



Atlantic County Parks Programs Fall Program Activities 2008

The Naturalist Niche...

Friends of the Forest Nature Club

Once a month,
Saturday, September 6
Saturday, October 4
Saturday, November 1
Saturday, December 6
Saturday, January 10
10 AM to 11:30 AM



For kids in 1st-5th grade (6-12 years old). Get the kids away from Saturday morning TV and into the natural world around them. Activities are both indoors and outdoors and include crafts, games and walks, to name a few. Each month's topic is different and non-consecutive. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Call 645-5960. NO FEE.

Little Learners' Nature Class

Once a month,
Thursday, September 11
Thursday, October 2
Thursday, November 6
Thursday, December 4
Thursday, January 8
10 AM & 1 PM



Open to 4 & 5 year old preschoolers accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Each class will introduce a new aspect of the natural world. Naturalist Margaret Attack uses stories, crafts, music, walks and games. Each month's topic is different and non-consecutive. When you sign up, please specify which time you would like to attend (both sessions are the same). And as always, if you can't make a class, please call ahead to let us know. NO FEE.



NIGHT WALK FOR YOUNGSTERS

Friday, September 19
For Ages 7-13
6:30 to 8:30PM

Come to check out what happens during the evening on a walk through the woods. You never know what you might see or hear! All adults must be accompanied by a child, and all children must be with an adult. Come dressed for the weather, with tick precautions in mind. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited. NO FEE.

COUNTED CROSS-STITCH BASICS

Tuesday, October 14
For Ages 10 and Up
7:00 to 9:00 PM



Come out before the holiday rush and spend some time learning a new skill! Learn the basic stitches, how to choose materials, threads, patterns and all the other "goodies" available. Please bring a small, sharp pair of scissors. Pre-registrations is necessary, as space is limited. NO FEE.

Holiday Ornament Class

Saturday, December 6
1 PM to 3 PM Ages 8 - adult



Need to make some quick holiday gifts or decorations, or just want a few hours to do something for yourself? Then join us for this how-to class. We will make 3 ornaments to take home and will have others on display. Bring wire cutters, a hot glue gun, and scissors. Pre-registration is necessary, as space is limited. NO FEE.

Recreational Romps...

Little Learners' Craft Class

Once a month,
Friday, September 26
Friday, October 17
Friday, November 21
Friday, December 12
10 AM and 1 PM

Open to 4 & 5 year old preschoolers accompanied by an adult. Transform everyday objects into works of art with Recreation Program Specialist Karen Zindell. Lots of fun, but potentially messy. Please bring a smock if you have one. Time permitting, children will have the opportunity to "show and tell." Call 645-5960 and specify which session you want when registering. NO FEE.

HIKE LENAPE

Saturday, September 27
10:00 AM until 11:30 AM
Rain or shine.



Celebrate National Public Lands Day. Meet at the Boathouse for a recreational hike through our Lake Lenape tract. Explore new trails, rediscover favorite spots. Pace is geared toward ability of the group. Standard tick precautions are recommended. Binoculars may add to your enjoyment. NO FEE.



BEWARE



Ticks can carry disease. As you venture outdoors, please take the following precautions:

- Tuck your pant legs into your socks.
- Wear light colored clothing (easier to spot ticks).
- Check yourself frequently during and after a trip outdoors.
- Use insect repellents. Read the product labels carefully.
- Stay on the center of trails and avoid walking through the shrub layer of the forest.

HIKE ESTELL

Saturday, October 18
Sunday, November 16
Sunday, December 28



1:30 PM to 3:30 PM, Rain or shine
Meet at the Fox Nature Center for a recreational hike through Estell Manor Park. Explore new trails, rediscover favorite spots. Pace is geared toward ability of the group. Standard tick precautions are recommended. Binoculars may add to your enjoyment. NO FEE.

PUBLIC ORIENTEERING

Saturday, November 22
Sunday, December 7
11 AM - 3 PM



Are your children learning to read a map in school? Put on your hiking boots, pack a trail lunch and head to the Estell Manor Park for a three mile orienteering course through the woods. We provide the instructions, maps and a loaner compass. A basic course for the beginner and an intermediate course for the experienced or more adventurous are offered. Please specify course when registering. Children under 13 must have an adult with them. Standard tick precautions are recommended. NO FEE.

Attention School Groups: This makes an excellent field trip. Available during the week with advanced arrangements. Call Karen at 645-5960.

Attention Schools and Groups:

Low Ropes, Team Challenge Course

Weekdays by advanced arrangement
Atlantic County Park at Camp Acagisca
Want to have fun, practice problem solving, while establishing group unity? This outdoor experience can meet many objectives for an existing organized group of 6-15 people, age 10 years and above; building leadership skills, improving communication, and developing consensus, to name but a few. The program consists of physical warm-ups, trust building exercises, and course elements which encompass varying degrees of physical, mental, and emotional exertion. It takes at least 6 hours to complete a majority of the elements. All activities are presented on a challenge by choice basis. Group insurance is required. NO FEE. For more information, contact Karen Zindell at ext. 5378.



Explore the Park

Have you wanted to hike the north end, but have been afraid of getting lost? Want someone to show you what trails lead where? The Recreation Program Specialist will be available **Monday through Friday**, in the months of November through March, by appointment, to conduct individuals and groups on a guided tour of the Estell Manor Park. Standard tick precautions are recommended. Call Karen Zindell 625-7000 ext. 5378.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

(March - May 08)
Atlantic County Parks would like to recognize the following dedicated volunteers: The ARC of Atlantic County, Julie Akers, Doris Dackonish, Thomas & Joanne Judge, Dave Keefe, Tony Lazaro, Amanda Llewellyn, & Rutgers Master Gardener Volunteers.



These volunteers assisted with special events, programs, and environmental maintenance, to name but a few of their valuable contributions. If you would like to lend us your services, please call Karen Zindell at 625-7000, ext. 5378.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Spring 08 (March - May 08)



Rutger's Cooperative Research & Extension Service of Atlantic County Master Gardener Program

The fertile relationship between the County Park System and the Master Gardener volunteers that began in the Summer of 2005 has blossomed and is now bearing fruit. The Atlantic County Master Gardeners (MG's) are trained volunteers who assist Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension Service in delivering horticulture programs and information to the general public. Atlantic County MG's are currently involved in creating and maintaining gardens at the Estell Manor Park and other County buildings and facilities. Master Gardeners have assisted with planting seeds, transplanting seedlings, and other greenhouse related duties, along with weeding, watering, and cleaning out flower beds and herb garden areas. They have also been involved with an experimental garden, where different methods of weed control and herbicidal agents are being tested. Their newest project, planting a deer-resistant native garden adjacent to the Nature Center, is a destination spot for any backyard gardener wanting ideas on how to beautify their world.

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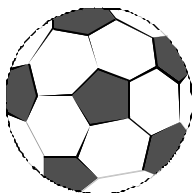


Bicycles and helmets may be loaned to groups. A handout that explains the procedures is available in the Nature Center. Following these procedures will insure a safer and more enjoyable group riding experience. Your cooperation as a group leader is appreciated.



Attention Groups

Visitors to the Estell Manor Park may borrow bikes and helmets, volleyballs, softball equipment, soccer balls, horse-shoes, jump ropes, frisbees and tetherballs at the W.E. Fox Nature Center. An adult must be with any child borrowing equipment and must present a valid driver's license. Children 17 and under must wear helmets while riding bicycles as per New Jersey State Law. Note: Individuals with special needs may request the use of a three wheeled bike. We reserve the right to keep this bicycle available for special accommodations only.



Borrow Bikes and Sports Equipment Free

FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CALL:
Atlantic City Area: 345-6700 • Mays Landing Area: 625-7000 • Northfield Area: 645-7700
Park Naturalists: Exl. 5375/5376 • Recreation: Exl. 5378
General Information / Veterans Cemetery: 625-1897
Park System Reservation Office at Lake Lenape Park: 625-8219
(camping, boating, pavillion & gazebo rental)
Atlantic County Website: www.aclink.org go to Parks and Recreation

Holiday Magic
Tuesday, December 30 • 12:30 PM
Mays Landing Library • 2nd floor
Liven up your winter vacation, meet old friends, make new ones, and see a magic show! Please arrive in time to be seated by 12:30 when the Great Haldini will astound and delight you. Afterward, weather permitting, a search for the gilded pine cone will be conducted in Gaskill Park. Dress warmly. Advanced registration required: 645-5960. NO FEE.



A CALL FROM THE NORTH POLE
Wednesday, December 10 & Thursday, December 11 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Atlantic County Parks has made special arrangements to have Santa and his crew make phone calls to good boys and girls (who are believers). If you would like to have the North Pole team call your children, please call the Park office before November 14 at 645-5960 to receive an informational flyer.

