

2017 CALENDER OF FAMILY EVENTS

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For more information on any of the events listed below, contact us at info@naturescalling.ca or 519-410-7376

All events by donation (suggested \$10 per family).

EARTH DAY, Saturday, April 22nd, 1 to 3 P.M.

Celebrating the Importance of Pollinators

Pollinators, including bumblebees, honeybees, flies, moths, and hummingbirds, are critical to our food system and our biodiversity. Many pollinators are in decline! In this hands-on workshop, learn about the importance of pollinators, along with ways you can support them with native flowering gardens and build pollinator habitat. After we'll taste some foods that are brought to us by our local neighbourhood pollinators!

@Wagon Wheel Produce and Corn Maze, 1371 Charlotteville #7 Rd. (just east of Turkey Point Rd.)

Sunday, April 30th, 7 to 9 P.M.

Amazing Amphibians Hike, Backus Woods.

Peep, croak, quack and slither! Backus Woods in the spring is a wonderful place to be! Join us for a walk in the woods as we look for salamanders, explore vernal pools and listen for the songs of frogs and toads.

@ Backus Woods entrance on the 3rd Concession Road (between East Quarter Line and Hwy #59).

MOTHER'S DAY, Sunday May 14th, 10 A.M. to Noon

Gifts from Nature: Mother's Day Hike & Fairy Gardens

Nature is an extraordinary gift, one that is perennially given to us, and one that we can give and share with others. Spend the day with Mom celebrating all that Spring offers through the delights of early wildflower blooms, a garland of pastel Easter eggs, a floral May basket and a handmade fairy garden to take home and put in her own garden.

@ Canada's First Forestry Station Interpretive Centre on Highway #24 (just east of Forestry Farm Road) Sunday, May 21st, 1 to 3 P.M.

Biodiversity Blitz @ Bonnieheath

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22nd the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. Join us as we explore wood, ponds and grasslands and identify as many species of plants and animals as we can on this diverse and interesting farm property.

@ Bonnieheath Estate Lavender & Winery, 410 Concession 12 Townsend Rd., Waterford

Saturday, June 17th, 9 A.M. to Noon

A Path that Leads to Yesterday: First Nations Traditions & Games

Through exploration, storytelling, and hands-on activities, you and your family will get a first-hand look at interactions between Aboriginal peoples and early European Settlers on our land. Sharing of cultural aspects of how these two groups co-existed for survival living off the land (skills, beliefs, and knowledge) will provide a backdrop for our activities to celebrate National Aboriginal Day on June 21st.

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Sunday, July 9th, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

The Rooted in Nature Outdoor Family Festival

A fun and educational weekend of all things nature, including guided hikes, wildlife shows, interactive displays, outdoor theatre, games, arts and crafts, live butterfly cage, campfire storytelling and more. All activities and events are geared to the entire family.

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Saturday, September 16th & Sunday, September 17th, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. *Shinin' Times: A Buck-skinner Rendezvous*

Canada's buck-skinners and fur-traders lived as one with nature. This unique historical re-enactment of "rendezvous" will have re-enactors competing in challenges that include archery, tomahawk throwing, knife tossing, fire starting and trap setting. Visitors can participate in traditional games like the frying pan toss, tug of war; "anything in a skirt" egg toss, obstacle courses and more! There will be storytelling and yarns, fur-trapper lingo, various demonstrations of how folks in them 'thar years lived, and more. @ Wagon Wheel Produce and Corn Maze, 1371 Charlotteville #7 Rd. (just east of Turkey Point Rd.)

Sunday, October 29th, 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Halloween Fun at Wagon Wheel Produce & Corn Maze

Spooky fun for the whole family! Why wait of Halloween – let's make it a drawn out affair! Find your way through the corn maze using clues to help you navigate. There will also be pumpkin bowling, pumpkin slinging, seed spitting contest, storytelling, building gnome houses for wildlife in the woods, face painting and lots of good food.

@ Wagon Wheel Produce and Corn Maze, 1371 Charlotteville #7 Rd. (just east of Turkey Point Rd.) Come in costume and get \$1 off admission.