

Schedule of Events and Activities

Opening Remarks and Ribbon Cutting

Time: 10:00 – 10:20 AM

Location: Tent

Nature Arts & Crafts Booths

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Atrium

Nature Art Play – Drop in

Time 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Indoor Classroom 2

Still Birding

Time: 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Location: Deck

Nature Sensory Play – Drop in

Time: 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Location: Indoor Classroom 1

Monarch Butterfly House – Drop in

Time: 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Butterfly House

TRAID Outdoor Equipment Demos – Drop in

Time: 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Butterfly House Field

Blessid Dirt – Live Music
Time: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM
Location: Main Hall

Forest Sensory Walk
Time: 11:45 AM– 12:45 PM
Location: Barnum Brook Trailhead

Collective Singing Workshop
Time: 11:45 AM –12:15 PM
Location: Amphitheater

New Musical Composition Preview: Voice in the Wilderness
Time: 12:30 - 1:00 PM
Location: Amphitheater

Frank Pastizzo – Live Music
Time: 1:00 – 2:15 PM
Location: Main Hall

S'mores & Story Sharing Around the Campfire
Time: 1:00 – 1:45 PM
Location: Back Lawn, Lean-To

Relational Birding Walk
Time: 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Location: Meet at Deck

Nature Sensory Play – Drop in

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Location: Indoor Classroom 1

Paint A Monarch Butterfly

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Location: Tent

Nature Art Play – Drop in

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Location: Indoor Classroom 2

Forest Sensory Walk

Time: 2:15 – 3:15 PM

Location: Barnum Brook Trailhead

S'mores and Story Sharing Around the Campfire

Time: 2:30 – 3:15 PM

Location: Back Lawn, Lean-To

Matt Boedo – Live Music

Time: 2:30 – 3:45 PM

Location: Main Hall

Festival Program: Title, Time, Locations, and Descriptions

Opening Remarks and Ribbon Cutting

Time: 10:00 – 10:20AM

Location: Tent

Kim Hill Ridley, NYS Chief Disability Officer and Leah Akins, Statewide Accessibility Coordinator, NYS DEC

Outdoor Program Descriptions

Still Birding with Wild Neighbors Nature Connection

Time: 10:30 - 11:30AM

Location: Deck

Engage your sense of wonder and curiosity while we explore connections with birds and their habitats as well as our feathered friends' connections with us since we share a common life. Through this relational birding experience, expect to learn about birds and their habitats and to discover something of your own place in nature's community, while sitting on the deck. Guided by Certified Interpretive Guide, Rich Hanlon.

Forest Sensory Walk with Adirondack Riverwalking

Time: 11:45AM – 12:45PM

Location: Barnum Brook Trailhead

Experience nature through your senses, up close, and feel how interconnected you are with the natural world. Rekindle your playfulness and awe on this guided nature sensory walk, led by Certified Forest Therapy Guide, Helene Gibbens. Distance walked: .5 mile maximum, adapted to the participants.

Collective Singing Workshop with Glenn McClure

Time: 11:45AM – 12:15PM

Location: Amphitheater

Let's bring our voices together to create our song for nature. Let our song be our offering to the natural world to which we belong, in appreciation for the countless gifts we receive every day. Led by Glenn McClure, musical composer.

New Musical Preview: Voice in the Wilderness with Glenn McClure

Time: 12:30 – 1:00PM

Location: Amphitheater

Glenn McClure's new musical composition is based on a dialogue between a person with disabilities and nature, as they explore together their commonalities, to find support and community in their relationship. The full composition will be premiered later this fall at Pendragon Theater in Saranac Lake.

S'mores and Story-sharing Around the Campfire with Tom Techman

Time: 1:00 – 1:45PM

Location: Back Lawn, Lean-to

Join us to share your favorite story of time spent in nature or your sweetest accomplishment. Let's inspire each other as we enjoy S'mores around the campfire. Led by songwriter and singer Tom Techman with Helene Gibbens, festival founder.

Relational Birding Walk with Wild Neighbors Nature Connection

Time: 1:00 – 2:00PM

Location: Meet at Deck

Engage your sense of wonder and curiosity while we explore connections with birds and their habitats as well as our feathered friends' connections with us at the Heron Marsh viewing platform. Expect to learn about birds and their habitats and to discover something of your own place in nature's community. Total distance walked: .5 mile. Guided by Certified Interpretive Guide, Rich Hanlon.

Paint a Monarch Butterfly with Patrice

Time: 2:00 - 4:00PM

Location: Tent

Artist Patrice Jarvis-Weber will guide you in creating your own monarch butterfly painting. This workshop is geared for beginners, open to all ages and artistic abilities. Participants will use acrylic paints on an 8×8 or 8×10-inch stretched canvas and take home their finished painting. All supplies are included.

Forest Sensory Walk with Adirondack Riverwalking

Time: 2:15 – 3:15PM

Location: Barnum Brook Trailhead

Experience nature through your senses, up close, and feel how interconnected you are with the natural world. Rekindle your playfulness and awe on this guided nature sensory walk, led by Certified Forest Therapy Guide, Helene Gibbens. Distance walked: .9 mile maximum, the distance will be adapted to the participants.

S'mores & Story-sharing Around the Campfire with Tom Techman

Time: 2:30 – 3:15PM

Location: Back Lawn, Lean To

Join us to share your favorite story of time spent in nature or your sweetest accomplishment. Let's inspire each other as we enjoy S'mores around the campfire. Led by songwriter and singer Tom Techman with Helene Gibbens, festival founder.

Ongoing Programs and Demonstrations

Monarch Butterfly House with VIC Staff

Time: 11:00AM – 3:30PM

Location: Butterfly House

Drop in and discover monarch butterflies in their different stages of life. A VIC staff person will be there to answer your questions.

TRAID Outdoor Equipment Demos with SAIL

Time: 11:00AM – 3:30PM

Location: Butterfly House Field

Come and try some of the latest TRAIID outdoor equipment that can make your time outdoors easier and may open new ways for you to explore nature. Jenn and April from the TRAIID team at Southern Adirondack Independent Living will be there to help you!

Nature Art Play with Adirondack Experience

Times: 10:00 – 11:30AM and 2:00 – 4:00PM

Location: Indoor Classroom 2

Drop in for some art play inspired by Adirondack artists with Cheryl and Tara from Adirondack Experience, The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake. All materials supplied.

Nature Sensory Play with Adirondack Riverwalking

Time: 10:45AM – 12:15PM and 1:30 – 3:00PM

Location: Indoor Classroom 1

Discover the treasure of nature in our sensory box. Explore different plant life forms through playful sensory activities. Share with others your discoveries through drawing and stories. Led by Suzanne Weirich, Certified Nature Therapy Guide.

Nature Arts and Crafts Booths

Time: 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Location: Atrium

Don't forget to visit our arts and crafts booths in the tent! Meet our artists and artisans with disabilities, and let their work inspire you. Their creations will be available for purchase, as a souvenir or for ongoing inspiration at home.

Please note that you will be participating in an outdoor program at Paul Smith's College. Activities outdoors carry inherent risks, including but not limited to weather conditions, uneven terrain, wildlife encounters, and potential injuries. By participating, you acknowledge and assume these risks. Please use caution and good judgment while enjoying Paul Smith's College VIC (Visitor Interpretive Center).