



Friday, June 5

4 p.m. – Slimy Science – Camp Store

Slime is survival. Well, it is for some animals. We will discover why slime is so important to some species and which critters aren't slimy at all, even though many people think they are. Then, make your own bit of slime to take home.

Saturday, June 6

11 a.m. – Colors of Nature Hike – Equestrian Parking Lot

Animals and plants come in all kinds of colors, but why the variety? Learn all about the different ways that living things use color and see how well you can spot all the different colors with a game of bingo while going on a hike! Closed-toe shoes are recommended and bring your water bottle!

2 p.m. – Survival Bracelets 101 – Visitor Center - \$5

The Survival bracelet is the superhero utility belt of the outdoors. Join a ranger to learn the history and a couple of basic knots when you make your own. \$5 per bracelet. Space is limited, please call 804-462-5030 or stop by the Camp Store or Visitor Center to reserve your space.

JUNE 13-14

Celebrating 90 Years!

History & Culture Weekend

at **VIRGINIA STATE PARKS****Thursday, June 11****9 a.m. – Walk on the Wildcrafting Side – Medicinal Uses of Local Plants – Camp Store**

Take a Walk on the Wild Side with park volunteers and members of the Northern Neck Master Naturalists. Walks will be conducted at a leisurely pace to allow stops along the way. Hikes will be no more than 2 miles round trip but may occasionally go off trail. Please wear closed-toe shoes and dress for forecasted weather. Group size is limited, pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register, please call the park at 804-462-5030.

Friday, June 12**4 p.m. - Colonial Classic Games – Campground Bath House**

Past and present, friends and families have enjoyed getting together for some friendly competition. Virginians of the past often used their imagination and some everyday objects to play games very similar to many traditions that continue today. Try your hand at the classic colonial games.

Saturday, June 13**10 a.m. - Time Traveler Hay Wagon Tour – Visitor Center**

Join a ranger aboard our Time Traveler Wagon to learn about three important historic events that took place here in our Commonwealth; the American Revolution 250 years ago, the Department of Conservation and Recreation 100 years ago and 90 years ago, Virginia opening the first six state parks. Here you will learn about the past, appreciate the present and look forward to our future. Space is limited, registration required. Call 804-462-5030.

2 p.m. – Critter Creations – Visitor Center

You never know what critters you will see around Belle Isle, there's dozens to pick from. Keep your ears and eyes open for the flash of a bushy tail, or a slap on the water as animals take shelter. Join a ranger and learn about the critters we see and don't see and make a craft to take home and share with friends and family.

6 p.m. – Music By the River – Chris & Jane (Country, Rock, Folk) – Picnic Area

The Friends of Belle Isle have put together a fantastic line up of local bands for Saturday evenings alongside the Rappahannock River. Concerts run from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a great evening of music and free popcorn. The concerts are free thanks to our sponsors, a \$5 parking fee applies.

Friday, June 19**4 p.m. – Backyard Bass – Fishing in Parks – Campground Overflow Parking Lot**

Yesterday was National Go Fishing Day! Are you an expert angler or looking to pick up a couple fishing tips? Think you can hook these Backyard Bass? Drop a line at the Campground Overflow Parking Lot - you'll have some fun and maybe learn a new skill or two as we practice casting with the Backyard Bass game.

Saturday, June 20**10 a.m. – Owl Pellet Detective – Visitor Center - \$2**

Become an owl pellet detective as we dissect the clues an owl leaves behind. Discover what was on the menu for these nocturnal creatures. \$2 per pellet.

1 p.m. – Make Your Own Crawly Dirt Treat – Picnic Area

Join a ranger to learn about a few of the cool, crawly creatures you may see around Belle Isle State Park and make your own dirt treat to eat.

We will have all the supplies you need, but space is limited. Call (804) 462-5030 or stop by the Camp Store or Visitor Center to reserve a spot.

3 p.m. – Cast Net Basics – Meet Canoe/Kayak Parking Lot

Join a ranger in this interactive program to learn how to throw a cast net. Whether you're a seasoned angler looking to catch fresh bait or a curious beginner, this program provides the tools and techniques using different sized nets.

6 p.m. – Music By the River – Michael Bergamo (Acoustic Classic)**– Picnic Area**

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Friday, June 26**4 p.m. – Ask A Ranger – Campground Bath House**

Let us keep the kids entertained while the adults set up or take a break from setting up and stop by for a quick craft; discussion of Belle Isle's history; or a lesson on critters. It's ranger's choice, so every week is different.

Saturday, June 27**10 a.m. – Advice From Nature – Tree Cookies – Canoe/Kayak Parking Lot**

On this first full weekend of Summer, join a ranger to talk about Equinoxes and Solstices, the trees that call the park home, take "Advice from a Tree" (Ilan Shamir) and make your own tree related craft to take home as a souvenir.

1 p.m. – Fire! – Camp Store

Join us to hear about the impacts of fire, from the habitats it touches to how humans have learned to use it to our advantage throughout the ages. We will discuss the three elements needed to create fire then make our own campfire starters.

3 p.m. – Leave No Trace – Recycle – Great American Campout**– Picnic Area**

Take only memories, leave only footprints. At Virginia State Parks we follow the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace to minimize the impact we have upon the natural world and Belle Isle State Park. Join a ranger to hear about LNT principles and recycling and how you can be a part of the solution.