

**Fall 2009 Weekend Public Programs
Beczak Environmental Education Center**

35 Alexander Street, Yonkers, NY 10701

(914) 377-1900 / www.beczak.org

Open Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

*We're on the waterfront, one block north of the
Yonkers train station. Parking available.*

**OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER**

October

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Fish Tales: Jenny Jellyfish, children ages 3 – 5 explore books and Beczak's backyard. Saturday, October 3, 2009, 10:30 – 11:30 AM. \$5 per child (adult chaperones are free). Register at dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext. 13.

Jenny Jellyfish: A Tale of Wiggly Jellies, by Susanne Tate, leads children into a discussion of Hudson River comb jelly and creating their own "wiggly jelly."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

River Explorers: Edible Creatures, a hands-on nature program for curious kids ages 5 – 12. Saturday, October 10, 2009 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM & 1:30 – 3:00 PM. \$5 per child (adult chaperones are free). Register for morning or afternoon session at dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext. 13.

Learn about the different invertebrates that creep and crawl near the Hudson River. Choose one of the creatures to design using tasty treats.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Hudson Quadricentennial Lecture: Life Aboard the Half Moon with Captain Chip Reynolds. Saturday, October 25, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. \$5 per person, includes live music and refreshments. For more information, contact dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext. 13.

Hear first-hand about Henry Hudson's life from the man who has slept in his bunk, steered his whip staff, heaved his anchor and more. Meet Chip Reynolds, skipper of the Half Moon, replica of the ship that explored the Hudson in 1609.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Urban H₂O: River Songs, A Celebration of the Hudson. Sunday, October 25, 2:00 PM. \$20 per person / \$16 for students and seniors. Purchase tickets at www.tribeshill.com.

Urban H₂O is a new live performance venue for Hudson Valley musicians. Kick off the season with River Songs, original music celebrating the Hudson River by member of Tribes Hill music collective. Artists include James Durst, the YaYas, Matt Turk, Joe Duraes, Spuyten Duyvil, Hope Machine, Susan Kane, Marc Black, Joe Iadanza and Andrew V. Craig, and storyteller Jonathan Kruk.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

Boo-zak! Beczak's annual community Halloween party. Saturday, October 31, 2009 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Free / all ages. For more information, contact dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext. 13.

Stop by Boo-zak and take a ghost walk through our haunted park. Play “Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin” and “Skeleton Toss.” Visit the mad marine scientist’s lab. Indulge in ghoulish food and more.

November

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Fish Tales: Flossie Flounder, children ages 3 – 5 explore books and Beczak’s backyard. Saturday, November 7, 2009, 10:30 – 11:30 AM. \$5 per child (adult chaperones are free). Register at dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext. 13.

Flossie Flounder: A Tale of Flat Fish, by Susanne Tate, introduces children to life on the bottom of the Hudson. Each child creates their own brown bag flat fish.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

River Explorers: Beaks and Feet, a hands-on nature program for curious kids ages 5 – 12. Saturday, November 14, 2009 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 1:00 – 2:00 PM. \$5 per child (adult chaperones are free). Register for morning or afternoon session at dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext. 13.

Learn about the bald eagle, humming bird, and great blue heron that soar above the Hudson. Create your beak and feet to fly away with.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Handmade Holiday Gifts Saturday, November 21, 2009, ages 8 – 80. 11:00 AM — 3:00 PM \$5 per project. Register at dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext. 13.

Come to Beczak’s workshop and make useful and beautiful handmade holiday

gifts for the lucky people on your list.

Hudson Quadricentennial Lecture: Secrets of the Deep with Dr. Frank Nitsche of Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory. Saturday, November 21, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. \$5 per person, includes live music and refreshments. For more information, contact dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext. 13.

What lies beneath the surface of the Hudson River? Discover the underwater archeology of Hudson with Dr. Frank Nitsche of Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory. His team has methodically swept the lower Hudson with state-of-the-art sonar and found both natural and unnatural formations.

December

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Fish Tales: Mister Seahorse, children ages 3 – 5 explore books and Beczak’s backyard. Saturday, November 7, 2009, 10:30 – 11:30 AM. \$5 per child (adult chaperones are free). Register at dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext. 13.

Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle, shows how fish use camouflage to hide from predators and care for their offspring. Children create their own scene of seahorses hidden among the water celery.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

River Explorers: Holiday River Ornaments, a hands-on nature program for curious kids ages 5 – 12. Saturday, December 12, 2009 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 1:00 – 2:00 PM. \$5 per child (adult chaperones are free). Register for morning or afternoon session at dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext. 13.

Explore the beach to find river artifacts. Create a unique holiday ornament or mobile while sipping hot cocoa by the fire.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Handmade Holiday Gifts Saturday, December 19, 2009, ages 8 – 80. 11:00 AM — 3:00 PM \$5 per project (non-participating adult chaperones are free). Register at dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext. 13.

Come to Beczak’s workshop and make useful and beautiful handmade holiday gifts for the lucky people on your list.

Hudson Quadricentennial Lecture: Hudson River MYTHBUSTERS with the Quad Squad. Saturday, December 19, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. FREE, includes live music and refreshments. For more information, contact dsukup@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 ext.

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Were the Palisades cliffs formed by dynamite? Did Henry Hudson die in the New York Harbor? It's a tough job separating truth from urban legend, but the Mythbusters Quad Squad is here to serve. Come with your own questions and learn what's real and what's fiction.