



The Samara Shop

The **Samara Shop** offers a wonderful selection of products for nature-enthusiasts of all ages. *Stop by for everything green-related!*

- Field guides
- Children's books
- Walking sticks
- Jewelry
- Honey, maple syrup & other edibles
- Organic soaps & lotions
- Candles & wax melts
- Nature-inspired art

Open during regular building hours.

Proceeds support the Schrader Center.



Explore Nature as a Family at the Schrader Center

The Schrader Center in Oglebay Park offers dozens of hands-on programs for all ages that expand our knowledge of the natural world, promote outdoor discovery, and foster lifelong learning and environmental stewardship.

Attractions

- A.B. Brooks Discovery Trail System
- Animals of the Eastern Woodlands Exhibit
- Brooks Bird Club Library
- Children's Awareness Area
- Corson Wildflower & Butterfly Garden
- Earthtrek Exhibit Hall
- Nutting Bird Café
- Woodland Walkway

Hours

10am-5pm, Monday-Sunday



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Oglebay Institute's

Summer of Wonder

June 5-August 11, 2023

The Schrader Center, Oglebay Park



Daily Nature Activities

Summer of Wonder - June 5-August 11

No programs week of July 3-7.

Daily Programs

No pre-registration required. All ages welcome. \$5 per person; free for OI members or Park guests with activity cards. *Tie-dye has additional fee.*

For all programs, please arrive at the listed start time.

Program attendance limited - first come, first served.

Mondays

10:15-11:15am: Nature Walk

Our naturalists point out animal tracks, flowers, birds, edible plants, and other features of the forest on this guided walk.

Tuesdays

2:15-3pm: Stream Search

Gently catch, study, and release salamanders, crayfish, insects, and fish as we explore Waddles Run. Wear boots and clothes that can get wet! Check-in at the Schrader Center before our adventure begins.

Thursdays

1:15-2pm: Tie-dye Time!

Learn about color and design and use your creativity to tie-dye your own clothes. Bring your own clothes to tie-dye (100% cotton, wool, or silk is recommended), or purchase shirts for an additional fee, (\$10, sizes limited.) *Please be prompt; late arrivals may not be able to join.*

9-11pm: Astronomy

Observe the night sky with local experts from the Oglebay Astronomy Club at the Speidel Observatory, located in the field across from the Schrader Center.

Fridays

8-8:45am: Bird Walk

Learn field marks and songs of the local birds that visit our feeders and trails. Binoculars and field guides provided.

2:15-2:45pm: Summertime Sweets

Make your own ice cream and choose your favorite flavors and toppings in this tasty, hands-on program. Learn the science behind the process, and then enjoy your summertime sweet!

Private Family Nature Programs

Schedule a private program for your household group!

\$10 per person. Minimum 4 people. Pre-registration required.

Campfire Lunch (or Dinner) - Summertime is the time for sitting around a crackling campfire! Roasting sticks, hotdogs, and s'mores provided for you to cook over the fire, which a naturalist will tend for you.

Animal Meet & Greet - Meet the animals who call the Schrader Center home. Learn about the incredible adaptations of each species as you encounter some of our animal ambassadors.

Self-guided Programs

Nature Backpacks - Check out a themed nature backpack and head out on your own! Each backpack includes everything you need to explore and a journal for observations. **FREE.**

Scavenger Hunt - Pick up your scavenger hunt list at the front desk and return it completed for a prize! **FREE**

Pottery Painting - Choose from a variety of ceramic pieces and use your creativity to paint your favorite designs and colors! We'll fire it in our kiln overnight for pick up the next day. **Attendees purchase ceramic pieces ranging from \$5-\$25.**

Build-your-own Terrarium - Choose a DIY terrarium kit from the Samara Shop to build onsite or when you're back home. Handmade terrariums make beautiful additions to your living space! **Terrarium kits cost \$15 and up.**

Special Programs

Thursdays

July 6, 9-10pm: Night Hike - Led by a naturalist, take a walk in the woods to listen for owls and look at stars. Enjoy the music of the night and test your night vision. Please bring a flashlight. **\$5/free OI members.**

July 27, 9-10pm Moth Madness - It's National Moth Week! Celebrate these winged wonders as we lure them in with a lighted sheet for up-close study. Materials provided. **\$5/free OI members.**

August 10, 8-9:30pm: End of Summer Campfire Jam - End the summer outside, under the stars! Crackling campfire, live music, and concessions for sale. BYOB. **\$5/free OI members.**

Saturdays

June 3, 1-2:30pm: National Trails Day Hike - Spend the afternoon on the trails of Grand Vue Park (in Moundsville). Meet at the trailhead parking lot (just south of the main office) and get ready for some rejuvenating time spent in nature! **\$5/free OI members.**

August 19, 9-10:30am: Nature Walk - Our naturalists point out animal tracks, flowers, birds, edible plants, and other features of the forest on this guided walk. **\$5/free OI members.**

