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YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS:



Community outreach & education

Nature Center programming & summer camps



Native plant gardens at HBS



Research in the southern Appalachians



WAYS TO GIVE:

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2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE



Highlands Biological Foundation
P.O. Box 580
Highlands, NC 28741

DAILY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Beginning June 1 | FREE | No registration necessary
Highlands Nature Center (930 Horse Cove Road)

Mondays at 2:30 p.m. **Animal Encounter**
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. **Storytime**
Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. **Garden Tour**
Thursdays All Day **ecoEXPLORE Club**
Fridays at 2:30 p.m. **Snake Feeding**
Saturdays All Day **Craft in Nature**

WITH MS.KK ON THESE DATES:

June 16
June 23
June 30
July 7
July 21
July 28
Aug 4

NATURE CENTER NIGHTS!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY!

SALAMANDER MEANDER

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

May 26 (members only)
June 9 (public)
June 23 (public)
July 7 (public)
July 28 (public)

OWLS: MASTERS OF THE NIGHT

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

June 30
with Carlton Burke
of Carolina Mountain
Naturalists

WHAT BAT IS THAT?

times vary based on sunset

June 16
July 14

MILLIPEDE NIGHT CRAWL

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

June 2
Aug 4

WILD ENCOUNTERS

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

July 21
with Carlton Burke
of Carolina Mountain
Naturalists

Registration required.
Register at
highlandsbiological.org



ZAHNER CONSERVATION LECTURES

Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center.
All lectures are free & open to the public.

- June 11** **Weird and Underappreciated Arthropods of North Carolina**
Dr. Matt Bertone, Entomologist and Director, NC State Plant Disease and Insect Clinic (NCSU)
- June 18** **Story: Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Conservation, and the Science Inside the Nest**
Lauren D. Pharr, Ph.D., Postgraduate Researcher, North Carolina State University
- June 25** **The Blue Wall: What we know--and don't know--about southern Appalachia's enigmatic weather-making landform**
Philip S. Prince, Ph.D., Project Geologist, Appalachian Landslide Consultants, PLLC, Virginia Tech Department of Geosciences
- July 9** **Southern Appalachian Freshwater Resilience and Recovery Post-Hurricane Helene**
Julie DeMeester, Ph.D., Director of Freshwater and Coastal Programs, The Nature Conservancy, North Carolina Chapter
- July 16** **The Venomous Snakes of Western North Carolina**
Carlton Burke, local naturalist and wildlife rehabilitator, Carolina Mountain Naturalists
- July 23** **André Michaux in North America: Revealing the Botanical Treasures of the Carolinas**
Dana Beach, Founder and former Executive Director, SC Coastal Conservation League, Board Member, Butler Parklands
- July 30** **Connecting Appalachia: Wildlife Connectivity, Corridors, and Road Crossings**
Liz Hillard, PhD, Senior Wildlife Biologist-Appalachian Region for Wildlands Network
- Aug. 6** **Plastic Pollution on the Plateau: An Overview of Microplastics Research in the Southern Appalachians**
Jason Love, Associate Director of Highlands Biological Station, Western Carolina University

SAVE THE DATES



June 17th
5:30 p.m.

PATRON PARTY

July 28th
6:00 p.m.
SUMMER SOIRÉE AT FLAT MOUNTAIN FARM

Oct. 4th
4:00 p.m.

HIGHLANDS ON THE HALF-SHELL

Oct. 27th
5:30 p.m.
ENCHANTED FOREST

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Highlands Nature Center is part of the Highlands Biological Station, a multi-campus center of Western Carolina University.