



Penn Dixie

Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center

2011 PENN DIXIE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 9, 2011 - Penn Dixie cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or nature walk at 1 PM, \$4/person. Reservations requested. Participants must bring snowshoes and/or skis. For information and reservations call (716) 627-4560.

January 19, 2011 - Penn Dixie program on "Trilobites" by Joe "PaleoJoe" Kochdl of Midland, Michigan, at 7 PM in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office, at 3556 Lake Shore Rd. Blasdell, NY 14219. \$4/person. Public invited. Scouts and children encouraged to attend. No pre-registrations required. Call (716) 627-4560 for information.

February 5, 2011 – Penn Dixie Members' Only Trip to Fossil exhibit at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown. Tour of the Institute and special temporary fossil exhibition. Call (716) 627-4560 to register and for information.

February 10-13, 2011 - Penn Dixie exhibit at WNY Home and Garden Expo in the Events Center at the Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY.

February 16, 2011 - Penn Dixie program on "Digging Dinosaurs: The Adventure of Digging Dinosaurs in South Dakota", by Glen LaPlaca, Past & Present Rock Shop, at 7 PM in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office, at 3556 Lake Shore Rd. Blasdell, NY 14219. \$4/person. Public invited. Scouts and children encouraged to attend. No pre-registrations required. Call (716) 627-4560 for information.

February 19, 2011 - Penn Dixie cross country skiing, snowshoeing or nature walk at 10 AM, \$4/person. Reservations requested. Participants must bring snowshoes and/or skis. For information and reservations call (716) 627-4560.

February 19-20, 2011 – Penn Dixie exhibit & fossil dig for children at 6th Annual Evangola Winterfest, 11 AM-4 PM both days, at Evangola State Park.

February 26, 2011 – 7-10 PM, "Penn Dixie Think Ya Know Trivia Fundraiser", at Oakwood Manor, VFW Post, Lake View Road, Hamburg, NY. Table trivia, special trivia with individual winner prizes, pizza, pop, snacks, cash bar, door prizes, silent auction baskets, 50/50 split, and

a fun-filled evening supporting the programs, events, and operations of the Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center in Hamburg. Pre-sale tickets-\$25 each and \$30 at the door. Pre-sale tickets and information may be obtained by calling (716) 627-4560.

March 5, 2011 – Penn Dixie exhibit at Greater Niagara Frontier Council **University of Scouting Day**.

March 11, 2011 – Penn Dixie and Independent Oil & Gas Association sponsored educational and informational seminar on “**New York’s Gas Industry: Marcellus & Beyond**”, in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office, 3556 Lake Shore Rd., Blasdell, NY 14219. For information and registration form visit www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560.

March 12, 2011 – Penn Dixie Fossil presentations at UB STEM program.

March 16, 2011 – Penn Dixie program on “Geology and Scenery in and around the Colorado Rocky Mountains,” by Dr. Rick Batt, Buffalo State College, at 7 PM in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office, at 3556 Lake Shore Rd. Blasdell, NY 14219. \$4/person. Public invited. Scouts and children encouraged to attend. No pre-registrations required. Call (716) 627-4560 for information.

March 19, 2011 – 8:30 AM 12:30 PM, Annual Penn Dixie Volunteer Training Program in the auditorium at the Gateway Executive Office, 3556 Lake Shore Road, Blasdell, NY. Penn Dixie needs volunteers to help with schools, groups, astronomy programs, special events, and other on-site and off-site programs and events. Please call (716) 627-4560 for information and to register for the training program.

March 26-27, 2011 – Penn Dixie exhibit at Buffalo Geological Society’s Annual Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show in the Grange & Market Place Buildings at the Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg.

April 6, 2011 – 6 PM, Williamsville North Planetarium Show and viewing of the Williamsville skies with **Penn Dixie telescopes** at the Williamsville Space Planetarium at 1595 Hopkins Rd. (near Dodge).

April 9, 2011 - 7 PM, Astronomy Program at the Penn Dixie Site. Filtered telescopes to view sunspots & solar flares and after dark the Penn Dixie Skies. \$3/person, Penn Dixie members free.

April 16-23, 2011 – Penn Dixie open for fossil collecting during Spring Break, Saturday, April 16 & Monday-Saturday, 9 AM-4 PM & Sunday, April 17, 11 AM-4 PM. No pre-registrations required. Adults \$7 each, children 12 & under \$6, children 2 and under & Penn Dixie members free.

April 23, 2011 – 9 AM, Spring Bird Walk at Penn Dixie led by Michael Morgante. No pre-registrations required. Free event.

April 23, 2011- 9 AM, Earth Day Clean-up at Penn Dixie. Volunteers welcome.

April 27, 2011 – “Birds of Prey in WNY.” by Marianne Hites and Judy Seiler of Messenger

Woods, at 7 PM in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office, at 3556 Lake Shore Rd. Blasdell, NY 14219. \$4/person. Public invited. Scouts and children encouraged to attend. No pre-registrations required. Call (716) 627-4560 for information.

April 29-May 1, 2011 – Penn Dixie members Only Trip to Cincinnati, OH, to collect fossils. Call (716) 627-4560 for information.

May 7, 2011 – Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge Day at the Penn Dixie Site. Registration must be made through the Greater Niagara Frontier Council.

May 14, 2011 - 9 AM, Dig with the Experts and Special Event Day

Regular program for fossil collecting and viewing of sunspots, plus a Special Program to “**Dig with the Experts**” – check web site or call (716) 627-4560 for details, cost, and registration information.

May 14, 2011 – Webelos Geology Badge Day at Penn Dixie Site. Registration for this event must be made through the Boy Scout Greater Niagara Frontier Council.

May 14, 2011, 7:30 PM, Astronomy Program at the Penn Dixie Site. Filtered telescopes to view sunspots & solar flares and after dark the Penn Dixie Skies. \$3/person, Penn Dixie members free.

May 15, 2011 – 9 AM, Penn Dixie Spring Bird Walk led by Marilyn O’Connell, Wild Birds Unlimited. No pre-registrations required. Free event.

June 4, 2011, 8 PM, Astronomy Program at the Penn Dixie Site. Filtered telescopes to view sunspots & solar flares and after dark the Penn Dixie Skies. \$3/person, Penn Dixie members free.

June 5, 2011 - 1 PM to 4 PM Children’s Day

Celebrate Children’s Day at Penn Dixie! Special fun events for children and their families, prizes for children’s contests, viewing sunspots and other astronomy activities, fossil identification, and more!

June 12, 2011 - 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Penn Dixie Nature Cruise & Buffalo Lighthouse Tour
Call (716) 627-4560 for registration information and cost or visit www.penndixie.org. Limited space available.

June 26, 2011 - 11 AM to 4 PM – “Big Toys, Trucks and Bikes Event”

Fossil collecting, viewing of sunspots, and a “Big toys Event” fundraiser! Sit in your favorite truck, explore a variety of vehicles, and have your picture taken in your favorite vehicle – check web site for details.

July 9-10, 2011 – Penn Dixie exhibit at Syracuse Gem and Mineral Show, NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY

July 9, 2011 8:30 PM, Astronomy Program at the Penn Dixie Site. Filtered telescopes to view sunspots & solar flares and after dark the Penn Dixie Skies. \$3/person, Penn Dixie members free.

July 11-15, 2011 – Penn Dixie Science Adventure Summer Day Camp, 8-12 year olds.
Visit www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560 for registration form and information.

July 18-22, 2011 – Triple Trek Summer Day Camp, 8-12 year olds, at Penn Dixie, Evangola State Park and Tifft Nature Preserve. Visit www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560 for registration form and information.

July 16, 2011 – Penn Dixie exhibit Annual Hamburg Burgerfest, Village of Hamburg, NY.

August 1-5, 2011 – Penn Dixie Science Adventure Summer Day Camp, 8-12 year olds.
Visit www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560 for registration form and information.

August 8-12, 2011 – Triple Trek Summer Day Camp, 8-12 year olds, at Penn Dixie, Evangola State Park and Tifft Nature Preserve. Visit www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560 for registration form and information.

August 13, 2011 5 PM to ?, Mid-Summer's Night Adventure - Annual Fossil-Astronomy program. Collect fossils and after dark collect fossils by lantern light; bring your digging tools, plastic bucket, a lantern or flashlight. View Sunspots until dusk. After dark telescopes will focus on Saturn low in the west, Scorpius and Sagittarius low in the south, the Northern Crown & Hercules near the zenith, a full moon rises in the east around 9 PM, this will wash out the dimmer meteors from the Perseus Meteor Shower that peaked early in the morning hours, but the much brighter ones will be visible, and a variety of other constellations.

August 15-19, 2011 – Penn Dixie Science Adventure Summer Day Camp. Visit www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560 for registration form and information.

August 22-26, 2011 – Triple Trek Summer Day Camp, 8-12 year olds, at Penn Dixie, Evangola State Park and Tifft Nature Preserve. Visit www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560 for registration form and information.

September 10, 2011 - 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Penn Dixie Nature Cruise & Buffalo Lighthouse Tour. Call (716) 627-4560 for registration information and cost or visit www.penndixie.org. Limited space available.

September 11, 2011 - 1 PM to 4 PM, Special Event
Experts will identify your fossils, rocks, and minerals. Fossil collecting, viewing sunspots, and other activities TBA.

September 17, 2011 – 10 AM-4 PM, Penn Dixie exhibit at Reinstein Woods Fall Festival.

September 17, 2011 – 6:30 PM, Astronomy Program at the Penn Dixie Site. Filtered telescopes to view sunspots & solar flares and after dark the Penn Dixie Skies. \$3/person, Penn Dixie members free.

October 1, 2011 - 4 PM to 9 PM – 9th Annual Scare-assic Park Pirate Adventure

Annual Pirate Fest at Penn Dixie. Filtered telescopes will view sunspots until dusk. After dark telescopes will focus on a thick waxing crescent moon in the southwest, the Ring & Dumbbell Nebula heading towards the western horizon, Andromeda M31 in the east, Jupiter in the constellation Aries, rises around 9 PM, high in the northeast, Perseus open double star cluster, the Owl open star cluster (NGC 457) also known as E.T. in the great W constellation Cassiopeia and other constellations.

October 8, 2011 - 9 AM to 3 P M, 14th Annual WNY Earth Science Day

National Earth Science Day WNY celebration at Penn Dixie, co-sponsored with the Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists. Talk to earth scientists as they exhibit and demonstrate various aspects of their professions; see a drill rig demonstrating rock coring and drilling operations; view sunspots; collect fossils; and participate in a wide variety of other activities. Girl and boy scouts can earn badge requirements, call 627-4560 for information.

October 22-23, 2011 – Penn Dixie exhibit at Rochester Gem & Mineral Show in Minot Hall at the Dome in Rochester, NY.

November 3, 2011 – Thursday, 7 to 9 PM, 16th Annual HNHS/Penn Dixie Fundraiser.

Romanello's South Restaurant, 5793 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY. Silent and voice auctions, raffles, hors d'oeuvres, and more. Donations of baskets, gift certificates, artwork, toys, holiday baskets, tickets for football, hockey or basket ball games are welcome. Fun filled evening for all. Public is invited. Mark your calendar and plan on attending.

November 11-13, 2011 – Penn Dixie exhibit at GemStreet Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show in the Grange Building at the Erie County Fairgrounds.