) 778-0015 or email beth.heckman@wildlife.nh.gov to register. Regular Bayventure programs are \$7 for Great Bay Stewards members and \$10 for non-members. Inquire about how to become a member to get children's program and other discounts. Make checks payable to Great Bay Stewards and send to the address below marked ATTN: Beth

"A Log's Life"

By Wendy Pfeffer

July 12th

"George and the Dragonfly"

By Andy Blackford

July 19th

"I Went to the Bay"

By Ruth Miller

Thursday July 26th

"What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?"

By Steve Jenkins

August 2nd

"Diary of a Worm"

By Doreen Cronin

August 9th

"Gus is a Fish"

By Claire Babin

August 16th

"The Amazing Journey of Lucky the Lobster Buoy"

By Karel Hayes

August 23rd