



Discover our live snake, turtle and honeybee exhibits, and learn more about the plants and animals of Central Virginia. Sign up for an archery program, summer camps, environmental education programs or arrange the next outing for your class or other children's group. Our naturalists are available to answer your questions and expand your understanding of our natural world.

Location: Rockwood Park, 3401 Courthouse Rd. 804-768-7448

**Volunteer for Nature:** We have a variety of volunteer opportunities for adults and teens. See the latest volunteer offerings at [www.chesterfield.gov/volunteer](http://www.chesterfield.gov/volunteer)

**Facility Rental:** Looking for a unique, private location for your next event? The Rockwood Nature Center multipurpose room is available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. An hourly charge will apply. The 1,100-plus square foot room has a drop down projection screen, tables and chairs, and multiple sinks. Details: 804-768-7448

**Rockwood Nature Center Hours:**

- Winter, Spring, and Fall: Friday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m.
- Summer: Tuesday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m.



## High School Archery

Students will learn foundational archery skills in this beginner archery development program. This class focuses on group-style target archery and is taught by USA Archery-certified instructors. All equipment is provided. Course meets 10 of the 20 hours for CCPS online PE requirements per season. **PREREQUISITE:** Participants must complete Chesterfield County's Introduction to Archery within the past year or participated in an archery club to be eligible for this program. Rockwood Instructional Range, 3401 Courthouse Road Mondays and Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.

\$80

Sept. 19-Oct. 20

**Course 40887**

## ARCHERY

Details: Ashley Weatherford, 804-717-6859 or [weatherforda@chesterfield.gov](mailto:weatherforda@chesterfield.gov)

### Introduction to Archery

Enjoy the fun of learning a new skill, from stance to follow through, focusing on beginning form, safety, and proper use of equipment. Participants will learn the basics of archery on either simple compound bows or recurve bows. This class focuses on group style target archery. For ages 9 and up.

Rockwood Instructional Range, 3401 Courthouse Road

Saturdays, 10 a.m.- noon

\$20

Sept. 17

Oct. 8

Nov. 5

Nov. 19

Sundays, 2-4 p.m.

Sept. 25

Oct. 16

Dec. 4

Dec. 11

**Course 40889**

**Course 40893**

**Course 40896**

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**Course 40900**

**Course 40902**

### Adult Introduction to Archery

Learn the basics of this fun and rewarding sport, including the rules, safety and step-by-step shooting form for tournament-style target archery with adjustable compound bows for individuals of all strengths and draw lengths. For ages 18 and up.

Rockwood Instructional Range, 3401 Courthouse Road

Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.-noon

\$20

**Course 40903**

Saturday, Dec. 3, 1-3 p.m.

\$20

**Course 40904**

### Beyond the Basics 1 – Archery Form and Development

For those who have learned the basics of archery, this class will focus on more details of form and body mechanics for archers who want to develop to the beginning-intermediate level. Students may choose from compound or recurve style bows. All classes take place on the group instructional range located adjacent to Rockwood Nature Center. Class is held rain or shine, in the event of inclement weather, instruction and shooting will take place inside the nature center's classroom. For ages 12 and older. Families welcome. **PREREQUISITE:** Participants must complete Chesterfield County's Introduction to Archery within the past year or participated in an archery club to be eligible for this program.

Rockwood Instructional Range, 3401 Courthouse Road

Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

\$20

**Course 40888**

Saturday, Oct. 15, 1-3 p.m.

\$20

**Course 40908**

### Beyond the Basics 2 – Aiming and Scoring

Take your archery skills to the next level with the intermediate series of archery courses. Work on aim and learn how to score a regulation target face. Participants will learn different aiming techniques for barebow, as well as how to use basic target sight and the importance of your sight picture. Play some aiming games and end the sessions with min-scoring round. All equipment is provided or use your own with instructor permission. For ages 12 and up. **PREREQUISITE:** Participants must have completed the Beyond the Basics Level 1 with in the past year or participated in an archery club to be eligible for this program.

Rockwood Instructional Range, 3401 Courthouse Road

Saturday, Nov. 5, 1-3 p.m.

\$20

**Course 40909**

**Star Shooters – New Archer Intro**

Required for all students new to archery that would like to participate in the Star Shooters Youth Archery Club that have not taken the Introduction to Archery Course in the past year.

Rockwood Instructional Range, 3401 Courthouse Road  
 Tuesday, Aug. 30, 4-5:30 p.m. \$10 Course 40885  
 Tuesday, Aug. 30, 5:30 -7 p.m. \$10 Course 40884

**Star Shooters Youth Archery Club**

Participants will learn techniques, form, and rules for target archery, as well as try different types of bows (compound and recurves), shoot archery games, and perform drills for becoming a better archer. Twice each season, participants can earn one of the rank patches based on personal shooting scores. Bows and equipment are provided; personal equipment may be used with instructor approval. At the end of the season, archers compete in a members-only tournament where kids pit their skills against others in their age brackets. New students with no archery experience are welcome but must register for the Star Shooters New Archer Intro course. Instructors are USA Archery certified. Cost includes equipment, patches, tournament medals, and trophies. For ages 9-16.

Rockwood Instructional Range, 3401 Courthouse Road  
 Tuesdays, Sept. 6-Oct. 25 \$100 Course 40878  
 11 a.m.-noon Course 40879  
 4-5 p.m. Course 40880  
 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 Thursdays, Sept. 8-Oct. 27  
 11 a.m.-noon Course 40882

**Adult Social Shoot**

For adult archers who have taken our Intro to Archery Class and wish to continue practicing their shooting in a relaxed social environment. Come join us at the instructional range at Rockwood Nature Center for archery games and tips from USA Archery certified instructors. This class will be less structured and more laid back than our other archery programs, focusing on having fun and socializing. All equipment will be provided. PREREQUISITE: Participants must have completed an Introduction to Archery Class with Chesterfield County.

Rockwood Instructional Range, 3401 Courthouse Road  
 Tuesdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 25, 2-3 p.m. \$60 Course 40883

**NATURE PROGRAMS**

**Turtle Tales**

What stories can a turtle’s shell tell? Participants will become familiar with Virginia’s turtle species, learn how to uncover a turtle’s history through the unique markings on its shell, and meet live turtles. For ages 5-7.

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2-3 p.m. \$5 Course 41087

**Skull ID Workshop**

Dental formulas, sagittal crests, and post-orbital processes...oh my! Participants will gain an understanding of skull terminology and essential features used to identify skulls of North American wildlife. Real and replica skulls will be provided. For ages 15 and up.

Saturday, Sept 24, 2-3 p.m. \$5 Course 41097

**Do I Need a Wildlife Rehabilitator?**

Do you know what to do if you find orphaned or injured wildlife? A naturalist will dispel myths about caring for wildlife and participants will learn who to call and what to do when wildlife needs help. For ages 12 and up.

Sunday, October 2, 2-3 p.m. \$5 Course 40970

**Family Campfire: Bats**

On an evening hike through Rockwood Park, participants will learn about the world’s only winged mammals: bats. A campfire and s’mores will follow. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult who is also registered for the program. Closed-toe shoes required.

Friday, Oct. 21, 5-6:30 p.m. \$7 Course 41088

**Wildlife Careers**

Have you always dreamed of helping sea turtles? Do you want to study birds when you grow up? Participants will learn what it takes to become a wildlife professional, explore different career paths, and get hands-on experience with live animals at Rockwood Nature Center. For ages 13-17.

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2-3 p.m. \$5 Course 41109

**Paint and Sip: Autumn Landscape**

Capture the beauty of the season while enjoying apple cider and making new friends. Participants will use acrylics and paint an autumn landscape step-by-step with an instructor. All materials are provided. For ages 15 and up.

Saturday, November 19, 2-3:30 p.m. \$20 Course 41110



**Holiday Wreath Making**

Enjoy a winter morning creating and decorating an all-natural wreath for the holiday season, while meeting new people or socializing with old friends. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring clippings or pinecones from your own yard. For ages 15 and up.

Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. – noon \$20 Course 40911

## TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

For ages 3-5. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver for the entire class.

Details: Denise Flora, 804-717-6860 or [florad@chesterfield.gov](mailto:florad@chesterfield.gov)

### Squirrel or Chipmunk?

Discover the difference between squirrels and chipmunks as we go "squirrel watching" on a short nature walk. Participants will also make a squirrel puppet and enjoy a fun story.

Friday, Sept. 16, 10-11 a.m. \$6 **Course 40945**

### Wise Owls

Can owls turn their heads all the way around? What do owls eat? Participants will explore the world of owls through a story and a pretend owl pellet investigation.

Friday, Oct. 7, 10-11 a.m. \$6 **Course 40947**

### Animal Armor

What do turtles, armadillos, and porcupines have in common? Participants will discover which animals wear armor instead of fur and feathers, and make their own armor vest.

Friday, Oct. 14, 10-11 a.m. \$6 **Course 40949**

### The Shape of Things

Discover the many shapes found in nature while going on a "shape walk" with our binoculars. Participants will make a shape necklace, play a matching game with objects found on our walk, and dance and sing with leaves.

Friday, Nov. 4, 10-11 a.m. \$6 **Course 40950**

### Terrific Turkeys

Participants will have a gobbling good time as they play games, read stories, make crafts, and sing songs about turkeys.

Friday, Nov. 18, 10-11 a.m. \$6 **Course 40952**

### Let it Snow

Is snow hot or cold? What do snowflakes look like up close? Participants will explore the wonders of snow through games, crafts, and stories.

Friday, Dec. 2, 10-11 a.m. \$6 **Course 40954**

## PARK PATROL

It is your park system, and we need your help. As you enjoy the parks, we need you to report any issues that you encounter. Be on the lookout for issues on the trails, safety concerns on equipment, maintenance issues with restrooms, vandalism, criminal activity or other concerns. The parks exist for your enjoyment, and we want the amenities kept in excellent working order.

In addition if you encounter great conditions in the parks, we want to hear about that too. Feel free to contact us anytime.

### Emergencies 911

Police – non-emergency: 804- 748-1251

Parks and Recreation – main office: 804- 748-1623

Parks and Recreation – after hours assistance: 804- 748-1624,  
[parksrec@chesterfield.gov](mailto:parksrec@chesterfield.gov)



## 50+ PROGRAMS

### 50+ Introduction to Archery

For those 50 years and older interested in archery but who don't know how to get started, the USA Archery-certified instructors are teaching a seniors-only version of our popular Introduction to Archery course. Learn the basics of this fun and rewarding sport, including the rules, safety procedures, and step-by-step shooting form for tournament-style target archery with adjustable compound bows for individuals of all strengths and draw lengths.

Rockwood Instructional Range, 3401 Courthouse Road

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2-4 p.m. \$20 **Course 40890**

Saturday, Nov. 19, 1-3 p.m. \$20 **Course 40905**

Details: Ashley Weatherford, 804-717-6859 or [weatherforda@chesterfield.gov](mailto:weatherforda@chesterfield.gov)

### 50+ Snakes in the Garden

Have you ever found a snake as you were weeding or planting flowers? Was it venomous or non-venomous? Participants will discover how to tell the difference between harmless and venomous snakes and learn how to identify some of the most common snake species in the area.

Thursday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m.-noon \$5 **Course 40967**

Details: Denise Flora, 804-717-6860 or [florad@chesterfield.gov](mailto:florad@chesterfield.gov)

### 50+ Fall Equinox Nature Walk

Say goodbye to summer and hello to fall with a hike on gentle terrain. Participants will be led through the trails of Rockwood Park while learning about seasonal changes in Virginia. Closed-toe shoes required.

Friday, Sept. 23, 10-11 a.m. \$5 **Course 41084**

Details: Coline Hay, 804-717-6858 or [hayc@chesterfield.gov](mailto:hayc@chesterfield.gov)

### 50+ Sunrise Nature Walk

Rise and shine, it's time to hit the trails. A naturalist will guide participants throughout Rockwood Park to observe the sights and sounds of nature awakening. Closed-toe shoes required.

Friday, Oct. 28, 7:30-8:30 a.m. \$5 **Course 41096**

Details: Coline Hay, 804-717-6858 or [hayc@chesterfield.gov](mailto:hayc@chesterfield.gov)