

San-Lee Park
572 Pumping Station Rd.
Sanford, NC 27330
(919)776-6221

Nature Center
Hours of Operation:
Mon.—Sun.: 8—close

**Park Monthly
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January 8am—5pm
February 8am—5pm
March 8am—5pm
April 6:30am—7pm
May 6:30am—8pm
June 6:30am—8pm
July 6:30am—8pm
August 6:30am—8pm
September 6:30am—7pm
October 6:30am—6pm
November 8am—5pm
December 8am—5pm

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A Lesson from Nature

There are a lot of things that we can learn from the abilities and processes of nature, if we take a look from the right perspective. I am not a person of patience. I huff and grumble at traffic lights, I pull things from the microwave early, and heaven forbid a website take more than a millisecond to load! Recently it occurred to me that there are a multitude of things in the natural world that exhibit the kind of patience that can inspire. If you are an impatient person, like me, take a moment (it can be a quick one) to consider the kind of patience it takes to be the following ...

-**The Tick.** We love to hate them, but their determination is admirable. A tick can wait a year or more, patiently poised on a blade of grass, for a host to brush by so it can grab on.

-**The Periodical Cicada.** The cicada we see and hear every year are typically known as Dog Day Cicadas. However there is a species of cicada, the periodical cicada that only emerges every 17 years. These emergences are spread out over different areas and over different years

-**The Emu and Emperor Penguin.** Both of these bird species have long incubation times that are the responsibility of the male. For the emu, the male sits on the eggs for about two months in the heat of Australia. The Emperor penguin must hold the egg on the top of his feet for two months, covering it with his "belly," in the sub-zero temperatures of Antarctica.

-**The Giant Sequoia.** Giant Sequoias do not bear cones until they are around 20 years old. The cones take 2 years to develop and then the seeds inside the cones may remain contained within for 20 years. It takes the work of a beetle, chickarees (Douglas squirrels), or fire to finally release the seeds so that they can try to germinate. It is a good thing the Giant Sequoias can live for thousands of years!

The next time I fidget while I wait in line at the post office or the DMV I'll try to remember the patience it takes to make it in the wild.

Jess Bridges

Naturalist—San-Lee Park



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Conservation Cubs



A three day mini-camp for 4 and 5 year olds
where learning is through games, stories,
hikes, and other activities.

Snack is provided. \$25/child

Pre-registration is required

Forecasting Fall

September 14, 16 and 18, 2009; 1-4pm

It may still feel like summer, but fall is almost here. For the Northern Hemisphere fall officially begins September 22. Join us as we learn about the changes to come as we shift seasons.



Going Batty!

October 19, 21 and 23, 2009; 1-4pm

There is a lot of legend and mystery surrounding these amazing mammals. This month we will learn about the lives of bats and what makes them so unique and important.



Happy Hikers

November 16, 18, and 20, 2009; 1-4pm

This month we are taking to the trails. November 17th is Take a Hike Day but we will celebrate all week long! We will spend time hiking and participating in hiking related activities. Come and join the fun!



WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WEATHER

December 7, 9, and 11, 2009; 1-4pm

What to wear? Hot or cold? Wet or dry? Weather effects us everyday. We'll spend time exploring the ways of the weather and learn about the what and why of common weather occurrences.



Calendar of Events

San-Lee Park offers a variety of programs for children, adults and families. Our goal is to help bridge the gap between people and nature. We would love for you or your family to attend our programs.

Pre-registration is required for all programs.

All programs, unless otherwise specified, are \$5/adult (13+) and \$3/child (12 and under)

A minimum of 5 people need to be registered by the deadline in order for the program to be held (unless otherwise noted).

September/October

Let Your Light Shine

Mom's Day Out

September 24, 2009; 9:30am-12pm

The kids are back in school and it is a great time to do a little something for yourself. Join San-Lee Park staff for a morning of candle making. We will be making candles and decorating them with natural items. It is a great time to be crafty without having to buy supplies or clean up. You can create something unique for your home or for a gift.



Adult Program
Fee: \$10/individual
Registration Deadline:
September 18, 2009

November/December

Campfire Company

November 7, 2009; 7pm-9pm

Just because the daylight is shorter now doesn't mean you have to head inside at dusk. Enjoy the crisp evening air around a campfire. We will share stories, songs and s'mores! Just bring your jacket and your favorite campfire tale.

Family Program

Fee: \$5/adult & \$3/child (12 and under)

Registration Deadline:

November 2, 2009



Programs are also available through the park for schools, meetings, clubs, scouts, etc. Programs can be done at the park or off site and are tailored to your groups needs. If you are interested in a program, contact Jess at the park, 919-776-6221.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GROUP LEADERS!

If you would like to sign up a group of 6 or more for one of the above programs please contact the programming staff to make arrangements.

Please Evaluate our Programs!

If you or your child have attended any of our programs or our summer camp we would like to know what you thought about your experience.

Please log on to www.leecountync.gov.

On the left side bar, click on **Departments**, then on **Parks and Recreation**, then on **Outdoor Education** and then lastly on **Program Evaluation**.



SLP Facilities

What does San-Lee Park have to offer?

Pavilion Multi-purpose Room Meadow
These facilities can be rented for meetings, reunions, picnics, etc.
To make reservations, please call 775-2107.

Nature Center Hiking Trails Bike Trail
Fishing Boating Camping

<p>Boat Dock Hours of Operation April-October 1-6pm, Saturday and Sunday Rate: \$3/boat/half hour</p>	<p>Tent Campground April-November Rate: \$10/night</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><i>All bathhouses will be winterized in November and will reopen in April.</i></p>	<p>RV Campground Open Year-round Rate: \$15/night</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Units must be self-contained after November.</i></p>
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Species Spotlight

Corn Snake
Elaphe guttata

One of North Carolina's most colorful snakes, the corn snake is often confused with the venomous copperhead. Found throughout the state, except for the northern most counties, corn snakes are non-venomous and feed largely on small rodents such as mice. They get their name from the areas they commonly inhabit. It isn't unusual to find corn snakes in agricultural areas feeding upon the vermin that often eat crops or grain, such as corn. The blotchy, "checker board" pattern found on their belly scales also resembles Indian corn/harvest corn. Corn snakes can have highly variable coloring consisting of orange, brown, rust and gray colored splotches. Corn snakes are known for their docile disposition but they will bite to defend themselves if necessary.






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just for fun!



RESCUE CREWS WERE CALLED TO THE WATERSPOUT TODAY AS THE SPIDER-FORMERLY-KNOWN-AS-ITSY-BITSY ATTEMPTED TO RELIVE HIS GLORY DAYS...



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ECO-DICTIONARY
Environmental vocabulary everyone should know!

It is almost time for school again.

This Eco-Dictionary focuses on various branches of **zoological** (the study of animals) studies. See if you can figure out what each one is before you read the definition.



herpetology (hər-pə-'tā-lə-jē)- a branch of zoology devoted to the study of reptiles and amphibians

ichthyology (ik-thē-'ā-lə-jē)- a branch of zoology that focuses on the study of fish

entomology (en-tə-'mā-lə-jē)- the scientific study of insects

ornithology (ōr-nə-'thā-lə-jē)- a branch of zoology dealing with the study of birds

