

Blue Ridge Heritage Cultural Education Center  
Proposed DRAFT 2020 Program Schedule

Date (estimated)	Description	Location	Guest Speaker	BRH Coordinator	Concept
<b>January 18</b> <b>9am-noon</b>	Introduction to Basic Fly-Tying for Beginners	Community Room of the Patrick Henry Community College (Stuart site).	Eric Tichay, Basic Fly-Tying Instructor		Learn about the art and sport of fly tying. This entry-level class is for people just getting started in fly tying or who have minimal experience.
<b>February 22</b> <b>10am-noon</b>	What's New with The Wildlife Center of Virginia	Jessie Peterman Memorial Library, Floyd, VA	Alex Wehrung, Outreach Department Contact: <a href="tel:5409429453">(540) 942-9453</a> <a href="mailto:wildlife@wildlifecenter.org">wildlife@wildlifecenter.org</a>		Learn about the inner workings of one of the nation's premier wildlife hospitals with a presentation by an educator, a video introduction to the hospital, and a close-up experience with a resident education animal.
<b>March 21</b> <b>10am-noon</b>	The Outdoor Experience of Geocaching	Community Room of the Patrick Henry Community College	Virginia Museum of Natural History 276-634-4141 <a href="mailto:information@vmnh.virginia.gov">information@vmnh.virginia.gov</a>		Learn about the outdoor experience of Geocaching where people use GPS coordinates to locate specific caches and can exchange something inside the cache for something they have.

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<b>April 11 (TBD)</b>	A Kid's Fishing Day	Mayo River Rail Trail, Patrick County	Rotary Club of Stuart, VA		To connect youth to the outdoors through awareness and experience in outdoor activities. To connect adults with BRH programs.
<b>April 25 (TBD)</b>	Wild Foods for Wildlife	BRH Grounds	Wildlife Center of Virginia, Outreach Department Contact: <a href="tel:5409429453">(540) 942-9453</a> <a href="mailto:wildlife@wildlifecenter.org">wildlife@wildlifecenter.org</a>		Come learn about the wild plant foods that animals eat and specifically about how volunteers can become a forager "Meals on Wheels" to a wildlife rehabilitator in your home region.
<b>May 16</b>	Veterans Trout Fishing Day	BRH Grounds	NA		This event is dedicated to military veterans and their service to our country.
<b>June (TBD)</b>	Black Bears of Virginia	Jessie Peterman Memorial Library, Floyd, VA	David Kocka, VDGIF District Wildlife Biologist  Michael Pelton, Professor Emeritus, Wildlife Science, The University of Tennessee (resides in Augusta, VA)		Black bear natural history, population changes, common myths and management of human-bear conflicts will be discussed. Some hands-on exercises along with a lecture.
<b>July</b>	Summer Vacations or alternate month				

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<b>August (TBD)</b>	Blue Ridge Heritage's First Annual Membership Appreciation Potluck Supper	BRH Grounds	TBD		To promote BRH, build awareness of our programs and thank our membership.
<b>September 19</b>	Hawk Watch on Buffalo Mountain Natural Area Preserve	Buffalo Mountain Natural Area Preserve	BRH and Virginia's Natural Heritage Program staff		To observe and learn about the fall raptor species and migration passing through Virginia.
<b>October 10 (peak time)</b>	Fall Foliage and Tree Identification Walk	BRH Grounds	Kevin Keith, Virginia Department of Forestry, Spencer Office 276-957-1319		To observe the fall foliage and identify the trees and shrubs on the BRH grounds.
<b>November (TBD)</b>	Virginia's Blue Ridge Region Geology	Jessie Peterman Memorial Library, Floyd, VA	Jim Beard, Ph.D. Curator of Earth Sciences 276-634-4170 Jim.beard@vmnh.virginia.gov		Learn what makes Virginia's beautiful Blue Ridge region a unique geological wonder.
<b>November</b>	Trail Building Workday	BRH grounds			To extend and maintain the existing BRH trail.
<b>December (TBD)</b>	Holiday Crafts for Kids and Adults	Community Room of the Patrick Henry Community College	TBD Contact Spencer-Penn Centre or Reynolds Homestead for craft artisans		Learn to make holiday decorations and Christmas tree ornaments.