Programs and Events
November 2019

The Garden of the Gods Adventure Series is an array of exciting monthly presentations, classes, demonstrations, walks and hikes featuring top naturalists, interpreters, historians and special guests.

Questions? Call (719) 219-0104 or email programs@gardenofgods.com
www.gardenofgods.com

Rock Art Presentation
Sunday, November 3, 2019, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
$5 per person, reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com
Join author Stewart Green to explore his new book “Rock Art: The Meanings and Myths Behind Ancient Ruins in the Southwest and Beyond”. Rock Art explores the fascinating history of ancient human-made stone markings that have puzzled historians, archaeologists, and hikers alike for centuries. Whether you’re fascinated by the wondrous ancient imagery imprinted on the landscape or just curious about the markings alongside your favorite hiking trail, Rock Art will help you better understand this mysterious and beautiful art form. This is an indoor presentation in the Red Rocks Room.

Rock Ledge Ranch History Hike
Sunday, November 10, 2019, 11:30 am-1:30 pm
$5 per person, reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com
Come hike through history at the Garden of the Gods. This month’s history hike will take us through the trails at Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site. Program starts in the Red Rocks Room at the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center followed by an approximately 2.5 mile loop hike. Dress for the weather, wear hiking shoes, and bring a daypack with water, snacks, a hat and sunscreen. Please arrive by 11:15 am to sign-in.

Knitting with a View
Sunday, November 17, 2019, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm
$5 per person, reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com
Join us for a relaxing afternoon of knitting or crocheting at the Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center. Meet fellow handcrafters and enjoy the best view in Colorado Springs! This is an informal gathering, and not a structured class. Bring your own projects, and/or make an easy charity project. Jennifer Henry, Park Interpreter, and experienced knitter and crocheter, will be on site to answer yarn or Garden of the Gods questions. The group will meet in Bean Sprouts Café.

Gateway to Geology
Friday, November 22, 2019, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
$5 per person, reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com
A lively introduction to the Garden of the Gods amazing geology. This program begins with a fun indoor presentation that takes you through over 500 million years of geologic history. Explore ancient landscapes, dinosaurs, oceans, and glaciers along the way. Following the indoor presentation, a guided walk will let guests experience the park’s natural wonders firsthand. Dress for the weather, wear hiking shoes, and bring a daypack with water, snacks, a hat and sunscreen.

Bean Sprouts Kitchen: Cooking Class for Kids
Saturday, November 23, 2019, 10:30 am-11:30 am
$30 for one adult and one child, $10 for each additional child
reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com
Come join us to make some of the award-winning items from our Imaginibbles menu, and from the Bean Sprouts Kitchen cookbook. The cookbook features tried-and-true tips for making mealtime hip and healthy with 60 creative and wholesome recipes that families will love to prepare and eat. This class is for kids aged 5 and up, accompanied by a parent.
**FREE Presentations and Programs**

FREE short educational presentations are provided by dedicated and knowledgeable park staff and volunteers. This schedule is subject to change. All FREE Presentations are in the Red Rocks Room unless otherwise noted. Questions? Call (719) 219-0108

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<td>Daily</td>
<td>10:00 am</td>
<td><strong>FREE Guided Nature Walk</strong> Join a short nature walk guided by park staff or volunteers. Weather dependent. Meet at the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center near the American flagpole.</td>
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<td>Mondays</td>
<td>9:30 am</td>
<td><strong>Bighorn Sheep—Monarch of the Mountains</strong> Join us to learn about Colorado’s state mammal while using optics to look for these majestic animals from our deck. Presented by Volunteer Michelle McMurray</td>
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<td><strong>The Noisy Magpie—A Real Bird Brain</strong> What is that black and white bird with the long tail? Join us to learn more about these intelligent birds that have a lot of character. Presented by Volunteer Carol Wilcox</td>
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<td>Tuesdays</td>
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<td><strong>Smoothies and a Story</strong> Join us for a science-themed story time, targeted for elementary school ages. Stay and relax after or enjoy themed coloring pages. The program is free, but a smoothie or other healthy snack purchase from Bean Sprouts Cafe is required. Same program again on 29th, but with a Halloween theme; costumes welcome.</td>
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<td>Wednesdays</td>
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<td><strong>Rattlesnakes</strong> Join volunteer Jane Game to learn about the most misunderstood reptile of the American West.</td>
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<td>Friday, November 8</td>
<td>10:00 am</td>
<td><strong>Preschool Program—Bear Story and Craft</strong> FREE, reservations required by calling (719) 219-0108. Designed for ages 2-5. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This month the story is “Bear Ate Your Sandwich” and the craft is a peanut butter bird feeder.</td>
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<td><strong>Intro to Archaeology</strong> Learn how ancient cultures are identified by the artifacts they leave behind. Presented by Park Interpreter Andy Rizzo.</td>
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<td>Fridays, November 8 and 22</td>
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<td><strong>Hamp Hut</strong> Join Park Interpreter Brock Back to learn about the history of Hamp Hut and the Girl Scouts in the Garden of the Gods.</td>
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<td>Saturdays</td>
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<td><strong>Spanish Explorers and the Age of Exploration</strong> Join Andy Rizzo, Park Interpreter, to learn more about early Spanish exploration in the Pikes Peak region.</td>
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<td><strong>Pikes Peak or Bust: The Gold Rush</strong> Learn about the Colorado Gold Rush of 1859, and about the mining towns that boomed and died as a result. Presented by Volunteer Paul Roberts.</td>
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<td><strong>Wild Cats of Garden of the Gods</strong> Join Park Interpreter, Larry Jones to learn about mountain lions and bobcats in the park. This presentation is in the exhibit hall.</td>
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**FREE Fitness Programs**

**Wellness Walk**

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*Wellness Walk* Wednesdays 9:00 am

FREE. Group meets in the lower lobby at the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center. Maps are provided for a 1, 2, or 3 mile walk in the Garden of the Gods Park. Register in person.

**Gallop in the Garden Weekly 5K Fun Run/Walk**

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Thursdays, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

FREE. A fun way to get in your weekly 5k walk; hike or run. Maps for 5k routes provided at check-in. During summer follow a marked course through the park. Earn fun prizes from our sponsors, or complete 10 runs to get a Gallop in the Garden shirt for only $10! Register in the lower lobby.