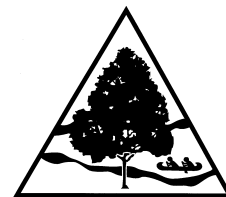




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**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER PROGRAMS WITH CHIEF PARK NATURALIST TOM SHEPPARD OF HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION**

**URANUS & THE EVENING SKY**

Date: Friday, October 26 (Rain Date: Saturday, October 27)

Time: 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: Hoffman Park

Age: 10 and up (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Cost: \$3

Guest Astronomers: Wayne Petko & John Andrews,

Many of the past stargazing programs have usually included one of the visible planets. The sky for this night has Uranus at its closest point to the Earth's orbit but it is still beyond our visual range without assistance. Our Guest Astronomers, Wayne & John are both members of the New Jersey Astronomical Association, will help us view our closest Non-visible Planet and then other object of our evening. Interested participants need to understand that time will be needed to find these objects and that the group size will be kept so we can keep the target in view will still being able to offer views of the planet.

**BUILD A SCREECH OWL BOX WORKSHOP**

Date: Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: Echo Hill Main Lodge

Ages: 8 through adult (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Cost: \$20 per box

Eastern Screech Owls are beautiful birds and can easily adapt to most woodlots as long as a cavity hole is available. However, if your woodlot does not have a cavity hole to offer, fear not, they will easily adapt to an artificial nesting box. Join us for this program as we learn a little bit about Screech owls and then use the rest of our time to assemble the boxes together. Wood will be pre-cut and screws will be provided. Please bring your own Phillips screwdrivers. Limit one box per family.

All programs require pre-registration. To download a registration form, please visit <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/parks.htm>. For more information on Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation, please call us at (908) 782-1158.