

**PA YOUNG BIRDERS at RUSHTON WOODS PRESERVE**

The PA YOUNG BIRDERS (PAYB) club welcomes kids ages 8-12 to enjoy, learn about and appreciate birding, nature and being outdoors. Birding is an exciting activity that connects all of us to the natural world. Birding brings us outside to enjoy wildlife, improve observation skills, engage with other like-minded people and contribute to environmental conservation efforts. PAYB leaders include experienced birders and educators, assisted by guest experts and professionals.



Willistown Conservation Trust's (WCT) Rushton Woods Preserve offers a wonderful location to see and learn about birds. Located in rural Chester County, Rushton's diversity of woodland, riparian, grassland and sustainable farm habitats provides critical resources for breeding and migratory bird species. The Rushton Woods Preserve banding station offers unique opportunities to study birds up-close, as volunteer experts and WCT staff band passerines in the spring and fall, and Northern saw-whet owls in late-fall. PAYB offers an exciting schedule of field trips and bird-related opportunities at Rushton Woods Preserve throughout the year, timed for specific species activities.

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DATE	TIME	TOPIC	COMMENTS
Thursday, July 26, 2012	6:00- 8:00pm	Poetry (& Art) Workshop: Colorful Birds with Words	Special Guest: Catherine Staples, an award-winning poet and Villanova professor.
Wednesday, August 22, 2012	6:00- 7:30pm	Farm, Birds, and Bugs	Discover the sustainability of Rushton Farm and learn why it is such a special place for birds, insects and people alike!
Saturday, September 8, 2012 + Wednesday	9 - 11:00am  (Station open 6-9am for "early birds", adults, &	Fabulous Fall Migrants	Young Birders get to experience songbird banding during the station's "birdiest" season! We will bird and also look for other migrants, like Monarch butterflies, and

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September 26	children)		examine the role plants play in making these extraordinary journeys possible.
Friday, October 19, 2012	7:00- 9:00pm	Owls and their Night World  <i>(Cost To Be Determined)</i>	Jr. Birders (and their parents!) are invited to explore the enchanting night world of Rushton Woods. The exciting evening will include Northern saw-whet owl banding and a walk in the dark as we seek to understand the world from an owl's point of view. We will gain an appreciation of the night and the creatures that own it... This month's snack features S'mores around a campfire!
Friday, November 9, 2012	7:00- 9:00pm	Owl Night for Teens	This night is reserved for kids over 13 to observe Northern Saw-whet Owl Banding and enjoy a good-old fashioned campfire.
Saturday, November 17, 2012	9:30- 11:30am	Bird Seed "Sale"	Bird seed for sale! Stock up on your bird seed for the winter. Young Birders will be "selling birdseed" in a mock store and helping "buyers" choose which seed for which birds they want to attract.
Saturday, December 15, 2012	8:00am- 12:00pm	Winter Bird Count- "Kid Scientists"	This longest-running wildlife census, also known as the Christmas Bird Count, is an important citizen science project that has become an annual tradition over the past century for many conservation-minded American families during the holiday season. Besides being great fun, the count helps assess the national health of bird populations. Warm pizza lunch with hot cocoa will be provided afterwards!
Saturday, January 12, 2013	9:00- 11:00am	Bird Survival	Meet at WCT Headquarters and learn about bird survival, flight and anatomy.
Sunday, February 17, 2013	9:00am- 12:00pm	Great Backyard Bird Count	Winter Birding at WCT Headquarters.
Saturday, March 16, 2013	9:00- 11:00am	Bird ID	Learn how to identify birds by sound, behavior and field guides.
Saturday, April 20, 2013	9:00- 11:00am	Riparian Habitat Exploration	Young Birders will study the stream (wear water shoes!) and birds that make a living from it.
Saturday, May 18, 2013	9:00- 11:00am	Spring Songbird Migration Banding	Around this time of year, Rushton becomes a "Bed and Breakfast Inn" for a multitude of different bird species, many of which we cannot see during any other time of the year. Jr. Birders will spend a life- changing moment with each of these special avian visitors before they continue on their way!
Saturday,	8:00-	Kids Get Out and Bird @	Grab some friends who've never birded

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June 8, 2013	11:00am	Rushton	before for this annual PAYB birding extravaganza!
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**\*Snacks will be provided during each session!**