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## SAYING FAREWELL TO OUR GIANT PENN OAK (1568 – 2016)

Anyone who has visited BRC in the past few months may have noticed a big change in the landscape. Unfortunately, on July 7, 2016 we lost our large Penn Oak that was seated next to our driveway at the Myrick Conservation Center.

The old white oak, like others in our area are so named because they have been documented to have been growing at the time William Penn founded the state in 1681. After the tree fell, measurements were taken to age the tree back to 1568 to be approximately 448 years old!



Tree Height: 125 feet Trunk Circumference: 20 feet Trunk Diameter: 7 feet

## NEW MEMBERS AS OF 8/9/2016

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Altschuler  
Mr. Tim Bak  
Ms. Donna Bialach  
Ms. Kattee Boyle-Mojica  
Ms. Serena Carbonell

Mr. George Caswell  
Ms. Elaine Cybulski  
Mr. Rex duPont  
Mr. Lars Farmer  
Ms. Margaretta Frederick

Mr. Mike Johnson  
Ms. Kimberly MacCauley  
Mr. John Martin  
Ms. Beth Moore &  
Mr. Andrew Homsey

Mr. Paul Rudershausen  
Mr. Peter Thiele  
Mr. and Mrs. John Tierney  
Ms. Leslie Wooding

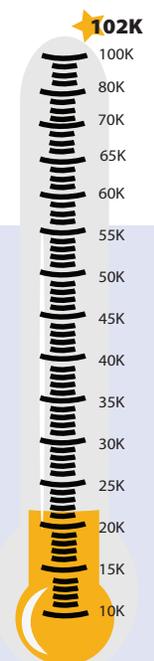
## 2016 OUTLOOK CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO OUR WORK IN THE BRANDYWINE AND RED CLAY VALLEYS!

*We want to thank you for your current pledges and donations totaling over \$21,486!*

Your support is very important to us. From environmental education programs for school children to trail maintenance work to building BRC's technology infrastructure, we couldn't do all of this great work without your help.

There is still time to contribute to help us reach our goal of \$102,000 by December 31st.





# YOUNG WATERFOWLERS

## Program For Teens, Ages 11-17!

Waterfowling is an American tradition that combines hunting with an appreciation of wetlands and their wildlife. In order to instill a strong conservation ethic for all of our natural resources, BRC and the Delaware Nature Society (DNS) are providing an exciting opportunity for youngsters ages 11 through 15. Participants will study wildlife management, habitat protection, conservation practices and the values of wetlands during a comprehensive introduction to the waterfowling heritage. Special topics include identification of waterfowl, conservation ethics, retriever training, decoy carving, safety skills and good sportsmanship. An optional hunt at the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge will be offered at the conclusion of the program under the supervision of experienced guides.

Parent participation is encouraged, but not required (no extra fee). Participants will have the opportunity to fulfill the hunter safety requirements at no additional charge and will receive a certification card (required for all new hunters in PA and DE). Including weekend field trips to: Ommelanden Hunter Education Training Center, Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, and Coastal Delaware to study marsh ecology and waterfowl identification.

Instructors: Jim Jordan, Executive Director of BRC; John Campanelli, Rich Stigale, Derek Stoner, Jeff Kane, Nelson Cammock, Neil Dougherty and Alan Knight.

Advanced Young Waterfowlers – Ages 12-17 - Same dates/times as above. For alumni of previous Young Waterfowler programs, we offer additional training in the art and science of waterfowling; including advanced decoy carving and calling techniques. Students will have an opportunity to participate in a specially guided hunt on a private farm.

To participate in these programs a Brandywine Red Clay family membership is required.

*For additional information call*

# 610-793-1090

Online registration now being taken at [www.brandywineredclay.org](http://www.brandywineredclay.org)

Young Waterfowlers  
Wednesdays from  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on  
Oct. 5, 12, 26, Nov. 2, 9, & Dec. 7  
at Ashland Nature Center,  
located at  
3511 Barley Mill Rd  
Hockessin, DE 19707  
\$150, members only

## Summer days were spent wet and muddy with our wonderful campers, camp staff and families!

Campers enjoyed their time at the Myrick Conservation Center and at various off-site locations for our successful 2016 summer camp programs. Whether it was playing games in the Lenape Woods, or traveling down the Brandywine, campers were guaranteed to return home wet and muddy each day. We also held two weeks of scholarship summer camp at our Saalbach Farm property located outside of Coatesville. Each Friday afternoon campers, their families, and the BRC staff gathered together for an Ice Cream Social. This year also marked our fifth successful year partnering with Coatesville Youth Initiative's Service Corps program with placement of two camp counselors.



A special thanks goes out to all of the Summer Camp Staff who worked so hard to make this summer a memorable one for our campers!

**CHECK BACK IN EARLY 2017 FOR UPDATES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF NEXT YEAR'S CAMPS!**



# FALL 2016 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS



## MEADOW WALK

Sunday, October 16, 2016  
2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Member: \$3.00/Non-member: \$6.00



Join one of our naturalists for a walk through our property to collect insects and observe our native plants and pollinators. Once the walk is complete, you will return to our barn for a light snack and discuss your observations. Refreshments will be provided.

## PUMPKIN PICKING AND HAYRIDE

Sunday, October 23, 2016  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
Member: \$5.00/Non-member: \$8.00



Come spend a beautiful fall day on our property. Visit our garden to pick one of our home grown pumpkins. Then head back to carve, paint or decorate your pumpkin in the spirit of fall. Finish up your day with a hayride through our scenic vistas. All materials provided, including ... pumpkins! paint, paintbrushes, and carving supplies.

## FITNESS FUN AT THE MYRICK

Saturday, November 5, 2016  
9:00am-11:00am  
Member: \$5.00/Non-member: \$8.00

Do you love walking our property? Do you want to take it a step further and have a little more fitness fun? We'll warm up and aim to do a 2 mile interval walk incorporating body weight strength training utilizing resources found on the property followed by a brief cool down / stretch. Bring a pair of gloves and a towel. Modifications will be supplied for those that need less as well as more. All ages welcome as long as they can walk 2 miles.



## ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT

Friday, December 9, 2016  
5:00pm- 9:00pm  
Member: \$20.00/Non-member: \$30.00  
Siblings Half Price! Ages: 6-13 years



Looking for some time to yourself to prepare for the holidays? Let us help with an evening of fun for your child(ren) while you finish last minute preparations and shopping. Our annual Holiday Craft Night will give participants the opportunity to create a natural ornament and play games. Later, snack on popcorn and watch a seasonal movie. Please bring a bag supper and drink; pajamas and a blanket optional.

## WILDLIFE WALK

Sunday, January 15, 2017  
11:30am-1:00pm  
Member: \$3.00/Non-member: \$6.00



Come join us for a trail walk through our property. Bring your camera for plenty of opportunities to snap some picturesque nature shots. After the walk, participants will return to our barn for a snack and time to share photographs that were taken! Refreshments will be provided.

## BOOKS & BOOTS

*A Story Time and  
Outdoor Adventure Club*  
FOR CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS OLD



Books come to life at the Myrick Conservation Center as Potter the Otter reads a book provided by Baldwin's Book Barn. Afterwards the story continues into a real-life, outdoor adventure. Adult participation is optional. A snack will be provided. Space is limited. Please register by Wednesday before class by visiting: [www.brandywineredclay.org](http://www.brandywineredclay.org) or by calling 610-793-1090. Dress for the weather and don't forget your boots! \$6.00 per child for BRC members and \$8.00 for non-member participants.

Thurs, Jan. 12, 2017  
10:00-11:30AM

Thurs, Mar. 16, 2017  
10:00-11:30AM

Thurs, Feb. 16, 2017  
10:00-11:30AM

Thurs, Apr. 13, 2017  
10:00-11:30AM

Need to refresh your own book adventures? Participate in Baldwin's 'Books & Boots' Book Swap- take your old book to Baldwin's Book Barn and swap out for new-used books!

# INTERN HIGHLIGHTS

## Hailey Baker

Hailey will begin her junior year in the honors college at Arizona State University. The impact of her childhood experiences in the natural environment, specifically playing in the creek in her backyard, shaped her passion for stewardship and decision to pursue a degree in Sustainability. Hailey, originally from just outside of Philadelphia, graduated from Houston High School in Collierville, Tennessee. Her experience of attending nature camps in her youth instilled values of environmental education, leading her to this internship. In her free time, Hailey enjoys running, travel and spending time with her family.

Hailey's favorite memory of her summer with BRC is the variety of job responsibilities, and in turn skills honed through the internship. From preparing lesson plans to playing in the water with enthusiastic campers, there was never a dull moment!



*Hailey's smile, enthusiasm and flexibility made her an invaluable member of our summer camp staff. We wish her well!*

## RED Streams BLUE

### GRANTS SUPPORT NEW WATERSHED PROJECT

After a year of non-stop stream restoration activity, the Red Streams Blue Program is lining up the next phase of projects. With recent funding from William Penn Foundation, design work will begin on new projects in the Plum Run Watershed. These new projects will add to the four completed projects and continue the improvement on this stream. Additional buffer planting is planned for this fall on the upper west branch Brandywine, Little Buck Run, Plum Run, and the upper east branch Red Clay. Also in the future is additional work on stormwater basins at the headwaters of Ludwig's Run.

The Christina Watersheds Partnership (CWP), formerly Christina TMDL Implementation partnership, got a boost with a recent grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through the William Penn Foundation's Delaware Watershed Restoration Initiative. This grant will fund the development of three pilot projects designed to meet new municipal stormwater management mandates.



Ludwig's Run Before Restoration



Ludwig's Run After Restoration  
July 2016

## WE NEED YOU!

at the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance's Volunteer Work Day at the Myrick Conservation Center

**October 8, 2016**  
**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

8:30 - Registration and light breakfast with Starbucks Coffee

9:00 - Begin work on projects

12:30 - Lunch served

Email or call for more info:  
[contact@brandywineredclay.org](mailto:contact@brandywineredclay.org)



Sponsored by Starbucks Coffee.

# ANNUAL DINNER & Silent Auction

Presented by Flyway Excavating, Inc.

Thursday, October 20, 2016

At the Mendenhall Inn, Mendenhall, PA

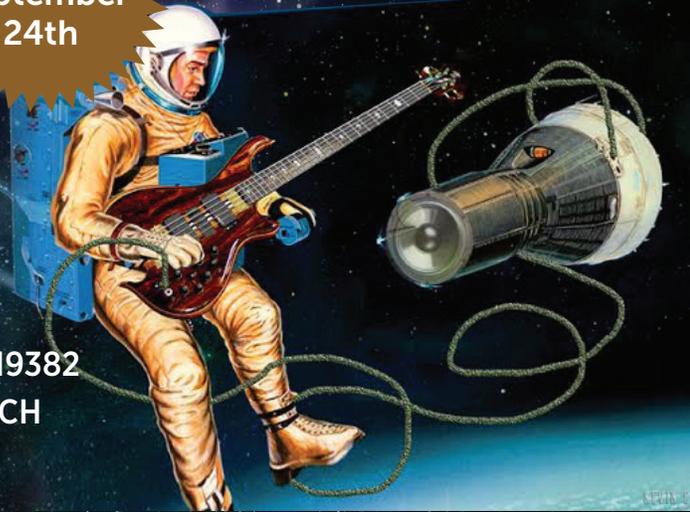
*Look for your  
invite in the mail!*



# JAM ON THE BRANDYWINE

Saturday,  
September  
24th

\$15/PERSON IN ADVANCE • KIDS UNDER 12 FREE  
\$25/PERSON AT THE GATE (\$10 W/STUDENT ID)  
1760 UNIONVILLE-WAWASET RD, WEST CHESTER, PA 19382  
GATES 12PM • SHOW 1PM-8PM • BYOB • HELP BRC DITCH  
DISPOSABLES & BYO WATER BOTTLES TOO!



## UPDATES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE



EITC contributions support BRC's environmental education programs.  
Students pictured here are learning about stream ecosystems at the Myrick Conservation Center.

## CORPORATIONS SUPPORT BRC AND RECEIVE DIRECT TAX CREDITS THROUGH EITC PROGRAM

We are excited to share that BRC is designated by The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's EITC program as an Innovative Educational Program. This allows corporations to direct corporate tax dollars to directly support BRC's environmental education programs. If your company would like to make a donation or learn more, please contact Cindy Jaros at 610-793-1090 ext. 104 or [cjaros@brandywineredclay.org](mailto:cjaros@brandywineredclay.org).

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## 2016 FALL



## UPCOMING EVENTS

JAM on the Brandywine  
Saturday September 24th

Young Waterfowlers  
Oct 5, 12, 26, Nov. 2, 9 & Dec. 7

Volunteer Work Day  
at the Myrick Conservation Center  
Saturday October 8th

BRC Annual Dinner & Silent Auction  
Thursday October 20th

Delaware Valley 'Night' Orienteering  
Saturday October 29th

## WISH LIST

Silent Auction Items  
Art Supplies  
Children's Blocks  
Children's Board Games & Puzzles  
(complete sets)  
Clean plastic coated reusable bags  
Dress up attire for Summer Camp  
Flat Sheets (white)  
Gently used archery & fishing equipment  
Insect Collections  
Legos  
Native Animal & Wildlife Posters  
Table Cloths  
Taxidermy Mounts

