

***A Time for Science***  
**Nature and Science Learning Center**  
***Calendar of open activities through August 2012***

***A Time for Science*** Nature and Science Learning Center (***ATFS***) is located off Highway 11 between Ayden and Grifton in Contentnea Creek Estates. The physical address is 5345 Contentnea Lane, Grifton NC 28530. ***For information or for when pre-registration is requested contact ATFS through the website ([www.atimeforscience.org](http://www.atimeforscience.org)), through email at ([atfs@atimeforscience.org](mailto:atfs@atimeforscience.org)), or by phone at 252-746-4470.***

Follow the website and Newsletter regularly for possible additions or other updates to this schedule. For weather dependent activities (such as star parties, etc.), check the website for possible cancellations before leaving home.

**January 14**

Saturday Family Fun Day      **9:00 am to 11:00 am**      Cost - \$5.00 adult \$3.00 child  
Enjoy a stroll through the woods in winter and learn to identify trees from their bark. For the craft activity, bring your discarded greeting cards to re-make into various items. Please register by January 13.

**February 11**

Saturday Family Fun Day      **9:00 am to 11:00 am**      Cost - \$5.00 adult \$3.00 child  
Experience nature in a fashion unique to the season by means of a guided walk through some portion of the nature conservancy then enjoy a related nature-craft activity. Please register by February 10

**March 10**

Saturday Family Fun Day      **9:00 am to 11:00 am**      Cost - \$5.00 adult \$3.00 child  
Experience nature in a fashion unique to the season by means of a guided walk through some portion of the nature conservancy then enjoy a related nature-craft activity. Please register by March 9

**March 24**

Spring Equinox Star Gazing Party      **7:30 pm -----**      Cost – No Charge  
Join with the ***ATFS*** and Carolina Skies Astronomy Club and view the stars and planets of the spring sky through a variety of telescopes. Enjoy a guided tour of the spring constellations. Also, learn how you can participate as a Citizen Scientist in the GLOBE at Night international research into light pollution. Please register by March 23.

**March 31**

Third Annual Turtle Run      **Run starts at 10:00 am**      Cost – See Registration Information  
Love A Sea Turtle 10K/5K Runs and Nature Walk. Registration 8:30 Race & Walk 10:00 am. On-line registration at [RunTheEast.com](http://RunTheEast.com).

**March 31**

Fun with Science      **10:00 am to 3:00 pm**      Cost – \$1.00 See KidFest website and adds

Visit **ATFS** at the “Fun with Science” booth at the Pitt County KidFest at the Greenville Convention Center. Enjoy interactive developmental science experiences for the preschoolers.

### **April 14**

2nd Annual Space & Astronomy Day **10:00 am to 300 pm** Cost – No Charge  
Celebrate the NC Science Festival, and Earth Month, by recognizing the Earth in its position within the Solar System and our Galaxy. Enjoy a festival full of fun-filled, interactive, space/astronomy related learning activities designed for all ages. Please register by April 13.

### **April 21**

Earth Day Expo **10:00 am to 400 pm** Cost – No Charge  
Join **ATFS** on the ECU campus in the morning for an expo of interactive science displays hosted by various university and non-profit groups. In the afternoon, participate at the Nature Center in one or more of the nature themed nature walks (bird – frog-, etc.) or lend a hand in an invasive species removal service project.

### **April 28**

Spring Fling **10:00 am to 400 pm** Cost – See Church website  
Come early to breakfast and join the St. James United Methodist Church Family for a fun filled day of bargain hunting at Greenville’s largest yard sale. Find clothes, furniture, toys electronics, one-of-a-kind items and enjoy other festival activities in the church’s support of the following local charities:

Boys and Girls Clubs of Pitt County, Inc.  
A Time for Science  
Building Hope  
Disability Advocates Resource Center

### **May 12**

Saturday Family Fun Day **9:00 am to 11:00 am** Cost - \$5.00 adult \$3.00 child  
Experience nature in a fashion unique to the season by means of a guided walk through some portion of the nature conservancy then enjoy a related nature-craft activity. Please register by May 11.

### **June 9**

Saturday Family Fun Day **9:00 am to 11:00 am** Cost - \$5.00 adult \$3.00 child  
Experience nature in a fashion unique to the season by means of a guided walk through some portion of the nature conservancy then enjoy a related nature-craft activity. Please register by June 8.

### **June 23**

Summer Solstice Star Gazing Party **7:30 pm -----** Cost – No Charge  
Join with the **ATFS** and Carolina Skies Astronomy Club and view the stars and planets of the spring sky through a variety of telescopes. See a guided tour of the spring

constellations. Come early to explore the scale model of the solar system. Please register by June 22.

**July 14**

Saturday Family Fun Day      *9:00 am to 11:00 am*      Cost - \$5.00 adult \$3.00 child  
Experience nature in a fashion unique to the season by means of a guided walk through some portion of the nature conservancy then enjoy a related nature-craft activity. Please register by July 13.

**August 11**

Saturday Family Fun Day      *9:00 am to 11:00 am*      Cost - \$5.00 adult \$3.00 child  
Experience nature in a fashion unique to the season by means of a guided walk through some portion of the nature conservancy then enjoy a related nature-craft activity. Please register by August 10.