

Fairview Lake YMCA Camps Community Events/Nature Club

May 18th 1:30pm Kittatinny Nature Club – Green Trail Hike

This casual hike will take us about 2 hours to complete and should be ripe with opportunities to explore. We will be walking for about 3.5 miles with some up and down hills included. The green trail hike is one of our best that brings us all the way around the lake. No registration required, just show up! This is a free event.

June 1st 9am - 4pm Day of Service at Fairview

Come help Fairview Lake as we prepare for the summer season. There will be a wide variety of projects available to help with. No prior experience is required to help on this day. If interested in volunteering for the day e-mail Matt at:

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June 8th 8pm Kittatinny Nature Club - Bats

This month our Nature club will focus on everything bats. We will be meeting at 8pm so we can do our best to spot some bats flying around. No registration required, just show up! This is a free event.

Aug 18th 1:30pm Kittatinny Nature Club – Stream Ecology

Join us as we search through our local streams for insects, fish, and other little critters. Be sure to bring shoes you don't mind getting wet. We will have nets and buckets for people to share. No registration required, just show up! This is a free event.

Sept 7th 1-4 p.m. Stillwater Township Green Fest

This is a free event where we will celebrate all things 'green'. Learn how to green your lifestyle and meet other vendors who offer great green products. There will also be some fun outdoor activities for all ages.

Sept 14th 1:30pm Kittatinny Nature Club – Nature Tour by Kayak

Join us as we tour around the edge of the lake investigating this lush eco-tone. You must be at least 10 years old and a strong swimmer to participate. You must preregister for this event, limited space is available, e-mail: MLifschultz@metroymcas.org.

Sept 21st 1pm-4pm Fishing Derby

Put your fishing skills to the test with our annual parent-child fishing derby. This is a friendly fishing competition with prizes for our younger friends of fishing. This is a catch and release event. The competition will be for the longest caught fish, shortest caught fish, and most overall fish caught. No registration is required, just show up. \$5 per team

Oct 19th 1-4pm Harvest Day

Enjoy the autumn in one of New Jersey's most beautiful and pristine areas, Fairview Lake YMCA. Experience the change of season while making your own apple cider or learning something new on our swamp walk. The activities are plenty and the possibilities of making memories, boundless. No registration is required, just show up. \$10 per car

Oct 26th 1:30pm Kittatinny Nature Club – Guided Bird Walk 9am

Spend your Sunday morning walking around camp as we search for some of our local birds. You never know what you might see at Fairview, with Bald Eagles, Ospreys, Great Blue Herons, and New Jerseys State bird the Eastern Goldfinch all spotted at camp. So bring your favorite birding book (optional) and a good pair of walking shoes. No registration required, just show up! This is a free event.

Nov 9th 1:00pm Cache In, Trash Out – Geocaching Day

Visit camp today and learn about one of the fastest growing outdoor recreation opportunities, Geocaching. There will be a variety of geocaches available for one day only, as well as a variety of camp activities. Please help us clean up camp during this free event by bringing a bag to pick up litter as you search our property for geocaches. Be sure to bring sturdy walking shoes, a water bottle, and your hand held GPS if you have one. Limited GPS units will be available to borrow with a deposit.

Nov 16th 1:30pm Kittatinny Nature Club – Ridge Hike

Come hike on the Kittatinny mountain range as we climb to one of the best views of New Jerseys Ridge and Valley Section. The hike is 3 miles round trip up some steep terrain, with a few breaks along the way. No registration required, just show up! This is a free event.

Dec 7th 1:30pm Kittatinny Nature Club – Animal Tracking

Learn how to track and find some local animals as we search the ground for clues to find local animals. Bring your walking shoes and a water bottle. No registration required, just show up! This is a free event.

Dec 12th 6pm-8pm Tree Lighting Ceremony

Come celebrate the holiday season with us at Fairview Lake YMCA. This will be a fun evening of singing and creating! Tap into your inner cookie designer to sharpen your confectionary crafting skills. Play some of our wintery games as a family. This is an opportunity for families to sing, create and celebrate together for lasting memories. No registration required, just show up! This is a free event.

Contact Matt Lifschultz with any questions:

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