

2026 UPCOMING EVENTS *

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING FREE EVENTS HOSTED BY UNION TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

All events will be at Union Meadows, 100 Campbellford Road, Douglassville, PA 19518.

- 1) **Beekeeping.** Join us with Mark Engle from Engle Hollow Apiaries and representing the Berks Schuylkill Beekeepers Association on May 2, 2026, 1:00 pm – 2/2:30 pm. (Rain Date May 3rd) The BSBA is a community of beekeeping enthusiasts dedicated to sharing knowledge,



promoting best practices, and supporting the health of honeybee populations. Have you ever wondered what it takes to keep bees? Whether you're curious about honey production, pollination, or just want to connect with nature, this is a perfect program to attend. Come see live bees in their habitat as well as touch and examine items necessary for beekeeping.



- 2) **Touch-a-Truck.** Celebrate the end of the school year with Union Township's Road Crew and their truck/equipment, Birdsboro/Union Fire Department, Monarch Fire Dept, Tower Health Ambulance, Berk's County Sheriff's office with Prison Transport Van, and State Police on June 6th, from 1:00 – 3:00pm. (Rain Date June 7th). Birdsboro Union and Monarch Fire companies, PA State Police and PA Search & Rescue with K-9, and Hopewell Furnace will also be on site. (this is a hands-on event) MISTER SOFTEE Ice Cream Truck will be on site for special treats to purchase.



- 3) **Haunting for Candy at Union Meadows.** On Saturday, October 24th, 1:00-4:00 pm, (Rain Date: Sunday, October 25th). Bring the family out for our fun annual Boo Bash! Holiday trick-or-treat on the trail, pumpkin painting, and Blind Candy Taste Test Challenge, among other family friendly activities.



- 4) **Early Migrants.** Presented by Baird Ornithological Club at Union Meadows Park on April 18th, 8:00 am. This is a very popular venue for birders eager to get out in the early spring and observe a number of perching birds passing through on their way to final nesting destinations at higher altitudes. Look for migrant warblers, thrushes, sparrows, vireos and other songbirds that travel northward along this riparian corridor. Rusty Blackbird has consistently been found here in late winter and spring. Walks here typically record high species counts. This event begins with quite a chill in the air, but when the April sun burns off the mist, it ends up being balmy; dress in layers. For additional details contact the coordinator-Art Zdancewic 610-858-3315.
- 5) Baird Ornithological Club is also presenting another walk at Union Meadows on March 15th, 7:00 pm. Listen for and try to glimpse the crepuscular American Woodcock as it performs its courtship flights. For additional details contact the coordinator – Jay Kline 610-858-5130.
- 6) **Wildflowers and Pollinators at Union Meadows West.** Presented by Mengel Natural History Society at Union Township's Butterfly Meadows, July, 18th at 10:00 am. A meandering path through this pollinator meadow provides good access for observing and netting a variety of species. All levels of interest are welcome: children, adults of all ages, novices and advanced. *Close focusing binoculars and a camera will be helpful. For a good look we will capture some insects and put them in viewing jars so you can get a close look before releasing them. Listen to educators about the various butterflies, dragonflies, plants, and insects you'll find at the meadow.

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