

**Spring and Summer Programs at Adams Homestead and
Nature Preserve**

Donkey Dash 5K Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, May 16

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Run/Walk: 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a family friendly 5K run/walk at Adams Homestead. All proceeds from this event will benefit Sonny Acres Working Farm. The cost is \$25.00 per participant (16 and older) or \$45.00 per family (2 adults and any kids under 16 years old). Same day registration will start at 9:00 a.m. and the Dash will start at 10:00 a.m. Come dressed as your favorite barnyard animal or in your best farm attire! Great day for everyone! For a registration form, contact the visitor center.

Hurray for the Honeybees program

Saturday, May 16

1:00 p.m.

Join Leonard Kurtz, local bee expert, as he talks about the importance of honeybees. He will educate us on the unique behavior of these cool insects and provide us with some information on how we can help their population grow.

Little Naturalist Program:

These programs are for children ages 2 to 4 years old and their parents or guardian. Toddlers will learn about each theme through games, crafts, stories and songs. Each class starts at 10:00 a.m. Free fun for the little ones. Please pre-register by calling (605) 232-0873.

Friday, June 19

Friday, July 17

Friday, August 21

Birds of Prey during the Day program

Saturday, June 13

1:00 p.m.

Join the staff of SOAR (Saving our avian resources) as they teach us about falcons and other birds of prey that keep busy during the daylight hours. Live birds will be here, so a fun program for all ages. Please call the visitor center for more information.

Nature Fun Day

Friday, June 26

Friday, July 24

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This is a fun day for kids ages 11-12 years old. The morning will be filled with activities and games that teach you about the outdoors. A great way to get outside and enjoy nature. Please call the visitor center to pre-register.

Adams Homestead Celebration

Saturday, August 8

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

On August 14, 1997, Adams Homestead & Nature Preserve officially opened as a state park. We mark this very special occasion by having an annual festival on or around this day. This year Saturday, August 8, 2015 has been selected as our festival date.

There are many new and exciting activities that are scheduled throughout the day. Some of the activities include threshing machine demo, corn shelling, candlemaking, tin punching, homestead tours, rope making, musicians, watermelon seed spitting contest, buffalo chip throwing contest, face painting, rope making, Dutch Oven Cooking Demo, kids games, homemade pie contest and much, much more!

Those interested in participating in the homemade pie judging contest need to bring their pies to Adams Homestead by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 8. The pie judging will start at 11:30 p.m. Pies will be judged by their appearance, texture and taste.

Plan to spend the entire day at Adams. We will have food and refreshments that you may purchase while enjoying your day of FREE entertainment. There will be activities, presentations, music, and crafts for the ENTIRE family to enjoy and take part in. Get a sense of history, learn about your heritage and explore the outdoors! Bring your walking shoes, bikes, strollers and your love for the great outdoors and we will do the rest!

We are located off Interstate 29 Exit 4, 1-mile west, and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south. You can follow the brown nature area signs from the interstate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (605) 232-0873!

Fun Days With Kyle the Intern

Sat. May 30, 2015 - 1-5pm All ages, No limit

Fantastic Photo Find!: Find all the photos for a cool prize! Families are encouraged to come into the Park and participate in finding and recapturing 6 photos of things or views on the Preserve. Maybe you'll be looking for a lovely flowering tree or perhaps a bell tower? Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a day of family fun with us down at Adam's Homestead.

Thurs. June 18, 2015 - 1-3pm (No lunch/no snacks) Ages: 5-8
Limit: 20 kids

Big City Critters: Come and learn about all of the amazing animals that we have living right in our own backyards. Activities will include a natural hike along Mud Lake, pine cone birdfeeders, and animal educational games outside.

Sat. June 27, 2015 - 1-3pm (No lunch/no snacks) Ages: 9-12
Limit: 20 kids

Environmental Everyone: Today we are all aware that we change the environment, or place, we live in. Come and learn how we can change the world around us in a positive way through exploring good recycling, learning about composting and growing your own food, and outdoor educational games.

Thurs. July 9, 2015 - 10-12pm (No lunch/no snacks) Ages: 9-12
Limit: 20 kids

Wild, Wild Wetlands: Together we are going to discover the wild world that is happening underwater every day. We will talk all about the differences in the wet places animals and plants may live and how each is connected to the other. Activities will include visiting a local wetland (Mud Lake), identifying aquatic species, building natural material mini boats, and educational games outside.

Thurs. July 23, 2015 - 1-3 pm (No/lunch/no snacks) Ages: 5-8
Limit: 20 kids

Nocturnal Know-it-alls: What goes bump in the night? Let's find out together as we explore the dark world of creatures that come out to play at night. We will look at how bats find their way in the dark, build our own sound wave cup walkie-talkies, and play some outdoor educational games.

Sat. July 25, 2015 - 10am to 12pm (No Lunch/no snacks) Ages: 9-12
Limit: 20 kids

Kids of Discovery: Explore the world of Lewis and Clark as we learn together about the adventures of the Corps of Discovery on their many year exploration of the Louisiana Purchase. Activities will include animal and plant classification and collages, bird mask making, and educational games outside. A light, nut-free snack will be served to each child unless otherwise specified.