

# AKROTIRI Spring Festival

@Akrotiri Peninsula

Sunday

3rd May 2026

A unique event dedicated to the environmental & Cultural importance of Akrotiri Peninsula.



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## 9:00 – 9:45 Bird Ringing Akrotiri Environmental Education Center (AEEC) Open to all

Did you know that we can learn more about birds through bird ringing? Bird ringing is a conservation tool that allows us to monitor bird movements, giving us insight into many aspects of their lives—such as survival rates, productivity, and migration patterns. Have you ever taken part in a bird ringing activity? If not, now is your chance to join us for a live bird ringing demonstration!



## 9:30 - 11:30 Guided birdwatching tour (Bus starting point: AEEC) Age 13+ Registration required here

Birdwatching at Akrotiri Peninsula is always a rewarding experience, as the area is home to a diverse range of bird species, both resident and migratory. With its varied landscape of wetlands, salt lakes, and coastline, the peninsula provides a rich habitat for many species, including flamingos, herons, egrets, waders, and raptors. During the birdwatching tour, you will have the opportunity to discover the rich avian diversity of Cyprus and connect with nature in a peaceful and tranquil setting. Hop on the bus and let the birdwatching tour start!



## 9:30 - 12:00 Cycling and BioBlitz – Discovering the Akrotiri Forest (Starting point: AEEC) Age 10+ Registration required here

A wonderful opportunity for a ride and exploration in the Akrotiri forest by bicycle! During the activity, participants will take part in a BioBlitz initiative, actively engaging in a citizen science experience. Using their mobile phones, they will identify and record as many species of fauna and flora as possible, discovering the biodiversity of the area. **A limited number of adult bicycles will be available to borrow. If you have one, please bring your own.**



## 9:45 - 13:30 MedOnWheels AEEC Open to all

MedOnWheels is an innovative mobile environmental education initiative by Enalia Physis Environmental Research Centre that brings the Mediterranean Sea directly to communities through a fully equipped, travelling classroom. Designed to engage children, youth, and the general public, it uses interactive tools such as 360° videos, realistic models of marine animals and hands-on experiments to raise awareness about marine ecosystems and promote sustainable practices.



## 10:00 - 13:30 Learning about Griffon Vultures AEEC Open to all

Educational and interactive activities (board game and crafts) for children to learn more about these endangered creatures.



## 10:00 - 11:20 Feathered migrants - an art workshop for children AEEC Age 8-12, without parents/guardians presence Registration required here

An art workshop for children inspired by the migratory birds of the Akrotiri Peninsula. Through drawing, colour, and hands-on crafts, participants create their own “feathered” artworks, learn about the journeys of birds, and explore the connection between people and nature in a creative and collaborative environment. The workshop was designed by visual artist Maria Loizidou and is implemented by Anna Maria Charalambous and Maria Leonidou, in cooperation with the Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre (NiMAC).



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## 10:00 - 13:00 Explorers in action at the Akrotiri Environmental Education Centre – QR Code Exploration Game [AEEC](#) Age 6+

Discover the Akrotiri Peninsula in an interactive and fun way through the exhibition space of the Akrotiri Environmental Education Centre! Using tablets, children can scan QR codes located throughout the centre. This activity is an excellent way for children to discover the rich biodiversity of the area.



## 10:00 - 13:30 Crafts [AEEC](#) Open to all

Looking for a fun and creative way to help protect our planet? Join us in making eco-friendly crafts inspired by the biodiversity of the Akrotiri Peninsula!



## 10:30 - 11:45 An exciting journey into the world of dragonflies [AEEC](#) Age 6+ [Registration required here](#)

Through interactive activities, old and young will uncover the secrets of a dragonfly's life cycle and its incredible transformation from water to air. Along the way, they'll discover the dragonfly's amazing abilities and learn why this tiny creature is a vital indicator of the health of our ecosystems.



## 11:45 - 13:15 Basket weaving workshop [AEEC](#) Age 12+ [Registration required here](#)

The basket weaving workshop is a great opportunity to learn about the history and significance of basket weaving in the local community. A local craftswoman will demonstrate the weaving process from start to finish, explaining the materials used and the various techniques for weaving baskets. Participants will make their own traditional hand broom.



## 12:00 - 13:00 Discovering feathers [AEEC](#) Age 8+ [Registration required here](#)

Get ready to dive into the fascinating world of feathers! In this fun and hands-on workshop, children will explore real feathers up close, uncover how they help birds soar through the sky, stay safe, and even "talk" to one another.



## 12:45 - 13:30 Seed ball workshop [AEEC](#) Age 5+ [Registration required here](#)

Through a guided scenario, participants will be introduced to the reforestation method of Masanobu Fukuoka, whose key tool is seed balls made from clay, compost, and seeds. They will also learn about the importance of using seeds from native plants and how selecting the appropriate species for each area is a fundamental practice for ecological restoration and the conservation of biodiversity.



We look forward to seeing you  
@ the Akrotiri Spring Festival!

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