



SSNSC SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER



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Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9:30am-4:30pm Admission \$7.00/Adult • \$5.00/Senior (60+) • \$3.00/Children (3-15)
Trails open daily from dawn until dusk ~ free for your enjoyment

Summer Newsletter 2011

30th Anniversary Garden Tour Wednesday, July 13th, 10:00am-7:00pm

The SSNSC Garden Tour is one of the longest running tours in the area. Our featured gardens are always personal expressions of creativity and illustrate ways that home gardens enrich our lives with birdsong, flowers, shade, and homegrown fruits and vegetables. Come join our 30th celebration of gardens from ocean views, stone walls, cottage gardens and square foot vegetable growing. Enjoy artists painting plein-air, music after 4:00pm, raffle prizes, and talking with owners. Get ideas to create some memories of your own! Tickets are \$20/\$18 for members; all tickets the day of the tour are \$25. They may be purchased by phone, 781-659-2559, or from our website, www.ssnsnc.org. Tour proceeds help fund the Science Center's environmental education programs. Your purchase of a ticket makes you a partner in our efforts. We thank our business sponsors, Scituate Federal Savings Bank and Watch All Pest Control, our garden owners, and volunteers.



Businesses Sponsor Educational Field Trips to Willow Brook Farm Preserve, Pembroke

For the past 11 years, naturalists from SSNSC have provided free environmental education programs at Willow Brook Farm Preserve, Pembroke. Third grade elementary students from Pembroke and Norwell participated and learned about different habitats with a two hour guided walk. The Sheehan Family Foundation of Kingston generously offers a challenge grant which is matched dollar to dollar by local businesses. Additional Business Sponsors include Eastern Bank of Norwell MA, S Bank of Weymouth and Hanover, Planet Subaru of Hanover, Village Volvo of Norwell, Land Rover/ Jaguar of Hanover, Hobomock PTO, Mary Gartung, Chris Jacobs/WillowHouse Design consultant, SSNSC "Greenscapes" team, John Kaczorowski, Karin Kaczorowski, and Pembroke Local Cultural Council. Many thanks to the Sheehan Foundation and these generous local businesses to continue this valuable educational program.

SSNSC Community Helps Campers

Summer Camp is seeing a significant increase in requests for financial aid. After an incredibly generous group of Spring Stirrings guests, along with many treasured annual donors, we are working hard to bring each needy child to camp. Please consider helping fund a week of laughter & learning. Contact ext. 218 or camp@ssnsnc.org.

Interested in volunteering at Corn Festival?

Saturday, Sept. 17 ~ 10:00am-4:00pm (Rain date Sunday, Sept. 18)

It's the 30th Annual Festival and promises to be our best yet!

Corn Festival is our big fall fundraiser and volunteers are needed to make it a success. There are lots of opportunities available from set-up, baking goodies or making corn chowder, children's crafts to parking cars- there's a job and time shift available to suit your needs. If interested, contact: Chris Jacobs, Events Volunteer Coordinator at cbcjacobs@hotmail.com

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Animal Planet's R.O.A.R. initiative donates to the Science Center

Animal Planet's R.O.A.R. (Reach out. Act. Respond) initiative, in partnership with GlobalGiving recently donated \$5,000 to the South Shore Natural Science Center to develop educational curriculum for the new Migration exhibits in the EcoZone. R.O.A.R is committed to organizations nationwide and globally who support and improve the world for animals with key programs. For more information about how SSNSC is working with R.O.A.R see www.globalgiving.org/ROAR.

News from Nature Center Preschool

We enjoyed a great year at Nature Center Preschool. We had a lot of outdoor adventures and started a new garden project which camp will maintain during the summer. We were happy to have a lot of parents participate in fundraisers and in the classroom. We ended the year with family picnics at the end of May. School will begin another year starting with "Open House" for all groups the week after Labor Day. - We still have some openings in the Monday - Wednesday - Friday pm program.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY					1	2
3	4	5	6 Parents & Tots	7	8	9
10	11 Summer Science	12 Green Strolls	13 Garden Tour Parents & Tots	14	15	16
17	18	19 Art Reception	20 Gators & Crocs! Parents & Tots	21	22	23
24	25 Summer Science	26 Owling 101 Green Strolls	27 Parents & Tots	28	29	30
31 Singles Kayak						
AUGUST			3 Parents & Tots	4	5	6
7	8 Summer Science	9 Green Strolls	10 Parents & Tots	11	12	13 Starry Sky
14	15 Extreme Science	16 Extreme Science	17 Extreme Science Parents & Tots	18 Extreme Science	19 Extreme Science	20
21	22	23 Green Strolls	24 Parents & Tots	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Parents & Tots			

On Our Trails & Ongoing Drop-Ins

Story Walks

Enjoy our trails in a different way! Combine two great activities, exercising and reading, and walk a trail as you follow a children's story that is posted page-by-page along the path. Fun for the young and the young at heart! Please check our website for details.

Questing

Looking for fun and affordable things to do with your family? Get outdoors and explore the South Shore with a wonderful selection of 20 walks through a variety of public properties. Questing is more than just a walk in the woods; it is an adventure! A small booklet, a great price and so much fun in store! Booklets available for \$6 at SSNSC!

REI Trail Project

Check out progress on an REI funded family discover and activity areas in the Piney Woods and along a new trail near the Wildflower Garden. If you would like to join the grounds committee to help with this project, call Martha.

Ongoing Drop-In Programs

Free for Members, \$5 for Non-Members

Feed the Animals

Saturdays at 10:00am & Wednesdays at 3:00pm
Watch the naturalist feed the animals and learn more about them!

Meet an Animal

Saturdays at 2:00pm
Monday holidays at 10:00am & 2:00pm
The Naturalist features a different animal each week.

After Work Green Strolls

Tuesdays, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23 5:00-6:30pm Free for Members, \$5 for Non-Members

This program is a Naturalist led walk to learn more about the animals and plants that live right in your backyard versus what you see on The Animal Planet network or the Discovery Channel! This after work walk will definitely reduce your stress level and increase your interest and knowledge of the wildlife around you. On the first Tuesday of the month we'll walk around the trails here at the SSNSC and then on the next walking Tuesday of the month we'll spend some time around the Jacob's Pond environment. Find how much fun walking & learning can be! If the weather looks like an issue call the SSNSC during business hours 9:30am – 4:30pm.

Adult & Family Programs

FREE

Owling 101

Tuesday, July 26
7:30-9:00pm
\$10M/\$13NM

Meet our live owl and learn about its characteristics, adaptations and habitats. Take a walk in our woodlands to listen for residents there, and then dissect an owl "pellet" to discover what secrets it holds!
Adults only please. Pre-registration required.



Beneath The Starry Sky

Saturday, August 13th
8:00-10:00pm

For Families with Children 5 years and up
Members: \$10/person, \$35 Family Maximum
Non-Members: \$13/person, \$47 Family Maximum
The Perseid Meteor Shower dazzles observers every year at this time. Join us for some "space crafts" and activities to learn about this phenomenon. Then we'll go outside to the field and use binoculars and telescopes to scan the sky for "falling stars", planets and the moon. Finish with s'mores around the campfire.
Please dress for the weather, bring a blanket to lay on to watch the sky and wear insect repellent.
Pre-registration Required.

Singles Canoe/Kayak Paddle

Sunday, July 31
1:00pm-3:00pm
FREE (Donations Welcome)

Join us for a leisurely paddle up the North River starting at the Union Street Bridge in Norwell. Explore this beautiful site as we meet new people and fellow paddlers from the area. Please bring your own boat, paddles, and life jackets (required) and meet at the parking lot on the Marshfield side of the Union Street Bridge. *Adults only please. No pre-registration is required!*

Family Fun Program

Alligator & Crocodiles from Rainforest Reptile Shows

Wednesday, July 20
1:30-2:30pm
Children: \$8M/\$10NM, Adults: \$5

Join our favorite herpetologist, Michael K. Ralbovsky of Rainforest Reptile shows and learn about alligators and crocodiles. What is the difference between them? If you dare- hold an alligator! It's a fun and educational show for the whole family. Recommended for ages 3 and up, with an adult.
Sign up early - limited tickets available.



Parents and Tots

For children ages 5 & under accompanied by an adult
Every Wednesday 9:30-10:45am Flexible! Sign up for one or all 12 classes.
Bonus! Pay for 6 classes, get one free! \$5/M, \$10/NM per class per child/parent pair
Additional family members \$2/M, \$3/NM Papooses free!

We will explore the outdoors and investigate the changes during the Summer Season. Take a leisurely guided walk to the pond, fields, or the woods. Dress for the weather. *Pre-registration requested.*

Amazing Summer Science

Pre-registration & Pre-payment Required

Summer Science Adventures

For children entering grades K-2
Mondays
July 11: Pond Exploration
July 25: Wild About Woodlands
August 8: Fun in the Fields
1:30-3:00pm
\$10/M, \$13/NM per class per child
Explore the natural world around the Science Center. Have fun investigating the woodlands, fields, and Jacobs Pond to discover the secrets of these awesome habitats!
Please come dressed for outdoor exploration and with insect repellent already applied.

Extreme Science

For children entering grades 3-5.
Monday-Friday, August 15-19
9:00am-1:00pm
\$225M/\$270NM per child for the week
Or \$50M/\$60NM per day
Monday: Geology - Minerals, Rocks, Fossils
Tuesday: Botany - Trees & Plants
Wednesday: Limnology - Pond Life
Thursday: Ornithology - Bird Life
Friday: Meteorology - Weather
Explore the world of science with five amazing days. Get a certificate and a discount for a five day sign up!
Be sure to bring a peanut free snack and lunch.

Give your student a jump-start in science!

South Shore Natural Science Center –
Corporate and Community Group Donors

April 1, 2010– March 31, 2011

We thank the businesses that support us and ask that you please support them!

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We strive to accurately maintain our records and appreciate any corrections.

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	Susan Bailey <i>Financial Assistant</i>

Education Staff

Staff Naturalists

Jean Kut	Louise Beaudry
Chris Jacobs	Dot MacFarlane
Paul Graycar	Emily Carreiro
Karen Kurkoski (<i>Animal Curator</i>)	

Preschool Staff

Elsa Ryberg
Preschool Director

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Extra Membership Benefits

Show your SSNSC membership card to receive*:

10% off regularly priced plants at Kennedy's Country Gardens, Scituate

10% off regularly priced items at Wild Birds Unlimited, Hanover

10% off your entire purchase at Gardeners' Choice, Pembroke

*Offer subject to change.

Nature Store News

Stop by and see what's new! We are excited about our Birdsong Identifiers. It's a great way to walk and enjoy nature. The hand held device features 10 selection buttons with multiple bird and duck calls. A wonderful gift for beginning birders.

We also carry a variety of gardening books and gloves, bird/bat houses, tee shirts and fun summer jewelry.

Come check us out!

Don't forget members take 10% off in the Nature Store. Summer is a great time to get outside and explore! Quest books are for sale in the Store and "A Walk on the Edge" features Science Center trails.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Advance registration is required for our programs, as it helps guarantee adequate staffing, supplies, and participants. We encourage pre-registration as far in advance as possible. If there are registration problems, speak directly to the program coordinator; our volunteers are not responsible for registration problems. Payment is necessary to hold your place for all of our programs. Please make pre-paid registrations by 2 pm, two days prior to the program date. Telephone reservations will be held for three business days. We gladly accept MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover. We do not issue a written confirmation. However, a receipt for program registration will be sent if requested.. There is a \$25.00 handling fee for returned checks.

CANCELLATIONS

If you can't attend a program for which you've registered, please notify the Center as soon as possible. Cancellations received one week prior to the program will receive a full refund less a \$15.00 handling fee. A credit valid for one year from the date of issue will be given for any cancellation up to 48 hours before a program. Registrants who miss a program and do not give advance notice will forfeit the program fee. No refunds are given for class absences or for programs for which rain dates are scheduled unless a replacement is found. The refund will be mailed to the registrant. The Center may cancel a program if minimum registration is not met. In the event of cancellation due to weather, a taped message will be left on the answering machine, and prepaid fees will be refunded.

TRANSPORTATION

The Center's insurance plan does not cover private vehicles or their drivers. Drivers transport passengers at their own risk under their own insurance policies.

Yes, I want to become a member of the South Shore Natural Science Center.

Enroll me as a member for one year.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home _____

Phone _____

Circle one: New or Renewal Membership

\$65 • Family \$55 • Grandparents & Grandchildren

\$25 • Individual Adult \$150 • Corporate/Business

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Now Appearing in Vine Hall Gallery



“Beyond the Garden Gate” ~ Annual Juried Art Show ~ June 28- August 27

View the diversity of garden themes by these talented artists in a variety of medias. Fernwood Gallery, Norwell, has again generously donated gift certificates for prizes. **Meet the artists at an Opening Reception on Tuesday, July 19 from 6-7:30 pm.**

All works are for sale. A portion of the sale supports the Science Center.

Art by Deanne Noiseux ~ August 31- Oct 11

Local artist and retired Norwell High School Art Teacher, Deanne Noiseux loves to paint beach scenes. Sketches and photographs of Scituate Harbor, Nantasket Beach, as well as Sarasota, and Jensen Beach, FL are the basis of paintings in oil and monotypes in ink.

Wish List

Please contact the Science Center if you can donate any of these items or give money to purchase them. Many thanks!

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| Garden hand tools & rakes | Easel style white/wipe board |
| Wheelbarrow & garden cart | 3 person dome tents in good condition |
| Craft supplies: construction, tissue, and cardstock paper, new crayons, etc. | |
| Donations towards purchasing an Animal Care room sink. | |

The South Shore Natural Science Center is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about the natural and cultural environments of the South Shore. Our mission is to provide natural science experiences that educate, excite, and commit every generation to conserve the environment and to encourage responsible use, stewardship and enjoyment of our natural resources.

Coming soon: check out our new website! To sign up for our monthly “e-newsletter,” please e-mail ssnsnc@comcast.net.