



# Salamander Scoop

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## Feature Stories



### Hitchcock Center and Hampshire College Collaborations

Building our new living environmental education center on Hampshire College land brings us even more in-depth opportunities to partner with Hampshire College faculty, students and staff. [Read more...](#)



### Connecting More Children to Nature Summer Camp

We often hear from parents that their children treasure their summers at Hitchcock Center's Nature Summer Camp. For many, this camp is a formative childhood experience. We think all children should have this opportunity. [Read more...](#)



### Every Kid in a Park

Convincing today's wired kids that nature is more exciting than technology is a hard sell. So Hitchcock Center educators have been working to develop ways for children to integrate technology with their experiences in nature. [Read more...](#)

Tickets ON SALE now!

THE HITCHCOCK CENTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT'S **SECOND ANNUAL**

# BATTLE *of the* BOTANICALS

THURSDAY  
JUNE 8, 2017  
5:30-8:30

THE POWERHOUSE  
AT AMHERST COLLEGE



## Upcoming Children and Family Programs



### Saturday's at the Hitchcock Center

We're now open 9am - 1pm second and third Saturdays through June. Drop in, see Hitchcock's new home, and learn about our living building.



### Second Saturday Science

Join us for seasonal nature and science programs, 10-11am, each second Saturday of the month. Designed for children with their parents, these programs will explore cool topics in nature. Drop in!



### Spring Vacation Camp

Come play and explore at the new Hitchcock Center this spring break. Sign up for as many days as you wish. Space is limited, so sign up early!



### Girls into the Wild

Get to know nature, and make friends at the same time. Girls into the Wild is designed to bring girls together in a supportive environment that fosters creativity, nature skills and inquiry.



### Nature Play Afterschool

Hitchcock's Nature Play Afterschool Program for children ages 6-9 is all about getting kids outside to run, jump, climb, splash, invent, imagine, play and be a free-range kid.



### Youth Birding

Spring migration is the most exciting time of year to get out and see birds! Be the next generation of birders!

## Upcoming Community Programs



### Henry Street Spotted Salamander Egg Mass Count

The 'famous' Henry Street spotted salamanders will



### Hampshire Woods Walk and Wildlife Sightings Database Update

Hampshire College, with input from the Hitchcock Center, set



### Through the Season with Wildflowers

Are you looking forward to the coming of spring? Here's a way to anticipate the



have laid their egg masses in the swamp by early April. We want to get out there and see how many there are!

up an online database to record sightings of life on campus. Join us to explore a portion of the Hampshire Woods, recording sightings as we go.

beauties. Learn fascinating details about the life histories and adaptations of our wildflowers.



### Skydancer!

Each spring a wonderful species of "shore" bird returns to nest near the wetlands and forests of the Valley. Most of the they are incredibly secretive...but during the mating season the males perform a beautiful sky dance at sunset.



### Biothon 2017

The Hitchcock Center's 18th Annual 2017 Biothon starts May 12th! You've heard of marathons, walk-a-thons, and dance-a-thons: this is our version. Biothon is a fundraiser for the Hitchcock Center's environmental education programs.



### Living Building Tours

Come meet our newest educator - our building! It is designed to model systems in nature, it is net zero energy, net zero water, has composting toilets, and has been made with responsibly sourced non-toxic materials. tours offered bi-monthly.

## More News

- UMass Lowell's Toxics Use Reduction Institute Funds the Hitchcock Center's [Educating for Healthy Materials World Series](#)
- Panel elevates ["Hot" Water Issues Symposium](#)
- Find out how Hitchcock's [Nature Summer Camp is Growing](#)
- Hitchcock Center naturalist contributes to [environmental education anthology](#).
- Hitchcock Center's Living Building part of [Red List to Ready List](#) building materials.
- Living Building Challenge [water petal case study](#) in Massachusetts.
- Catch up on [Earth Matters columns](#) by your favorite authors.

## About Us

The Hitchcock Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that works to inspire people to learn about our natural world through innovative, hands-on environmental education programs. We help people to explore the interconnections between the health of humans and ecosystems, reinforcing our innate bonds with our environment, and looking to nature as a model and measure to improve our quality of life.

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