

Atlantic County Parks Programs Spring Program Activities 2008

The Naturalist Niche...

FRIENDS OF THE FOREST NATURE CLUB

Once a month,
Saturday, March 1
Saturday, April 5
Saturday, May 3
Saturday, June 7
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 ext. 5376. NO FEE.

LITTLE LEARNERS' NATURE CLUB

Once a month,
Thursday, March 6
Thursday, April 3
Thursday, May 1
Thursday, June 5
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 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.

SPRING NIGHT WALK

Friday April 25 7:00 - 9:00 PM

For ages 6 through adult.

Go out looking for anything from frogs to owls with Sr. Naturalist Margaret Attack-Klewin. Anything is possible during these early spring nights, depending on the temperature. Be prepared! Dress for the weather; coat, hat, footwear that can get wet, bug spray, and a flashlight. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. NO FEE. Call ext. 5376 for registration and more information..



EARLY MORNING BIRD WALK

Saturday May 3, 7 - 9 AM

Get ready to sharpen your birding skills! Join Sr. Park Naturalist Margaret Attack-Klewin on a walk through Estell Manor Park looking and listening for any of our returning migrants. Bring binoculars, your favorite birding guides, bug spray, and dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required. NO FEE.



MEMORIAL DAY 2008

Atlantic County Government will hold its annual Memorial Day service on Friday, May 23, 2008 at 3:00 PM at the Atlantic County Veteran's Cemetery located in Estell Manor Park. Please join us in honoring our veterans and active duty military personnel.



Recreational Romps...

LITTLE LEARNERS' CRAFT CLASS

Once a month
Friday, March 14
Friday, April 18
Friday, May 16
Friday, June 20
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.

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, March 29, 2 - 4 PM
Sunday, April 13, 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.

HIKE LENAPE

Sunday, May 4; Saturday, June 7
7:30 until 9:00 AM, Rain or shine.

Beat the heat. Meet at the Boathouse for a recreational hike through our Lake Lenape tract. Pace is geared toward ability of the group. Standard tick precautions are recommended. Binoculars may add to your enjoyment. NO FEE.

PUBLIC ORIENTEERING

Sunday, March 15, 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.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION Sept. - Nov. 2007



Atlantic County Parks would like to recognize the following individual and group volunteers: The ARC of Atlantic County, Rutgers Agricultural Extension Service Master Gardeners, Doris Dackonish, Tom and Joanne Judge, Dave Keefe, Tony Lazaro & Amanda Llewellyn. These volunteers assisted with park beautification, program support, and visitor services, 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.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

AUTUMN 2007
(September - November 2007)



AMANDA LLEWELLYN


This high school student emailed us in July to see what volunteer opportunities we might have available. Expressing interest in assisting with visitor services and nature center duty, Amanda demonstrated the beginning of the ongoing commitment she has since made to her volunteer service.

Reporting for duty biweekly, Amanda quickly absorbed the training on programs and facilities, telephone and radio systems, and general park information with ease. It soon became apparent that she so enjoys being around people and helping them that she needs no prompting to approach visitors, speak with patrons, and assist with whatever she can.

With previous volunteer experience at a summer enrichment program and public library, Amanda's competence and willingness to make a difference clearly shine. Whether cleaning blackboards or interpreting maps and giving directions, we are honored to have this rising star as a volunteer.

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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
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, pavillion & gazebo rental)

Atlantic County Web site: www.aclink.org go to Parks and Recreation



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.

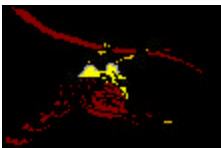
FIELD GAMES, NEW AND OLD

Mail this form to: WSB, Atlantic County Parks, 109 State Highway 50, Mays Landing, NJ 08330
Please make checks payable to: Conserve Wildlife Foundation, Inc.

Address: _____

Name: _____

- \$.05/species \$.10/species \$.25/species
 \$25 Flat donation \$35 Flat donation \$50 Flat donation Other \$ _____



25th Anniversary

World Series of Birding

Saturday, May 10, 2008 • 12 AM -12 AM

YES! Count on me for support.