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16th Annual Wildlife Weekend Set for October

The 16th Annual Wildlife Weekend has been scheduled for October 11 and 12, 2013. The City of Bristol Tennessee along with the Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park are the sponsors of the jampacked weekend.

The event begins on Friday evening at 6:30 PM at the Lodge located within Steele Creek Park with a talk by John Pickering of Discover Life organization. Mr. Pickering is also associated with the University of Georgia. The annual Art and Photography Show will be awarding prizes to the winners of the show during a reception, sponsored by the Friends group. The day will end with a Moth Party hosted by Mr. Pickering. The entire Weekend's activities are free to the public.

On Saturday morning the program will begin with an Early Bird Walk and Bird Banding, other walks will be taken during the day featuring fall wildflowers, fungi, animal tracking and the creek. A Geology Hike and Cave Crawl will be hosted mid-afternoon by Jeremy Stout, the parks' Naturalist. Space is limited for this program requiring pre-registration.

There will be ongoing exhibits and activities from 10 AM to 2 PM. Some of those activities include Skins and Skulls with the Gray Fossil Site, Fossil Casing with Mick Whitelaw, a Monarch Butterfly display with Nancy Barrigar, Birds of Prey with Bays Mountain hosts, Hands on Museum, Nature Crafts and Fossils with J.R. Arnold. Check in for all activities are at the Steele Creek Park Lodge.

Call 423-989-5616 or visit the Nature Center for more information. Bring your own lunch and enjoy the beauty of Bristol's Steele Creek Park.

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