



2026 JUNIOR EXPLORER

Junior Explorer programs are **FREE** family-friendly and open to all ages! Drop in at any time during the event for themed activities, and check back closer to the event to get a full list of scheduled happenings you won't want to miss.

Join the Parklands' education team, community partners, and special vendors to explore our natural world with themed activities, games, hikes, crafts, and more!

MARCH 7 - AMAZING AMPHIBIANS

PNC Achievement Center, Beckley Creek Park

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Splash into the incredible world of amphibians! Hop into a day filled with hands-on activities, crafts, and science stations. Get ready to get your feet wet as we explore and search for frogs, toads, and salamanders in their natural habitats. Discover the unique adaptations that make these creatures toad-ally amazing!

MAY 16 - TURTLE DERBY

Ogle Foundation Woodland Pavilion, Broad Run Park

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

It's that time of year again — the shells are polished, the lettuce is crisp, and the crowd is ready! Join us for the 6th Annual Turtle Derby featuring slow-and-steady reptile racers, representing community organizations from across the city. Cheer on your favorite turtle as they scoot their way to the finish line! Our beloved box turtle May, two-time reigning champion and Parklands educational ambassador, is back to defend her title at this fun-filled, family-friendly race!

SEPTEMBER 26 - FISH FEST

PNC Achievement Center & Creekside Center, Beckley Creek Park

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Spend the day with us celebrating fins, fun, and freshwater friends! Enjoy fishing demos, get an up-close look at what lives in our streams, and race minnows. Practice your fishing skills or learn something new at our rod and reel and net fishing stations by the creek.



Learn more about Junior Explorer and our other interactive programs at
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Are you an organization or vendor who would like to join the fun?

Contact Olivia Hardin at ohardin@theparklands.org for more information about how you can get involved!