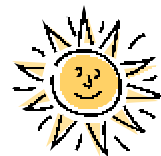




Atlantic County Parks Programs Summer Program Activities 2008



The Naturalist Niche...

SUMMER NATURE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 7-12

10 am to 12 noon Bring a snack, dress for outside / getting dirty. Hat, bug spray that the children can apply themselves.

No sandals. Call for registration.

Space is limited.

July 11th, Creepy Critters.

Learn about our native critters and see them up close. 10 am to 12 noon. **NO FEE.** Call (609) 625-7000 ext. 5376.



July 25th, **ARRGH MATEY!! Or How To Be A Good Pirate!**

Learn how to be a good pirate, tie a knot, read a map, and search for treasure. 10 am to 12 noon. **NO FEE.** Call ext. 5376.



Friends of the Forest Nature Club

Once a month,
Saturday, June 7
Saturday, Sept. 16
Saturday, Oct 4
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. Indoor and outdoor activities include crafts, games, and walks, to name a few. Each month's topic is different and nonconsecutive. Pre-registration is required as space is limited call Margaret at ext. 5376. **NO FEE.**



Little Learners' Nature Class

Once a month,
Thursday, June 5
Thursday, July 3
Thursday, Aug. 7
Thursday, Sept, 11
Thursday, Oct 2
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-Klewin uses stories, crafts, music, walks and games. Each month's topic is different and nonconsecutive.

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. Please call Margaret at ext. 5376. **NO FEE.**



Egg Harbor City Lake Walks and Talk



These are offered by Sr. Park Naturalist John Hansen at the Egg Harbor City Lake Campgrounds on Philadelphia Ave., in EHC. Open to all ages, dress for weather. **NO FEE.** Program topics and dates are subject to change. Please contact the park on a date in question to make sure the program is still occurring. Please call John at 625-7000 ext. 5376.

Wednesday, July 9 - General Nature Walk
Wednesday, July 16 - Bugs

Wednesday, July 23 - Turtles
Wednesday, July 30 - Mamma
Wednesday, Aug. 6 - Frogs
Wednesday, August 13 - Snakes



DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Recreational Romps...

Little Learners' Craft Class

Once a month
Friday, June 20
Friday, July 18
Friday, August 15
10 AM and 1 PM

Open to 4 - 6 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

Sunday, June 7
Saturday, July 20
Sunday, August 16
7:30 AM until 9:00 AM

Beat the heat. 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. Rain or Shine. **NO FEE.**



Attention Schools and Groups:

Low-Ropes, Team Challenge Course

Weekdays by advance 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, ages 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.



Field Games, New and Old

Is your group of 10-60 people planning a trip on a weekday to the Estell Manor Park? Arrangements can be made for the Recreation Program Specialist to conduct an hour long games program for you. Tug-of-war, relay races, and new games will add excitement to your picnic. An assortment of competitive and/or noncompetitive games can be selected and tailored to the needs of the group. For more information call Karen Zindell at ext. 5378.



CONGRATULATIONS to the **WRENDING TALONS**, Atlantic County's team competing in the **25th Annual World Series of Birding (WSB)**, a 24 hour statewide bird-a-thon of New Jersey hosted by New Jersey Audubon. They won the **LGA (Limited Geographical Area) County Cup** category by finding **162 species** of birds in Atlantic County. That gave them an 81% par (how many of the possible species that could be found were actually found in the county), beating the Hunterdon County team with a 78% par. The team finished 15th overall out of 59 teams. The 2008 team consisted of Margaret Attack-Klewin, Atlantic County Senior Park Naturalist; Matthew Klewin; Joe Delesantro Jr.; and Buster Raff. They raised money for the **Conserve Wildlife Foundation, Inc.**, the non-profit arm of the NJ Endangered Species program. Pledges can still be made and sent to WSB, Atlantic County Parks, 109 State Highway 50, Mays Landing, NJ 08330.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

(Dec. 07 - Feb. 08)
Atlantic County Parks would like to recognize the following groups and individuals: The ARC of Atlantic County, Atlantic County Trail Volunteers, Rutgers Agricultural Extension Service Master Gardeners, Julie Akers, Doris Dackonish, Tony Lazaro, Tom & Joanne Judge, Dave & Pam Kellum, Dave Keefe, Joan Liepe, Amanda Llewellyn, Suzanne Marx, Brandi McPeak, Buster Raff, Bob Ross and Julie Zindell. These volunteers assisted with special events, and ongoing projects, to name but a few of their valuable contributions. If you would like to lend us your services, please call Karen Zindell at ext. 5378.



VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

(Dec. 07 - Feb. 08)
Julie Akers
Fifteen years ago, this volunteer saw a need for the Nature Center to remain open on the weekends, and stepped up to fill it by volunteering her services. While parenting two children, and working, this 1996 Volunteer of the Year, recently earned degrees in environmental studies and education. Julie has been or remains an active member of the Assoc. of N.J. Environmental Commissions, the South Jersey Land Trust, The Sierra Club, the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Assoc., the N.J. Audubon Society, the American Littoral Society and Friends of the Parks Inc. among others. She is a former recipient of the Commendation Resolution for Service and Leadership- by NJ Senate, and two Conservation Awards- from NJ Sierra Club, and Atlantic Audubon. In 2005 Julie earned the Governor's Volunteer of the Year Award in the long-term service category for her life-long devotion to volunteer service. As a result, the County Executive proclaimed August 2nd of that year as Julie Akers Day in her honor.



Now teaching science at an alternative middle school, Julie somehow finds time to assist park staff and patrons with hands-on activities like orienteering, along with serving on the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission. With actions that transcend her outstanding commitment, Julie is living her passion by continuing her 25 year dedication to volunteering and the environment. Thank you Julie!

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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 under 14 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: Ext. 5375/5376 • Recreation: Ext. 5378
General Information / Veterans Cemetery: 625-1897
Park System Reservation Office at Lake Lenape Park: 625-8219
(camping, boating, pavilion & gazebo rental)
Atlantic County Website: www.aclink.org go to Parks and Recreation

PINELANDS FOLK FESTIVAL

AUGUST 23rd, 2008
10:00AM to 5:00 PM



This year the Pinelands Folk Festival will return even better than last year to the Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor. It will be sponsored and set up by Friends of the Parks Inc. The Festival will include music, crafts, demonstrations and re-enactments, food, and fun. The activities will be located in the first picnic area.

For Information call: 625-6291