



News from The Environmental Learning Center

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For the Events Calendar: Build a Bird Nest Box for Wrens Workshop

Audience: Children (10 years old and older) accompanied by an adult
You must bring a Phillips head screw driver

WHEN: Saturday, 13 June at 3:30pm (rain or shine)

WHERE: The Environmental Learning Center at Oxbow Meadows

Space is LIMITED – reservations required

Columbus woodworker Scott Samples will present a hands-on bird nest box workshop for boys and girls ages 10 and older. All the materials to construct a (pre-cut) slab wood pine nest box for a Carolina Wren will be supplied. Participants must bring a Phillips head screw driver.

Columbus State University staff will present a program on the life history of the Carolina Wren, advice on where and how to install nest boxes and instructions on how to participate in the national "Nest Watch Program" via the internet. The program will last about an hour and each team will take home an attractive, ready-to-install nest box.

"Our goal to immerse visitors in the excitement of scientific discovery and provide them with tools and skills they need to get started in one of the fastest growing citizen-science and outdoor recreation activities in America — birdwatching," said Heidi Hughes, executive director of the Environmental Learning Center.

Cost: \$20 per team (one child and one adult) - this includes a professionally designed (using US Fish & Wildlife Service specifications) nest box to take home, instructions on where to install the nest box, and a program on the life history of the Carolina Wren and a BirdWatching Basics book from Leupold & Stevens Binoculars.

To learn more about birdwatching, the Environmental Learning Center sponsors a free bird walk every Saturday and Sunday at 8am. Adults (and children - 10 years and older when accompanied by an adult).

Please call 706-687-4090 for reservations.

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