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## **Catawba Science Center leads Monarch Watch along Blue Ridge Parkway October 9**

See Monarch butterflies as they wing their way to Mexico for the winter along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Bruce Beerbower, Catawba Science Center's naturalist, will lead this amazing day trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Bring binoculars, picnic lunch, drink and a lawn chair or blanket to relax on a beautiful hillside, overlooking the Parkway and colorful mountain scenery.

Gently capture and help band Monarch butterflies to track them along their migration route. Also, keep an eye out for a variety of hawks – broad-winged, sharp-shinned and others – also migrating along the Blue Ridge.

Cost to participate is \$10 for CSC members and \$20 for nonmembers. Includes transportation from CSC via van to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Or, drive along in your own vehicle for just \$5 to participate if you're a CSC member, and \$10 for nonmembers. Group leaves CSC at 8:30 a.m. and will return by 4:30 p.m.

Call (828) 322-8169 to register and reserve your space today.

More information about CSC exhibits and programs at  
<http://www.catawbascience.org/>.

*Catawba Science Center is a nonprofit science and technology museum in the Western Piedmont with traveling exhibits, a digital planetarium theater and a marine touch pool with live sharks and stingrays. A community asset and regional destination, Catawba Science Center is dedicated to changing lives and inspiring learning through science and wonder. Learn more at [www.CatawbaScience.org](http://www.CatawbaScience.org).*

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