



Atlantic County Parks Programs

January - June 2010

The Naturalist Niche...

CALL 645-5960 FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION.

LITTLE LEARNERS' NATURE CLASS

Once a month.

Thursdays, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, 2010. 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. 645-5960. **No fee.**



Recreational Romps...

IF YOU REQUIRE AN ACCOMMODATION RELATED TO A DISABILITY, PLEASE CALL 10 BUSINESS DAYS IN ADVANCE SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE: 645-5960. NJ RELAY PHONE # 1-800-852-7899.

LITTLE LEARNERS' CRAFT CLASS

Once a month, Fridays, January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, 2010.

10 AM and 1 PM.

Open to 3 & 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 when registering. **No fee.**



HIKE ESTELL



Sunday, January 24, Saturday, February 20; Saturday, March 27, Sunday, April 11, and Saturday, May 8, 2010 .

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. Call Karen at 645-5960 with any questions. **No fee.**

PUBLIC ORIENTEERING

Sat., Jan. 16, Sun., Feb. 7, Sat., March 13, 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 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. For more information, call 645-5960. **No fee.**

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

(March - May 2009) **SPRING 2009**
Janis Coffin

Retired from teaching computer skills, this talented volunteer relocated to Atlantic County and learned about our volunteer opportunities from the United Way Volunteer Solutions web link. Janis expressed an interest in inspecting our Oscar E. McClinton Park in Atlantic City. On a regular basis Jan now patrols the park, armed with a clipboard and her personal camera. Jan takes photos that help to identify areas in need of attention. She has also recreated forms electronically, making them easier to use and enhancing their appearance. Described as having a "measure twice, cut once," kind of approach, it is just that attention to detail that is so appreciated by staff and patrons alike.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

(June - August) **SUMMER 2009**
Laura Gonzalez & Randi Heller

These two bright high school juniors have been volunteering at the Estell Manor Park since May. Operating as a team, the pair has been raking the playground safety surfaces, sweeping the borrow-a-bike shed clean of leaves and debris, and performing various other tasks, always with smiles on their faces. They contribute mostly on weekends and on projects that support programs and beautify park areas. When asked why she was interested in volunteering, Laura responded, "I think it is my, and everyone else in this world's, responsibility to look after this earth we were given, and I enjoy helping out." This attitude reflects their personal honor and sets a fine example for others. Thank you Laura & Randi!

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION:

Atlantic County Parks
would like to recognize
the following dedicated volunteers:

(March - May 09): The ARC of Atlantic County, Julie Akers, Taryn Cregon, Janis Coffin, Doris Dackonish, Paul Faith, Laura Gonzalez, Randi Heller, Thomas & Joanne Judge, Dave Keefe, Amber Kell, Amanda Llewellyn, Rutgers Master Gardener Volunteers, Phyllis, Roland, Rusty, & Jeremy Scardino.

(June - Aug. 09): The ARC of Atlantic County, Taryn Cregon, Janis Coffin, Doris Dackonish, Paul Faith, Laura Gonzalez, Randi Heller, Thomas & Joanne Judge, Dave Keefe, Amber Kell, Amanda Llewellyn, Deborah Mellor, Beth, Michael & Gabrielle Puggi, Rutgers Master Gardener Volunteers, Phyllis, Roland Rusty, & Jeremy Scardino.

Welcome New Volunteers: Deborah Mellor, & Beth, Michael & Gabrielle Puggi.

These volunteers assisted with park beautification, programs, and special projects, to name but a few of their valuable contributions. If you'd like to lend us your services, please call 645-5960.

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 visit. 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 645-5960.



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.

EXPLORE THE PARK



Have you wanted to hike the north end of Estell Manor Park 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, through March, by appointment to conduct individuals and groups on guided tours of Estell Manor Park. Standard tick precautions are recommended. Call Karen Zindell at 645-5960.

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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: Ext. 5375/5373 • Recreation: Ext. 5431 / 5378
General Information / Veterans Cemetery: 625-1897
Park System Reservation Office at Lake Lenape Park: 625-8219
(camping, boating, pavillion & gazebo rental)
Atlantic County Web site: www.laclink.org go to Parks and Recreation

MEMORIAL DAY 2010

Atlantic County government will hold its annual Memorial Day service on Friday, May 28 at 3:00 PM at the Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery located in Estell Manor Park. Please join us in honoring our veterans and active duty military personnel.

STARTLT FAMILY FILMS

Friday, May 7th, 8-10 PM, (Raindate May 14th)
Lake Lenape Park East (753 Park Road, Mays Landing) - Free Admission
Babe, The Gallant Pig - Free Admission

Friday, June 4th, 8-10 PM, (Raindate June 18th)
Lake Lenape Park East (753 Park Road, Mays Landing) - Free Admission
Iron Giant - Free Admission

Treat your family to an extra special memory enjoying a film classic on the big screen under the big sky. Spread out your blankets or chairs and bring snacks to make yourselves comfortable. Children must be accompanied by adults. Call for weather cancellation: 645-5960.

