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DAUPHIN COUNTY  
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## Winter 2019-20 Calendar of Events



Enjoy the festive holiday season at Fort Hunter and Wildwood Parks. Don't miss the many free family activities at Fort Hunter such as the Toy Train Exhibit, Kids Only Holiday Shop and Santa's Reindeer. The Victorian Tea offers a glimpse into the elegant past of the Fort Hunter Mansion. Find a creative outlet in the Natural Ornament Workshop at Wildwood Park. As winter settles in, learn about PA State Species at Wildwood's Winter Lecture Series or take up the hobby of fly-tying with classes at the Olewine Nature Center. Conclude the winter season with the Maple Sugar Festival, celebrating the coming of spring as the maple tree sap flows and gets turned into sweet syrup.

Don't forget to check out what's happening on our website at [DauphinCounty.org](http://DauphinCounty.org). Those who enjoy social media can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates on all of our events and programs!

Best wishes to all this Holiday season!

### Call to Artists

Now through January 21, 2020

Wildwood Park

Free

Join the fun in making outdoor art in the park! Submit your *Art In The Wild* idea today. It's easy and free. This year's theme is Woodland Harmony. Go to [www.wildwoodlake.org](http://www.wildwoodlake.org) and submit an application by January 21, 2020.

### Wreath Workshop

Saturday, November 30 & Sunday, December 1

9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:00 pm

Wildwood Park

\$20 per wreath

Make an evergreen wreath out of natural materials. Everything will be supplied to make a wreath with decorations from nature, including cones, berries, nuts and seed pods. Participants may bring additional items and ribbon. After constructing a wreath, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate while adding some finishing touches. Bring work gloves and clippers. Register at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events).



#### Unless Otherwise Noted:

\*Wildwood program registration is online at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events)

\*Wildwood programs begin at the Olewine Nature Center unless otherwise posted.



### Kids Only Christmas Shop

**Saturdays & Sundays, November 30 - December 15**  
**12:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Fort Hunter Centennial Barn**

**Free, parents provide spending money**

Assisted by Santa's helpers from the Friends of Fort Hunter, young shoppers 12 years old and under may do their holiday shopping, without the aid of parents. Tasteful, museum quality items are provided by Fort Hunter Mansion Museum Shop. All items are \$10 and under. Purchases will be wrapped with the assistance of helper elves and a gift tag will be signed before the youngster leaves the shop. Proceeds support the work of the Friends of Fort Hunter.



### Festival of Trees

**Saturdays & Sundays, November 30 - December 22**  
**12:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Fort Hunter Tavern House Free**

View six Christmas trees artistically decorated by local Garden Clubs of the Harrisburg Area Civic Garden Center using handmade ornaments. Trees are available for raffle and a selection of ornaments are for sale.

### Toy Train Exhibit

**Saturdays & Sundays, November 30 - December 22**  
**12:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Fort Hunter Centennial Barn Free**

The Keystone Model Railroad Historical Society returns to Fort Hunter with a display of HO gauge trains that travel over a large layout representing communities in Central PA.

### Christmas at Fort Hunter

**Sunday, December 1 - Sunday, December 22**

**Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm**

**Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm (Closed Mondays)**

**Fort Hunter Mansion**

**\$7-Adults; \$6-Senior Citizens; \$4- Students**

Step back to the days of gentle living with a guided tour of the Mansion, highlighting the holiday trimmings and customs of Christmases long ago. The Civic Committee of the Garden Club of Harrisburg decorates the Mansion with fresh greens, fruits and dried and fresh flowers. To assist in holiday shopping, the Fort Hunter Museum Shop is stocked with tasteful and unique Christmas gift items and is open during museum hours.



### Craft Reunion

**Friday, December 6 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Saturday, December 7 10:00 am - 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 8 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Fort Hunter Centennial Barn Free**

A sumptuous array of handmade treasures from pottery and gem-toned wearables to exquisite jewelry and fine art collage, are available for purchase in a boutique-style open house. Selected by former members of Third Street Pottery, this show presents the best of Pennsylvania's crafts.

### Greens Sale

**Saturday, December 7 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 8 11:00 am until sold out**

**Fort Hunter Centennial Barn Free**

Boxwood trees, pine centerpieces, arrangements, candle rings and more, handmade by Friends of Fort Hunter, are available for purchase.

### Project FeederWatch

**Saturday, December 7 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Wildwood Park Free**

Stop by the Nature Center, enjoy a warm beverage, and help count the birds. Join a naturalist and help observe, monitor and record the number of bird species that visit feeders throughout the winter months. Project Feeder-

Watch is an ongoing research project sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Pre-registration is not required.



### **Natural Ornaments**

**Sunday, December 8 & 15** **10:00 am & 1:00 pm**  
**Wildwood Park** **\$5 per participant**

Children and adults are invited to make holiday ornaments using pine cones, milkweed pods, and other natural materials. Everything but the creativity will be supplied to make works of art to decorate for the holidays. Pre-registration is not required.

### **Open Hearth Cooking**

**Sunday, December 8** **12:30 pm – 4:30pm**  
**Tavern House Summer Kitchen** **Free**

Visitors will see, smell and sample Victorian holiday food prepared over an open fire by cooks in authentic 1800s clothing.

### **Victorian Tea**

**Sunday, December 8** **1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
**Fort Hunter Mansion** **\$10**

Visitors will enjoy tasty tea sandwiches, desserts and spiced tea as they stroll through the Mansion enjoying the holiday decorations of fresh greens and natural trimmings. Admission accepted at the door. No advance registration is necessary.

### **Clear Toy Candy Demonstration**

**Sunday, December 8** **1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
**Fort Hunter Mansion** **Free**

A sweet reminder of the past; clear toy candy making will be demonstrated in the summer kitchen of the Mansion during the Victorian Tea. This Pennsylvania-German tradition that dates back to the 1700s involves molding sugar into a hard-candy sculptures. This candy was, and still is, a traditional holiday gift among local Pennsylvanians; one-part play-thing, and one-part edible treat. Candy makers George Kopp and Gina Napoli will demonstrate and have candies for sale.



### **Fort Couture**

**Saturdays & Sundays, December 7- December 22**  
**12:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Fort Hunter Stable** **Free**

View Christmas Tree Dresses created by Fort Hunter friends and neighbors. See dress forms adorned in Christmas decorations, the creativity will amaze you. Vote for your favorite, no two will be alike. Donations are welcome.

### **Saint Thomas Dulcimer Society in Concert**

**Wednesday, December 11** **6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Fort Hunter Centennial Barn** **Free**

Sounds of the season will be performed by 17 members of the Saint Thomas Dulcimer Society. Enjoy a mixture of holiday and seasonal tunes played on mountain dulcimers, a Baritone dulcimer, a Bass dulcimer, a banjammer (plays like a Dulcimer but sounds like a banjo), harps, and hammer dulcimer. A holiday sing-along will conclude the concert and the Toy Train Exhibit will be open for a brief visit at the end of the evening.

### **Winter Discovery**

**Saturday, December 14 – Tuesday, December 31**  
**(closed Mondays & December 25)**

**10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Wildwood Park** **Free**

Visit the Olewine Nature Center, where special exhibits will highlight some of Wildwood's animals in winter. Self-guided stations will help visitors understand more about natural history and enhance a winter outdoor experience. Pre-registration is not required.

### **Photography Contest Display**

**Saturday, December 14 – Saturday, January 25**  
**(closed Mondays, December 25, & January 1)**

**10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Wildwood Park** **Free**

Visit the Olewine Nature Center to view and vote for your favorite photos! Take a tour of the 100-plus beautiful matted photo entries in the Friends of Wildwood



Photo Contest. Winners will be announced Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 1 pm. Prizes will be awarded for winning entries. The People's Choice awards will be announced after the display ends. Prizes go to top votes in each category.



### **Santa's Reindeer at Fort Hunter**

**Saturday, December 14** 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
**Fort Hunter Centennial Barn** Free

Visit one of Santa's reindeer, and take pictures with Mrs. Santa and the reindeer. Refreshments available, donations welcome. No registration required.

### **Art In The Wild Workshop**

**December 14** 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
**Wildwood Park** Free

To assist Art In The Wild installation proposals, an informal workshop will be held to review the dos and don'ts of construction and design of outdoor art. This workshop is intended to help participants assemble better proposals for Art In The Wild 2020. Register at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events).

### **Brass Triumphant in Concert**

**Sunday, December 15** 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Fort Hunter Centennial Barn** Free

Join this eleven member brass group in a free concert of familiar holiday tunes and Christmas songs in an informal setting.

### **Susquehanna Folk Music Jam Session**

**Sunday, December 22** 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
**Fort Hunter Centennial Barn** Free

Jams are enjoyable afternoons of homemade acoustic music. Everyone who loves making music or listening to it, regardless of age, talent or training is welcome. Get together for the joy of the company and making music.



### **Kids Discover: Animal Adaptations**

**Saturday, January 11** 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Wildwood Park** \$5 per child

Do different birds have different types of feathers? What can you learn from examining an animal's fur, teeth or feet? Answer these questions and more as we look at pelts, skulls, feathers, and other animal artifacts to learn how animals are uniquely adapted to habitats. Space is limited. Parents are free. Register at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events).

### **Winter Lecture Series**

#### **Spotlight on PA State Species:**

#### **Eastern Hemlock – Our State Tree**

**Tuesday, January 14** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
**Wildwood Park** Free

The Eastern Hemlock was designated as Pennsylvania's official state tree in 1931. Hemlock trees are important to our environment and provide shelter for many shrubs, birds, and our native brook trout. However, our state tree is currently under attack by an invasive insect, the hemlock woolly adelgid. Join Nate Reagle, DCNR Bureau of Forestry Ecologist, for a presentation on the Eastern Hemlock. Pre-registration is not required.

### **Cadettes: Night Owl**

**Saturday, Jan 18 & Feb 22** 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
**Wildwood Park** \$10 per scout

As day turns to night, scouts will explore Wildwood, discover the myths of the stars and moon, and learn about night animal adaptations. Turn out the lights, tune in your senses, and step out into the night! Please bring a drink, snack and a light dinner. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities and wear sneakers or other closed-toed shoes. The program is offered on two days – please choose only one. Register at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events).

### **Winter Lecture Series**

#### **Spotlight on PA State Species:**

#### **White-tailed Deer – Our State Animal**

**Tuesday, January 28** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
**Wildwood Park** Free

White-tailed Deer, designated as Pennsylvania's state animal in 1959, have been thriving in our forests for years. However, their populations have recently been threatened by Chronic Wasting Disease which is slowly spreading throughout the state. Join us to learn more from a PA Game Commission expert about how this alarming disease is impacting our state animal. Pre-registration is not required.



### **Kids Discover: Owls**

**Saturday, February 8** 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Wildwood Park** \$5 per child

Explore what makes owls unique. Discover how owls can hunt at night and learn identification of different species of owls by listening to their unique night time calls. Become a lab scientist and dissect an owl pellet to learn what they eat. Geared for ages 7 to 12. Parents are free. Space is limited. Register at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events).

### **Winter Lecture Series**

#### **Spotlight on PA State Species:**

#### **Ruffed Grouse – Our State Bird**

**Tuesday, February 11** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
**Wildwood Park** Free

The Ruffed Grouse was designated as Pennsylvania's official state bird in 1931. As populous as grouse once were, their species is currently declining in Pennsylvania. Habitat loss and disease are believed to be causing this decline. Join PA Game Commission Ruffed Grouse Biologist, Lisa Williams to learn more and what can be done to increase grouse populations. Pre-registration is not required.

### **Fly-tying Classes with Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited**

**Thursdays, February 13 to March 26** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
**Wildwood Park** Price TBD

The Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold a 7-week evening course on introductory fly-tying at the

Olewine Nature Center. The class will be conducted on 7 consecutive Thursday evenings beginning on February 13. Instructors include experienced members of Trout Unlimited. Materials generously provided. Adults and youth 10 years and older are welcome. Space is limited. Register at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events).

### **The Great Backyard Bird Count**

**Saturday, February 15** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Wildwood Park** Free

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a citizen science program of Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology that relies on people to provide a "snapshot" of bird populations in February. Birders from Appalachian Audubon Society and Audubon Pennsylvania will be on hand to help people of all ages learn more about bird ID. This is a chance to enjoy winter birds from the warmth of the indoors. A guided bird walk will be offered at 1 pm following the count, weather permitting. Pre-registration is not required.

### **Preschool Storytime: Winter at Wildwood!**

**Wednesday, February 19** 10:00 am – 10:45 am  
**Wildwood Park** Free

Join a Dauphin County Library System Librarian and Wildwood Environmental Educator for a fun story session for children ages 2-5. Stories, songs, rhymes, play, and a take-home craft will introduce Wildwood critters and the joy of books and language to youngsters. Space is limited. Register at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events).



### **Winter Lecture Series**

#### **Spotlight on PA State Species:**

#### **Eastern Hellbender – Our State Amphibian**

**Tuesday, February 25** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
**Wildwood Park** Free

The Eastern Hellbender became Pennsylvania's state amphibian in 2019. Members of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's student leadership council and Lycoming College's Clean Water Institute worked with state legislatures to pass this bill. Join Emily Thorpe, PA Student Leadership Coordinator for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, along with representatives from the Student Leadership Council as they discuss this amphibian and their journey to make the Eastern Hellbender Pennsylvania's first state amphibian. Pre-registration not required.



## UPCOMING EVENTS!



### Maple Sugar Festival

**Sunday, March 1**

**Fort Hunter Park**

**12:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Free**

A sweet family treat that's FREE! Learn the mysteries of maple sugar making. Kids and adults can have the hands-on fun of tapping a tree and eating real maple syrup on ice cream. Everyone likes the maple taste tests and shopping for delicious Pennsylvania maple products. No registration required.

### Boy and Girl Scout - Juniors, Webelos and Higher: Leave No Trace

**Saturday, March 7**

**Wildwood Park**

**10:30 am – 2:00 pm**

**\$10 per scout**

Leave No Trace is a program designed to explore important outdoor skills and wilderness etiquette. Scouts will be able to properly identify trail markers, discuss several ways to minimize their impact on the environment, and learn what kind of gear to bring with them on a trip. Scouts will also examine the 7 principles of Leave No Trace and the techniques behind them. Please bring a drink, snack and lunch. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities and wear sneakers or other closed-toed shoes. Register at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events).

### Volunteer Work Day

**Saturday, March 14**

**Wildwood Park**

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Free**

Kick off the spring season and help Wildwood's continued park and habitat enhancement projects. Tools and work gloves will be provided. Refreshments will be available. Pre-registration is not required. Register groups of six or more at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events). Assume the work day is cancelled if it is raining.

### Spring Wreath Workshop

**Saturday, March 14**

**Wildwood Park**

**10:00 am & 11:00 am**

**\$15 per wreath**

Decorate a spring wreath out of natural materials. Everything will be supplied to make a wreath with decorations from nature, including cones, nuts and seed pods. Select from a variety of wreath bases including grape vines and wire frames. Participants may bring additional items and ribbon. After constructing a wreath, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while adding finishing touches. Register at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events).

### Fundamentals of Photography

**Saturday, March 21 and March 28 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Wildwood Park**

**\$225 per person**

In this two-day hands-on workshop, a Canon Professional Services expert will be on site to get you up and running with skills you need to get the most from your camera. This 6-hour investment will improve your pictures. No previous experience required but participants should be familiar with their camera. For a detailed list of materials and more information, please visit [www.photolivelearning.com](http://www.photolivelearning.com). Space is limited. Register at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events).

### Native Americans Along the Susquehanna

**April – May**

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Fort Hunter Park**

**\$5 per student**

Students and home schoolers in grades 2 – 6 explore how Indians once lived in the Fort Hunter/Harrisburg area. Students will explore a wigwam, do hands on activities and participate in games. Guided tours of Fort Hunter Mansion invite students to learn about Mansion life in the 1800s, comparing the owner's life to the lives of the Native Americans. Pre-registration is required. Call 717-599-5751 to schedule a workshop.



Registration opens on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Space is limited. Register at [www.wildwoodlake.org/events](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events).

### Nature Explorers Day Camp (ages 6-8)

**Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Wildwood Park**

**\$150 per person**

Children ages 6 to 8 will learn about animal adaptations, use binoculars on nature walks, explore a creek, and enjoy live animal demonstrations. Each day we will explore a new trail, get to know our local plants and animals, and participate in games and crafts.

### Junior Naturalist Day Camp (ages 9-11)

**Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10 and**

**Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17**

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Wildwood Park**

**\$150 per person**

Campers ages 9 to 11 will learn a variety of naturalist and outdoor skills. They will use those skills to explore differ-



ent habitats while hiking, using binoculars, and canoeing on Wildwood Lake. Learn what it means to be a naturalist and spend a morning fishing on Paxton Creek.

### **JumpStart Photography for Kids (ages 7-12)**

**Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Wildwood Park \$125 per person**

Students will be loaned a digital camera to explore the operation and functions of the camera, lighting, and composition. Lead by a Canon professional, this mostly indoor class will provide a great base for jumping into projects where they will be practicing their photography and encouraging creativity. For a detailed list of materials and more information, please visit, <http://photo4kids.org>. Space is limited.

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### **Outdoor Week (ages 12-14)**

**Monday, July 27 - Friday, July 31 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Wildwood Park \$150 per person**

If you like to get outside, this is the camp for you! Outdoor enthusiasts ages 12 to 14 will discover the natural world while learning skills like shelter building, fishing, and wild edibles. Learn the importance of teamwork in the outdoors while building a campfire and canoeing.

### **Photo Boot Camp:**

#### **Fundamentals of Photography (ages 13-17)**

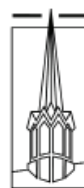
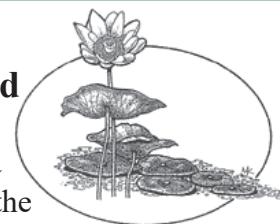
**Monday, August 3 - Friday, August 7 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**Wildwood Park \$200 per person**

If your teen is interested in learning the basics of photography and is between the ages of 13-17, this camp may be for them. This is a mostly indoor lecture-based, instructional and educational program where students will learn the basics of picture taking. Each student will be loaned a digital SLR camera by a Canon professional. For a detailed list of materials and more information, please visit, <http://photo4kids.org>. Space is limited.

### **Become a Member**

#### **Join the Friends of Wildwood**

Memberships make great holiday gifts. The Friends of Wildwood is a non-profit organization promoting the preservation, awareness, support and sensitive enhancement of Wildwood Park and the Olewine Nature Center. Through financial donations and memberships, the volunteer board spearheads critical conservation and education projects. Join at [www.wildwoodlake.org/support](http://www.wildwoodlake.org/support).



**Friends of  
Fort Hunter**

#### **Join the Friends of Fort Hunter**

The Friends of Fort Hunter generously support improvements to Fort Hunter Mansion and Park. Through financial donations, volunteer work and loyal patronage, the Friends of Fort Hunter help make the Park's preservation possible. Friends enjoy free admission to Mansion tours, a 10% discount in the museum shop, a \$5 discount to select Dauphin County events, free admission to the John Harris Mansion, the quarterly "Chronicler" newsletter, advance notice of upcoming events and an invitation to the annual fundraising dinner. Visit [www.forthunter/membership.org](http://www.forthunter/membership.org) to become a part of this vibrant organization.

## **INDOOR RENTALS**

Did you know that Dauphin County Parks & Recreation has multiple facilities available for the public to rent? These low cost spaces are perfect for meetings, retreats, birthday celebrations and bridal/baby showers.

#### **Wildwood Park - Olewine Nature Center**

- Classroom that seats 60 auditorium style or 48 at tables

#### **Fort Hunter Park - Fort Hunter Centennial Barn**

- Room 1 seats 150 auditorium style or 60 - 80 at tables
- Room 2 seats 60 auditorium style or 30 - 40 at tables

**For more information, visit**  
<https://bit.ly/2Wy89hU>



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**FORT HUNTER PARK** - 717-599-5188  
100 Fort Hunter Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17110  
[www.forthunter.org](http://www.forthunter.org)

**WILDWOOD PARK** - 717-221-0292  
100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110  
[www.wildwoodlake.org](http://www.wildwoodlake.org)

To reserve a pavilion or ball field at Fort Hunter, Lykens Glen, Wildwood  
or Wisconsin Park call 717-599-5188 x2114.