

OPEN SPACE PROGRAMS

The City of Louisville Open Space Division is excited to announce the following programs and we hope that you can join us! All programs are free to the public and families are welcome. Please check back throughout the year for updates on programming and scheduling. If you have an exciting idea for future programs please share it with us by emailing us at: OpenSpace@louisvilleCo.gov or calling Ember Brignull at 303-335-4729.

JANUARY



Birds of Prey Slide Show

When: Tuesday, January 5th from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm

Where: Louisville Public Library, First Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Room)

Learn how to recognize birds of prey (hawks, eagles, falcons and owls) in the winter skies. During this slide presentation, you'll learn how to distinguish between different raptors by identifying common field marks. You will also learn about the habitat requirements, behavior and ecology of these magnificent birds. This program will be presented by a Boulder County Naturalist.

FEBRUARY

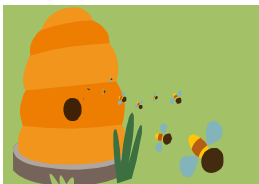


Coexisting with Coyote

When: Tuesday, February 2nd from 6:30pm-8:00pm

Where: Louisville Public Library, First Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Street)

This citizen requested meeting is being offered to individuals who live adjacent to, or are visitors of, North Open Space. The presentation will focus on the following information: coyote behavior and lifecycle, how humans shape coyote behavior, how to deter coyotes from using your backyard and how to report coyote information to the City.



Bees & Beekeeping: An Introduction

When: Thursday, February 25th from 7:00pm- 8:30pm

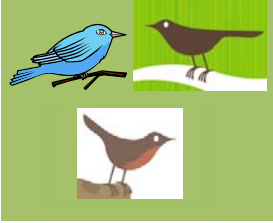
Where: Louisville Public Library, First Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Street)

Boulder County beekeeper Doyen Mitchell will explain just what is involved in this sweet hobby. You will get a photographic glimpse into the magical world of honey bees, and follow a beginner's year from hive building and installing new bees through the honey harvest. Learn why bees and honey have been revered through history, and taste the delicate flavor of truly local honey. Local beekeeper Michele Pelanne will be on hand to answer questions particular to keeping bees in Louisville. All ages welcome.

MARCH

No Programs Scheduled- Enjoy Spring Break!

APRIL



Birds of Boulder County Slide Program

When: Wednesday, April 7th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Where: Louisville Public Library, First Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Street)

Join Boulder County volunteer naturalists and learn where to find and how to identify some of the birds that call Boulder County home. This slide program, which is geared to beginning birders, will take you from the grasslands to the alpine tundra, to explore an amazing range of ecosystems and habitats, and to learn about the birds that live there. You will also hear about some of the migratory birds that return to, or pass through, Boulder County at this time of year. All ages are welcome.

2nd Annual Fishing Frenzy

When: Friday, April 30th from 9:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Warembourg Open Space Fishing Pond

Registration Required: Space is limited so please register at

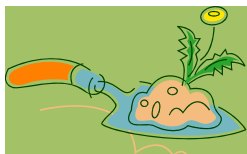
www.louisvillerecreation.com program # 16999



BVSD has cancelled school for the day! So grab your kids and your fishing gear and head on down for a FREE fishing clinic sponsored by the Division of Wildlife and the Louisville Parks & Recreation Department.

Topics to be covered will include knots, casting, fish identification, fish handling, habitat, laws and more. Once making it through all of the educational stations you will be given your very own children's fishing pole! Fishing license is required for parents and children over the age of 15.

MAY



Weed Identification Refresher Class:

Offered to Volunteers Currently Participating in the Weed Pull Group and the Open Space and Trail Adoption Group

When: Saturday, May 1st 10:00am to 11:00am

Where: To be Determined

Attention all members of the Louisville Open Space Weed Pull Group and Adoptees of Open Spaces and Trails! Please join Jim Krick, Open Space Technician, for a refresher class on identifying noxious weeds that you will be

helping to control this year. Species to be covered will include diffuse knapweed, scotch thistle, musk thistle, common mullein, moth mullein, and common teasel. This training will ensure that you know what to look for and how to control these troublesome, noxious weeds.

Please RSVP to Jim Krick: JimK@LouisvilleCO.gov or 303-335-4742



Local Open Space Hike -Older Adult Hike- North Open Space

When: Wednesday, May 19th from 8:30am to 10:00am

Registration Required: Please contact the Recreation Center at 303-666-7400 program registration number 28063-1.

Take a casual stroll through North Open Space while learning about the history of the property, natural resources and current management activities.

3rd Annual Pulling 4 Colorado

When: Saturday, May 15th from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Where: Aquarius Open Space

Registration Required: Please contact Jim Krick at JimK@LouisvilleCO.gov or 303-335-4742.

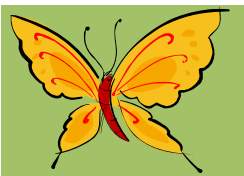


Come and join the City of Louisville Open Space Division for a day of noxious weed education and pulling. This third annual event is part of a statewide campaign called Pulling for Colorado. The day will begin at 9 am with noxious weed identification training. Afterwards, we will join with our community to pull noxious weeds that are threatening Aquarius Open Space and conclude at noon. There will be food, refreshments, and prizes. Please bring leather gloves and a shovel if you can.

Butterfly's Life - A Beginner's Guide to Butterflies

When: Thursday, May 20th from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm

Where: Louisville Public Library, First Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Street)



Do YOU love butterflies? Are you curious about the life cycle and activities of butterflies? Have you ever wondered where Monarch butterflies go during their migration? Come experience this beginner's guide to a butterfly's life, presented by volunteer naturalists Cathy and Donn Cook. This program will review the amazing life cycle of butterflies, and will cover basic information on behaviors, host plants, identification tips and the incredible Monarch migration. We'll also share some interesting facts about the connection between plants and butterflies and talk about when and where to look for those 'flying flowers'...the butterflies. All ages are welcome.

JUNE



Jewels of the Prairie--Colorado Wildflower ID

When: Monday, June 7th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: Louisville Public Library, First Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Room)

Megan Bowes, Colorado Native Plant Society's Education and Outreach Chair, will be teaching us how to identify plants that are native to the plains of Colorado. This class is intended for anyone interested in brushing up on their plant identification skills. Using slides and plant samples, you will learn about plant families, tricky plant terminology and the basics of a botanical key. Come learn about some of our favorite prairie jewels.



Local Open Space Hike -Older Adult Hike- Damyanovich

When: Wednesday, June 9th from 8:30am to 10:00am

Registration Required: Please contact the Recreation Center at 303-666-7400 program registration number 28063-2.

Take a casual stroll through Damyanovich and Davidson Mesa Open Spaces while learning about the history of the properties, natural resources and current management activities.

JULY



Local Open Space Hike -Older Adult Hike- Daughenbaugh

When: Wednesday, July 14th from 8:30 am to 10:00am

Registration Required: Please contact the Recreation Center at 303-666-7400 program registration number 28063-3.

Take a casual stroll through Daughenbaugh Open Space while learning about the history of the property, natural resources and current management activities.

Colorado Alive

When: Wednesday, July 28th from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Louisville City Hall, Council Chambers (749 Main Street)



The Denver Zoo will be visiting with live animals to introduce us to Colorado wildlife and perform hands-on investigations with horns, antlers, skulls, skins and more. We will also explore the interactions of living and nonliving components in Colorado's environments and discover how animals have adapted to living in Colorado's plains, mountains, and cities.

AUGUST



Colorado's Wings of Wonder

When: Wednesday, August 4th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: Louisville City Hall, Council Chambers (749 Main Street)

This program presents an overview of winged animals with emphasis on raptors, ravens, crows, and bats. Live raptors will be present! Join us to participate in activities that demonstrate such things as the anatomy of the bat, the intelligence of ravens, and the tools raptors use in hunting. In addition, Wild Wings brings live animals (*a hawk, an owl, and a peregrine falcon*) and other visual aids to stress the importance of winged wildlife in our lives. We focus on the special/unique roles these animals play in the environment such as pollinators, seed dispersers, pest controllers, and clean-up crew. At the end of the program, students are given the opportunity to ask questions to reinforce what they have learned and to help understand more about these amazing winged animals.

SEPTEMBER



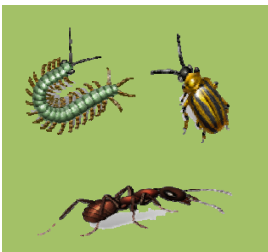
Our Moon

When: Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 14th

Where: To Be Determined

Get ready to move! The Moon is visible almost every day if you know where to look. Come join us for engaging activities to learn about the phases of the Moon and other fun facts about Earth's only natural satellite. You are sure to have fun and learn something new from local scientist and college astronomy instructor, Mike Zawaski, as he helps you discover the Moon's secrets.

OCTOBER



Bug Bites Café

When: Wednesday, October 27th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Where: Louisville Library, First Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Room)

Welcome to the Butterfly Pavilion's Bug Bites Café! Discover bug cuisine from cultures around the world and find bugs in our everyday foods. Meet live animals who have been on the menu and taste a few buggy treats yourself!

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER- No programs scheduled at this time

