

Tuckernuck Land Trust Summer Programs 2018

Please join us this summer as we continue to explore the nature of Tuckernuck Island. Except where otherwise noted, all activities will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the TLT Field Station and will last approximately 2 hours. (Please note that the start time is later than in recent years.) We encourage both children and adults to participate; everyone is welcome to all programs. So come discover something new in, on, around or about Tuckernuck!

Program Leaders

Kim Botelho	Director of Education, Maria Mitchell Association
Regina Jorgenson, Ph.D.	Director of Astronomy, Maria Mitchell Association
Danielle O'Dell	Ecologist and Field Supervisor, Nantucket Conservation Foundation
Kelly Omand	Ecologist and Field Supervisor, Nantucket Conservation Foundation
Ella Potenza	TLT's 2018 Coastal Steward
Edie Ray	Expert birder and organizer of TLT's education program
Tucker Taylor	Field Assistant, Massachusetts Audubon Coastal Waterbird Program

Calendar

- July 8 **Family Scavenger Hunt** – Everybody kicks off the 2018 summer season together in the second annual rollicking competition to collect the maximum number of natural items on the list (and a few man-made interlopers). Organizer Ella Potenza will tally returns and reward the hunters with refreshments and prizes. Don't forget your cell phone or other camera; some items will be captured in photographic form.
- July 15 **Adventures in Science for Kids** – Kim Botelho returns to Tuckernuck, armed with craft tools and amazing science facts sure to engage kids in the island wonders around them. Participants need bring only curiosity and imagination. Please note: all children should be accompanied by an adult.
- July 22 **They've Got Us Surrounded** – Tucker Taylor, veteran of Tuckernuck's waters, will lead walkers away from dry land to investigate some of the many creatures inhabiting the waters around Tuckernuck. Bring buckets and nets, if you have them, and definitely a towel: this is the one where you get wet!
- July 29 **The Night Shift of the Skies** –Danielle O'Dell has been studying the bats of Nantucket and Tuckernuck for several years and has located a number of the endangered Northern Long-Eared Bat. Join her to learn about these fascinating creatures of the night, how they help humans, the latest on the threats to their numbers, and how you can help maintain their populations. **Bat Bonus:** Weather permitting, on the evening of July 28, there will be a limited opportunity to join Danielle for some field research. Please call the TLT office to reserve a space.
- August 5 **TLT Volunteer Day** – It was too much fun not to repeat. You could be a digger, a driver, a clearer, a caulker, a planer—but never a complainer, with the stalwart TLT volunteer family at your side. Wear work clothes and join the crew to complete a few more fix-its and refreshers around the Field Station. TLT will gratefully provide fuel for your helping hands and generous spirit.
- August 12 **Bam's Ramble** – Ramble with purpose as Kelly Omand leads the annual exploration of Tuckernuck's flora and fauna, this year focused on the Black Oak Gall Wasp and its effect on our maritime forests. Kelly will show us how to recognize infested trees and update us on research into this regional issue. Kelly is a wealth of information about the island's native and invasive plants, so bring your questions about island vegetation.
- August 18 **The Universe Beyond** – (Please note the special day, time, and location: **Saturday, 7:30 at night, North Head.**) Give in to the dark side of science! Join leader Regina Jorgenson and a jolly nighttime band of stargazers to explore the wonders of the night sky away from the lights of civilization. Bring binoculars, a flashlight, and an appreciation for what lies out there.
- August 26 **Birding Blitz** – Grab your binoculars, camera, and curiosity and head out with Edie Ray's flock of birders to see what native and non-native avians are on Tuckernuck. While late August may still feel like summer to us, many birds are already preparing to migrate to southern climes for the winter. Together, the group will identify and learn about feathered residents and visitors around (and above) several of the island's habitats.

Tuckernuck Land Trust Lending Library

TLT's lending library has been growing over recent years and now has a variety of books, from reference to summer reading, ready for all ages to borrow. Additional reference materials are also available to consult at the Field Station. Library hours are Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m., or Sundays just before or after these summer programs. And if you have a book you would like to add to the collection, TLT Coastal Steward Ella Potenza will be very happy to make it available to everyone.

The Tuckernuck Land Trust is a local non-profit organization dedicated to conserving Tuckernuck Island through land protection and educational experiences. Please join TLT's efforts by sending a tax-deductible donation.

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We also love questions and feedback: 508-228-2638 or tlt@tuckernucklandtrust.org

Thank you for joining us. See you on the walks!