



**Fair Hill Nature Center**  
**May / June 2004**  
**WHAT'S THE BUZZ?**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday & Sunday, June 10 & 11 FAIR HILL FAMILY CAMP-OVER**

Thanks to your enthusiasm the camp-over is filled. We hope to offer this again next year!

**Saturday, July 10 10:00 – 12:00 WHO LIVES IN THE WATER?**

Come join Nature Center staff on an exploration of aquatic life at Fair Hill – We will use plankton nets and microscopes to discover the smallest creatures in the pond. After searching out these micro creatures we will move to the Big Elk Creek for larger aquatic creatures – minnows, insects, tadpoles, and our favorites – the crayfish. Bring water shoes or other shoes you can get wet and a towel or change of clothes for the little ones. Recommended for adults and families with children age 3 and up. \$3.00 nonmembers, free to members.

Nature Center programs are great for families, scout groups, nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. Family memberships and organization memberships are available for \$30. Scout groups and other youth organizations with over 12 members are \$50.

**Summer Camp** is filling fast! There are still openings in **Summer Critters** for 5 – 7 year –olds. Critters explore Fair Hill and its creatures through age appropriate games, crafts, hikes, and stories. This year crafts include a fish collector, animal track t-shirt, and a turtle shell for participation in “turtle races.” There are openings July 5-9, and July 26-30. The week of June 28 **craft camp** for campers age 8-12 will create fun projects using natural materials mixed with other media. Lead teacher Doris Andersen designs new projects each year. There is plenty of time for hikes and outdoor fun as well as crafts. That same week **Imagination Campers** ages 6 and 7 will enjoy an original illustrated story by teacher Erlene Michener, as well as plenty of chance to use their imagination constructing fairy houses in the woods. July 12 – July 16 **Nature Wizards**, age 8-12 will attend “Frogwarts Academy” to study Potions, Caring for Creatures, Slytherin Lore, Herbology, Transfiguration, and more. Campers will make special bubble wands, dissect a pitcher plant, and trek into the Forbidden Forest to save the unicorn. **Wilderness Adventure Camp** July 19-23 will teach campers age 8-12 basic camping skills, such as outdoor cooking, and how to pack a backpack. Thursday Night features a camp-over (parents invited if they wish) at the McCloskey Primitive camping site. Call the Nature Center – 410-398-4909- for information on these and any other openings. Camps are from 9:00 to 11:30 am and are \$60 for members and \$80 for nonmembers. Wilderness Adventure is \$85.00 members and \$105.00 nonmembers.

# SpringFest 2004

Wow! What a great event! Springtime was welcomed in a grand way at Fair Hill with the third annual SpringFest. The music, the food, the games & activities, the “Trails To Treasure” walk, the silent auction, and the plant sale made for a wonderful day. If you missed it, make a mental note to attend next year – you’ll be glad you did! We know Catherine Straughn was glad she participated. Catherine won \$550.00 in the SpringFest 50/50 drawing!

SpringFest could not have occurred without the outstanding support of the Nature Center’s sponsors. These are companies and organizations that deserve your patronage. When you do business with them, please mention that you are a member of the Nature Center and appreciate their support. They are:

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Five area restaurants and caterers sponsored a reception to thank the sponsors! We’d like to give a special thank you to Lisa Welch from “Your Personal Chef”; Tony Graziano from “Fair Hill Inn”; Jeff Wesley from “Wesley’s Restaurant”; Jamie Wiest from “Chef Du Jour Catering”; and Tracy Schulteis from T & M Catering. They put out quite a spread! Wine and beer refreshments were supplied by longtime and dependable supporter, Jayco Liquors. Thanks also to Commissioner Phyllis Kilby for serving as our celebrity bartender!

**And the volunteers! A large community festival just doesn't happen very well without a corps of committed volunteers. The Nature Center center's SpringFest volunteers were:**

**Janet Fallon  
Dawn Preske  
Erlene Michener  
Jerry Newman  
Tom Holleran  
Candy Davis  
Courtney Hamilton  
Molly Harrington  
Melina Jones  
Zack Davis  
Jessica George  
Lisa Wilkins  
Kelly Allaband  
Spencer Harjung  
Kassaundra Stout  
Anthony Squitieri  
Amanda Strickler  
Kunal Manekporia  
Ashley LaFontaine  
Haley Tumas  
Kelly Zionkowski  
Amber Steele  
Lauren Averell  
Katherine Hanson  
Stephanie Williams  
Stefani Thachik  
Alyssa McKenna  
Michelle Hurley  
Anthony Devine  
Danielle Yale  
David Callis  
Shannon Nolan  
Mackenzie Haight  
Ana Cordora  
Gabriel Lincoln-Decusatis  
Danea Briscoe  
Kaitlyn Cloud  
Courtney Rice  
Ashley Mahoney  
Courtney Hamilton  
Tara Sawyers**

**Cathryn Harjung  
Doris Andersen  
Kelly Garrity  
Jenny Margerson  
Josie Shew  
Theresa Clower  
Ashley Mahoney  
Billy Snider  
Sabrina Vance  
Jessica Spinks  
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Josh Willis  
Liz Foreman  
Treanna Strickler  
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Jenny Margerson  
Dan Nadel  
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