



Atlantic County Parks Programs July - December Program Activities 2009

The Naturalist Niche...

Little Learners' Nature Class

Once a month,
Thursday, July 9
Thursday, Aug. 6
Thursday, Sept. 3
Thursday, Oct. 1
Thursday, Nov. 5
Thursday, Dec. 3
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. 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 at 625-1897. 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 625-1897.

Wednesday, July 8 - General Nature Walk
Wednesday, July 15 - Bugs
Wednesday, July 22 - Turtles
Wednesday, July 29 - Mammals
Wednesday, Aug. 5 - Frogs
Wednesday, Aug. 12 - Snakes



DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Recreational Romps...

Little Learners' Craft Class

Once a month
Fridays, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 11, 2009
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 July 26, Saturday August 15 & **September 26 (National Public Lands Day), 2009**

7:30 AM until 9 AM, Rain or shine
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. 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



Sunday, October 18, Saturday, November 7, & Sunday, December 13, 2009
1:30-3:30 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, call Karen at 645-5960 with any questions.

PUBLIC ORIENTEERING

Saturday, November 14, & December 5, 2009
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.



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 ext. 5378.

Field Games, New and Old



Attention schools and groups:

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.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER AUTUMN 2008

The Arc of Atlantic County

Since beginning their volunteer service in the Spring of 2004, this agency has provided continuing assistance to the park system. Performing various tasks such as sweeping leaves and debris from the back porch and stairs of the Nature Center and borrow-a-bike shed areas, cleaning the blackboard, tables and chairs in the auditorium, and monitoring trails for hazards while picking up litter, these volunteers provide a fine "can do" example to the community. During the Autumn of 2008, several teams from the Arc agency arrived weekly to service their adopted area of responsibility. One team even helped to prepare for programs by doing things like packing fiesta pinatas with small toys and candies. Due to their steadfast commitment, this group has faithfully earned this volunteer of the quarter award.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER WINTER 08-09

Joan Liepe

Joan last received the Volunteer of the Quarter award in the Spring of 05 for her continuing service to the Atlantic County Park System. Her devotion has been constant and true evidenced this past winter when Joan filled in at the front desk of the Nature Center in order to meet the need created by a staff member's sudden illness. Over the holidays when most people are too busy, and despite previous commitments to her congregation, Joan made herself available once to twice a week for several hours each day to answer phones and direct visitors to the appropriate resource. She also helped out with the Holiday Magic program. Additionally, Joan is taking on many of the tasks involved with organizing the Friends of the Park Pinelands Folk Arts Festival. In all, Joan's total volunteer contributions have had an appreciative, meaningful influence on both staff and patrons alike.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION: (December 08- May 09)

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, Dave & Pam Kellum, Tony Lazaro, Joan Liepe, Amanda Llewellyn, Sue Marx, Brandi McPeak, Buster Raff, Bob Ross, Rutgers Master Gardener Volunteers & Julie Zindell.

Welcome New Volunteers: Janis Coffin, Taryn Cregon, Paul Faith, Laura Gonzalez, Randi Heller, Amber Kell, & Phyllis, Jeremy, & Roland Scardino.

Special Thanks to Eagle Scout project leaders: Austin Jobin, David Lamando & Brandon Roller.

These volunteers assisted with special events, programs, and special projects, to name but a few of their valuable contributions. If you'd like to lend us your services, please call Karen Zindell at ext. 5378.

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July - December 2009

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 ascend 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.

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 • 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



HOLIDAY MAGIC

Wednesday, December 9
12:30 PM
Mays Landing Library
2nd floor

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 gang call your children, please call the Park office before November 19 at 645-5960 to have a flyer sent to you.

Wednesday, December 9 &
Thursday, December 10
6-8 PM

A CALL FROM THE NORTH POLE



LOW-ROPE, 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, aged 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.



Attention schools and groups:

Recreational Romps...

Featuring: Dance Spectrum, Snake Brothers, Bob Gorman and Friends, Steve Byrne, Piney Hollow Drifters, Lynn Academy of Irish Dance, Off The Cuff Band and a wide array of crafters, artists, food displays, free gifts for all kids, plus added attractions!

Saturday, August 29
10-5pm
Atlantic County Park
Rt. 50, Estell Manor, NJ



PINELANDS FOLK ARTS FESTIVAL

Friends of the Parks
presents the
4th Annual