

HUNTERDON PARKS HARBINGER

Park program information from February through July 2019

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Future program releases: June 1, September 1



Canoeing on the South Branch Reservation

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SUMMER NATURE CAMP

SUMMER NATURE CAMP is an opportunity for kids entering kindergarten through grade 10 to connect with and explore the natural world. Program leaders facilitate hands-on activities that foster kids' innate curiosity about nature and wildlife. Campers and parents alike rave about nature camp, making it one of the Parks Division's most popular offerings. Leaders for the Summer Nature Camp are instructed in guiding children in the outdoors and are certified in First Aid and CPR. Group size is a maximum of 10-12 campers depending on session and location, with each leader being aided by an assistant or volunteer counselor-in-training (CIT). Special canoeing instructors host the paddling clinics and canoe trips with our older campers. Sessions are available at both Echo Hill Park and Teetertown Nature Preserve. Echo Hill is located at 42 Lilac Drive in Clinton Township, less than 15 minutes from both Clinton and Flemington. Teetertown is located at 30 Pleasant Grove Road in Lebanon Township, about 15 minutes north of Clinton, or 15 minutes northwest of Whitehouse Station. Both parks offer diverse habitats to explore, including stream, pond, field, and forest areas.

Note that camp is held Monday through Friday—no weekends. Camp **will not be held** on Thursday, July 4th, Independence Day. These sessions are pro-rated.



NATURE BUGS

Children entering kindergarten, Echo Hill or Teetertown, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, \$125, one-week sessions.

A. July 22 to 26

B. August 5 to 9

The Nature Bugs program is the perfect half-day adventure for your young nature enthusiast. Our Park Naturalists teach about local plants and animals through hikes, observations, crafts, and games. A safe and fun way to foster your child's interest in the natural environment.

NATURE DISCOVERY

Children entering grades 1 & 2, Echo Hill or Teetertown, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, \$190, one-week sessions.

A. June 24 to June 28

E. July 22 to July 26

B. July 1 to July 5 (\$170)

F. July 29 to August 2

C. July 8 to July 12

G. August 5 to August 9

D. July 15 to July 19

H. August 12 to August 16

This full-day program allows campers to explore all the wonders that the parks have to offer. From searching for wildlife to toasting s'mores, Nature Discovery campers enjoy a great introduction to the world outdoors.



PIONEERS

Children entering grades 3 & 4, Echo Hill or Teetertown, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, \$190, one-week sessions.

A. June 24 to June 28

E. July 22 to July 26

B. July 1 to July 5 (\$170)

F. July 29 to August 2

C. July 8 to July 12

G. August 5 to August 9

D. July 15 to July 19

H. August 12 to August 16

Pioneers enjoy activities that foster understanding of habitats, adaptations, and other ecological concepts. Favorite activities such as shelter-building help Pioneers develop their outdoor skills.

JUNIOR EXPLORERS

Children entering grades 5 & 6, Echo Hill or Teetertown, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, late pick up on trip days, \$345, two-week sessions.

A1. June 24 to July 5 (\$325)

A2. June 24 to July 5 (\$325, Echo Hill only)

B1. July 8 to July 19

B2. July 8 to July 19 (Echo Hill only)

C1 & C2. July 22 to August 2

D1 & D2. August 5 to August 16

These two-week sessions give campers the chance to increase their understanding of nature as well as their outdoor "know-how." Juniors learn basic canoeing skills on the park ponds before embarking on a day trip on a local river. A field trip allows Juniors to discover nature beyond the County Parks. The Junior Explorer experience culminates in a campout on the second Thursday full of fun night-time activities (12:00 PM dismissal the day after the campout). Session A campout will be Tuesday, July 2 with a 12:00 dismissal on Wednesday, July 3. No camp on July 4 and a regular 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM day on Friday, July 5.

Please note that "1" and "2" reflects that there are two counselor groups (total of 20 campers) scheduled for each session of Junior Explorers except for Teetertown Sessions A and B, which will only host only one group.



Check out the videos of each session to learn more!
View at: <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/Camps.html>.

Pre-registration required & children must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise noted

SUMMER NATURE CAMP (continued)

SENIOR EXPLORERS

Children entering grades 7 & 8, Echo Hill or Teetertown, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, late pick up on trip days, campout on second Thursday night, \$345, two-week sessions.

A. June 24 to July 5 (\$325) **C.** July 22 to August 2

B. July 8 to July 19 **D.** August 5 to August 16

Senior Explorers continue to expand environmental understanding and hone their outdoor skills. Team-building activities, paddling clinics, river canoeing, and a field trip are all important components. Seniors also enjoy a campout night on the second Thursday that includes pitching tents, cooking over a campfire, and exploring nature after dark (12:00 PM dismissal the day after the campout). Session A campout will be Tuesday, July 2 with a 12:00 dismissal on Wednesday, July 3. No camp on July 4 and a regular 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM day on Friday, July 5.



ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP

Teens entering grades 9 & 10, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, two-week sessions.

A. June 24 to July 5 at Teetertown, \$375, overnight Thursday, June 27 and Tuesday, July 2

B. July 8 to July 19 at Echo Hill, \$395, overnight both Thursdays

Environmental Camp packs a lot of learning and adventure into an intensive two-week program. The session begins with team-building activities and the opportunity to participate in a high-ropes personal challenge course. This year, we will visit Sandy Hook to learn about ocean and marsh ecology. On-site activities include wildlife studies and outdoor skills practice. Participants are introduced to backpacking during an overnight on the Appalachian Trail. A flatwater canoe clinic prepares campers for a canoe-camping trip through a scenic New Jersey river during the second week of camp. Throughout the program, Environmental Camp focuses on the importance of ecological stewardship and individual responsibility.



IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for Summer Nature Camp is conducted via a lottery system. Download a set of registration forms (3) from <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/ProgramRegistrationForms.html>, or pick them up at the Arboretum. Please note:

1. The regular Parks Division program registration form **cannot** be used for Summer Nature Camp.
2. **All applications must be in the office and completed in full with payment by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 13. Any applications received after this period will be returned. Returned applicants will need to reapply as part of the walk-in registration.**
3. Please complete a separate set of registration forms (3) for each child. You may send the forms for your children together in one envelope, with one check.
4. We **cannot arrange** to place unrelated children in the same session.
5. Applications are selected through a random drawing.
6. Applicants will be notified by mail. Unsuccessful applicants receive a full refund.
7. Any spaces left in the program will be available during walk-in registration beginning **March 20** at 8:00 AM.
8. Children may initially enroll in only one session. Starting on **April 3**, participants can enroll in additional sessions as available.
9. All cancellations by participants are subject to a 30% service charge. Cancellations must be in writing. **Cancellations made less than one week prior to the start of your child's session will not receive a refund.**
10. **IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PROGRAM WILL BE FILLED, OR NEARLY FILLED, DURING THE LOTTERY. PLEASE APPLY THROUGH THE LOTTERY.**

Turn the page for more camps!

SUMMER CAMPS: FINE ARTS

CRAFT CAMP FOR TEEN CRAFTERS

June 24 to June 28, ages 11 to 15

CRAFT CAMP for BLOOMING YOUNG CRAFTERS

July 8 to 12, ages 8 to 10

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Arboretum, \$160

(includes materials)

Instructor: Liz Braidwood Fulmer

This unique program will expose your child to a multitude of crafts. Young artists will immerse themselves creating one-of-a-kind masterpieces. An eclectic mix of artistic media such as clay, felt, gourds, tile, wood, rocks, vines, and recycled items keep interest and enthusiasm high! New projects every year! Sculpt with clay, create with beads, weave a basket or two, and work on visual balance designing with things from nature. Campers should bring a drink, snack, and lunch. We encourage reusable containers. Send children in "old" clothing and shoes that can get a little dirty.



3-DAY BASKETRY CAMP

Monday to Wednesday, July 1 to July 3, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 11 to 15, \$96 (includes materials)

Instructor: Liz Braidwood Fulmer

Come and explore how to make baskets and create unique very useful pieces of art. In this camp we will explore different basket making techniques and materials. Students will make three different baskets, each with their personal color design choice.



ART CAMP FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

Session A: July 29 to August 2, **Session B:** August 5 to 9 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Arboretum, ages 6 to 10

ART CAMP FOR ARTISTS-IN-TRAINING

Session A: July 29 to August 2, **Session B:** August 5 to 9 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM, Arboretum, ages 11 to 15

Either camp \$110 (includes materials)

Campers learn the principles of painting and drawing in a classroom and outdoor setting, using pencil, charcoal, and paint on a variety of still lifes. We will increase campers' understanding of color, composition, and the proper use of materials. Please bring a snack and drink. Remember to dress in old clothing and apply sunscreen. Instructor Lena Shiffman (website www.lenashiffman.com).

ORCHESTRA CAMP

July 15 to 19, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Hunterdon Central Regional High School, entering grades 7 to 12, \$190
Orchestra Camp is an excellent opportunity for students to work in small-group situations, as well as working together as a full orchestra. The Hunterdon Youth Orchestra will perform on Friday night on the last day of camp for family and friends. Please specify the instrument when you register; sorry, no piano. Led by the Hunterdon Symphony.

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR TEENS CAMP (Digital SLR)

July 8 to July 12, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Deer Path Park, ages 13 and up, \$225, Instructor: Jim Rimi

This camp is geared for teens who have a passion for photography. Students will learn how to use their cameras on the manual setting. Students will be taught the use and meaning of aperture, depth of field, shutter speed, lenses, lighting, and composition. Instruction is done in both a classroom setting and in the field. Students will be given photographic assignments and have the opportunity to photograph in different parks using the knowledge just learned in the classroom. Jim will venture out with the students in the field to answer any questions or help that they may need. Group critiques will be conducted to continually improve students' photographic skills. Jim's style of teaching is fun, encouraging, nurturing, and motivating. This is a small hands-on camp which will evoke in the student a new understanding and fervor for photography. Please dress for the weather and walking in the park. A blank memory card dedicated for camp is recommended.



PERFORMANCE CAMP

Session A: July 15 to 19, entering grades 2 to 5

Session B: July 22 to 26, entering grades 6 to 9

Monday to Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM,

Friday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Deer Path Park, \$250

Children love this Performance Camp taught by Flying Ship Productions, who combine time-tested themes with original music and dialogue and inventive staging and choreography. Campers will have the opportunity to stage a musical with new and original songs, costumes, props, and dances. The week culminates in a performance for family and friends on Friday evening at 6:15, followed by a picnic. In addition to working on the musical, campers also create the set, make costumes, create craft projects, and participate in theatre and water games. Comments from parents of former Performance Campers: "Staff was great! This was my son's favorite camp," and, "We loved the show on Friday Eve! It's nice to see how the children enjoyed their week." Every child who attends Performance Camp is a star!



CREATIVE THEATRE CAMP

August 19 to 23, 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM (Friday until 4:00 PM), Echo Hill, ages 8 to 12, \$150

Campers will learn stagecraft while creating their own play. This production will be guided by the ideas of the campers; characters, plot, and setting are all based on their ideas. The disciplines of the actor are first introduced through theatre games. Movement, voice, theatre terms, and listening are practiced on day one and built on as the play is developed. We focus this class on listening, not only to the other actors, but also to the audience. The week culminates in a performance for friends and family on Friday at 3:00 PM. Campers should bring a drink and lunch. Instructor Joe Nowosielski (website www.artstechsolutions.com).

SUMMER CAMPS: LEGO & SPORTS

BRICK CITY ENGINEERING CAMP (LEGO®)

July 15 to July 19, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 6 to 12, \$150

What would a city be without the architects and engineers who come up with the ideas, designs, plans and building skills to put it all together? This camp celebrates those disciplines. The sky is the limit as the campers are challenged to use their own ideas and skills to build the tallest skyscraper. They will also build vehicles, airplanes, parks, and more as they create a vibrant LEGO city. And when they aren't building, they will be doing related crafts and playing games to keep the action constant. All participants will receive a Bricks 4 Kidz mini-figure to take home.

NASA MISSION TO SPACE CAMP (LEGO®)

July 15 to July 19, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 6 to 12, \$150

Experience a week of learning about and building models inspired by NASA using Bricks 4 Kidz copyrighted model plans. Each day there will be two specific models built, and most will be motorized. In addition to learning about each of the models built, there will be discussions on gravity, thrust, and even space travel and exploring the galaxy. Models will include the Discovery Space Shuttle, a launch pad, Lunar Module, and satellites and the International Space Station. In addition to building models, each day will include space themed games and challenges. All students will take home a mini rocket or Mars rover model kit of LEGO pieces.



TEAM KIDS ENGINEERING DISCOVERY CAMP

a non-LEGO® program from Bricks 4 Kidz

July 22 to July 26, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 7 to 12, \$150

This is a hands-on program for those campers who ask how or why something works. It's about learning different engineering disciplines and then having a great time designing and building a working model. They will work in teams to create a design, build it, test it and try it out with the entire team. They may build a giant maze, create their own electro-magnet or flashlight, build a balloon powered race car, or design a giant roller coaster and be rated for coolest design, longest race, fastest race, etc. The campers will get to keep some of their projects.



STOP MOTION VIDEO CAMP

July 22 to July 26, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 7 to 12, \$150

Light, cameras, LEGO® action! Use LEGO bricks to tell YOUR story, complete with music, special effects and all your favorite LEGO mini-figure characters! In this unique and creative camp, students will plan, script, stage, shoot, and produce their own mini-movie using Stop Motion Animation. Working in teams of two, students will use LEGO components to build the set and props, then shoot their movie using a digital camera. Teams will use Frames® movie-making software to add special effects, dialog, titles, credits and more. The campers will impress each other with a screening party on the last day of camp. Don't miss your chance to be a movie producer, director, and star rolled into one! All materials supplied by Bricks 4 Kidz of Hunterdon-Somerset. All campers take home a wrist band with at least 1 GB of storage that will have all of the camp's movies downloaded on it.

Bricks 4 Kidz Camps: Campers who sign up for both the morning and afternoon session in a given week may bring a lunch and stay through the lunch hour for free.

KAYAK/CANOE CAMP

July 29 to August 2, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Arboretum, entering grades 8 to 12, \$175

This camp is for kids who want to spend the day on and in the water. We will meet at the Arboretum and drive to several local waterways, starting with a pond to learn how to get in and out of the kayak/canoe and how to paddle and move around. The rest of the week we are on rivers. We supply kayaks, canoes, gear, training, and transportation. Our experienced leaders teach the ways of currents and eddies and how to paddle. We will have time for swimming and playing in the river. Learn to paddle mankind's oldest craft, with a few new tricks. Tell us what you want to learn—we are eager to teach. So come have fun on the water.

HERON GLEN JUNIOR GOLF CAMPS

Heron Glen Golf Course offers summer junior golf camps for children ages 7-16 who want to develop their skills in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere.

The camps include lessons on the full swing, short game, and putting, as well as fun games and prizes. Lunch and camp goodie bags included. Visit www.heronglen.com for dates, pricing, and registration.



Pre-registration required & children must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise noted

MAPLE SUGARING LIVING HISTORY

Echo Hill, all ages, \$1 per person suggested donation
Experience first-hand the North American tradition of maple sugaring at Hunterdon County’s Maple Sugaring Program. You’ll take a trip through time to experience the art of the sugaring process. Along the way you will enjoy a Native American story about the discovery of maple sap, see an early American Frontiersman taping his trees, and visit a sugar “farmer” at his evaporator. At the end of the walk, everyone will get a free taste of real maple syrup on a silver dollar pancake.

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS & OTHER GROUPS

Wed. & Fri., March 6 & 8, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Tours scheduled every 30 minutes and last about 1 hour.
Pre-registration required; call (908) 782-1158.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 9, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Raindate: Sunday, March 10 (check our website or call (908) 782-1158 for cancellation information)
Tours begin every 20 minutes and last about 1 hour.
Pre-registration is not required.

Also available: MAPLE SUGAR TO GO:

Let us bring Maple Sugaring to your location!
1 hr, \$55 in-County, \$80 out-of-County (limited range). Call the office to schedule a program.



MAPLE SAP COLLECTION: On weekdays throughout February, we will schedule groups to visit our Sugar Bush to discuss how we tap the trees and to collect the sap. Call us to schedule your group. Echo Hill, 1 hour, 6-25 people, ages 5 to adult (kids with adult help), \$30 for the group.

19th ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 27, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Echo Hill Park, all ages, free! Pre-registration is not required. Help us celebrate the one, the only, Planet Earth! At 11:00, enjoy a live animal show with Eyes of the Wild. Sing along with “Music in a Natural Key” at 1:00 with Kevin Kopp from Environmental Youth Education Services. Take a hike around the park with our affiliate, the Hunterdon Hiking Club. Meet animals and do other activities with local 4-H clubs. Enjoy a variety of recycled crafts and games. Visit the tables of local environmental organizations to find out what they do. Try out paddling with the Hunterdon County Canoe Club on the pond. Grab a bite to eat at the food booth run by the Boy Scouts. The event will conclude with a campfire, s’ mores, and storytelling at 3:00!

VAN & BUS TRIPS

SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF HUNTERDON COUNTY PARKS: SOUTH COUNTY PARKS

Sunday, February 10, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Arboretum, adults, \$10, Guest Leader: Chip Colombo
Where are the parks of Hunterdon County? Did you know that there are over 28 beautiful pieces of preserved county parklands? In addition, there are many state, and township parks. Let’s take a Sunday afternoon drive to see how many parks we can visit. Fascinating history, cool facts and stories, and a plethora of other information will be shared by our guest leader Chip. Please wear sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate clothing for taking a few short hikes. Feel free to bring a snack and drink as no food stops are planned, other than perhaps a visit to a local general store.



DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS

In cooperation with the New Jersey Recreation & Parks Association, the Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation is offering discount tickets for the following areas:



Blue Mountain, Palmerton, PA	Gate Price	Discount Price
Weekend/Holiday	\$65.00	\$58.00
Midweek	\$55.00	\$48.00

Tickets start at the time of guest first lift ride and expire after eight hours of skiing or riding.

Jack Frost/Big Boulder, Blakeslee, PA (open to close)

Weekend/Holiday Adult (18 & up)	\$58.00	\$53.00
Midweek Adult	\$48.00	\$41.00
Weekend/Holiday Youth (7-17)	\$45.00	\$42.00
Midweek Youth	\$35.00	\$30.00

**To confirm availability, please call (908) 782-1158.
The Parks Division accepts check or cash only.**

More VAN & BUS TRIPS

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW “FLOWER POWER” BUS TRIP

Tuesday, March 5, 9:45 AM to 7:00 PM, Deer Path Park, adults, \$65

Sit back & relax as we take you by coach bus to the world’s oldest and largest indoor flower show! The show features large-scale gardens, elaborate landscapes, and over-the-top floral creations. Visitors are treated to fabulous design, live entertainment, gardening how-to workshops, and lectures by experts. Designers spend more than a year planning, primping, pruning and growing the exhibits that will transform an empty space into a beautiful oasis of color and life in the waning days of winter. Their commitment to excellence is evident. You can shop for plants and gifts, sample wines, and attend different seminars. For lunch, consider visiting the Reading Terminal Market across the street (on your own). For more information on this year’s theme, visit www.theflowershow.com.



MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD TOUR

Thursday, May 23, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Arboretum, adults, \$20

Join Chief Park Naturalist Tom Sheppard for a van trip to New Jersey’s major battlefield site – the Monmouth Battlefield. We will be joined by a state park guide who will take us on an approximately 1.5 mile hike and lead us through the events of the battle, one of the major conflicts of the American Revolution. Topics of discussion will also include the history of Molly Pitcher and the clash between General Washington and General Lee during the battle. Please pack a lunch that we will enjoy in the park after the tour.



COVERED BRIDGES of BUCKS COUNTY (West)

Sunday, March 31, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Arboretum, adults, \$21, (lunch not included in the price)

Guest Guide: Chip Colombo

Circling through beautiful western Bucks County, Pennsylvania, step back in time on this scenic tour exploring six 19th century covered bridges. Twelve covered bridges are all that remain of the fifty built in historic Bucks County. Some say that they provided shelter for the traveler. Others say that they protected animals from their natural fear of crossing water, or that the roof kept winter snows off the flooring. The more romantically inclined called them “kissing bridges” or even “wishing bridges.” Actually... the roof was designed to protect the supporting beams on either side from being ravaged by the weather. When thus covered, the bridge had a much longer life expectancy. Grab a seat in the Hunterdon Parks’ 15-passenger van and we will visit six covered bridges located in **western** Bucks County. We will stop for lunch in Perkasio, at The Perk, a local eatery that offers a superb menu at reasonable prices (attheperk.com; lunch is not included in the price of this trip). Please dress appropriately for the weather, and wear proper footwear for taking short walks.

PHILADELPHIA’S MAGIC GARDENS

Thursday, April 4, 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM, Arboretum, adults & teens, \$25 plus a \$13 entry fee to be paid by you on the day of the trip (lunch is not included)

Explore a mosaicked visionary art environment, gallery, and community arts center that preserves, interprets, and provides access to Isaiah Zagar’s unique mosaic art environment. Isaiah Zagar is an award-winning mosaic mural artist whose work can be found on more than 200 public walls throughout the city of Philadelphia and around the world. We will go on a guided tour through the Magic Gardens main site, including a fully tiled indoor space, the outdoor mosaic sculpture garden, and some public murals. For more information visit www.phillymagicgardens.org. Participants will have free time to get a bite to eat at one of the many dining options; within two blocks are Morning Glory Diner and Hawthornes (lunch is not included in the price). There will also likely be time to shop the 9th Street Italian Market, enjoy a self-guided walk into the alleyways along South Street to view Isaiah Zagar’s glittering creations, or maybe visit the Eyes Gallery. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing, and you can bring a snack for the van ride.

More VAN TRIPS

RAILROADS OF WARREN COUNTY & LOCAL HISTORY

Friday, April 12, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Arboretum, adults, \$22, lunch not included in the price

Guest Guide: Chip Colombo

All aboard! This Parks van tour will chug through history. Explore the remains and imagine the past as we follow the path of the Warren railroad. Highlights include a tour of the Shippen Manor, a visit to the oxford furnace, two half-mile stroll-hikes down the old railroad bed, and a drive along the Pequest River to Johnny's Hot Dog Stand for lunch. Lunch is not included in the price and you are welcome to bring a bag lunch. We will also visit the Paulinskill viaduct... a fun-filled day of exploring! Our guest guide Chip will share his plethora of knowledge. Bring a snack and drink. Please dress in layers, be prepared to be outdoors, and wear appropriate footwear.

RINGWOOD MANOR, SKYLANDS MANOR & NJ STATE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Wednesday, May 22, 8:15 AM to 6:00 PM, Arboretum, adults, \$25, plus \$11 tour fee to be paid by you the day of the trip, Guest Guide: Chip Colombo

On this new trip, we will tour the **Ringwood Manor**, located in Passaic County, a National Historic Landmark District. It was the site of an ironworks and home to a number of well-known ironmasters from the 1740s to the late 19th century. The current manor house was built in 1807. Then we will tour **Skylands Manor**, designed in the mid-1920s by the distinguished American architect John Russell Pope. Pope's works include the National Archives and the National Gallery of Art. The Tudor Revival Skylands Manor was intentionally made to appear centuries old. Note the building's weathered stone facade, and the sags and ripples in the slate roof. All stone was quarried on the estate. Our third stop will be the **New Jersey State Botanical Garden** at Skylands where you can wander amid the elegance of formal gardens, or along gentle paths winding through the woods. The NJBG includes 96 acres of specialty gardens surrounded by 1000 acres of woodlands. Skylands is also a safe haven for unusual plant species from around the world. The garden protects and preserves these plants as their natural habitats are changed forever by progress. Please dress appropriately for the weather, and wear proper footwear for taking short walks. Bring a bagged lunch.



BRONX ZOO VAN TRIP

Saturday, May 25, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 8 through adult, \$50 (includes admission and additional attractions mentioned below)

Join the Parks Division as we journey to the Bronx Zoo. This is the world's largest urban zoo with more than 600 species from around the globe! Get up close with mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and insects. Learn about their natural history, biology, cultural roles, and conservation status. Enjoy the total experience at the zoo, which includes special attractions like the Butterfly Garden, the Children's Zoo, the Congo Gorilla Forest, the Zoo Shuttle, the 4-D Theatre, and Jungle World. You will have about five hours to enjoy yourself. You can eat lunch in the main restaurant the Dancing Crane Café, or at the Terrace Café located by the Children's Zoo (lunch not included). There are many stands throughout the zoo offering snacks and also many tables available for you to eat your own boxed lunch. So why not leave the driving and parking to us and spend a day at the Bronx Zoo?



SANDY HOOK SALT MARSH TOUR & BEACH DAY

Friday, July 19, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 8 through adult, \$45

Meet Senior Park Naturalist Laura Bush at the Arboretum where she will drive you to Sandy Hook in a County van. As a group, we will meet an instructor from NJ Sea Grant Consortium to spend two hours exploring the most productive ecosystem on earth—the salt marsh. We will don waders and use nets to seine for fish, shrimp, and crabs. We will also collect shells and go on a hike in this special environment. After the program, we will have about three hours for lunch and swimming at a guarded beach. Please bring water and wear closed-toed shoes for the salt marsh portion of the program. A changing area and snack stand are available at the beach, but participants can also bring their own food.

Trips **“in-the-works”** (for more information watch for Parks email program releases and the June newsletter): LUNA PARC: June; GLENCAIRN LANDMARKS IN LIGHT: MUSEUM, ESTATE, & CATHEDRAL: June; OCEAN GROVE HOUSE TOUR: Friday, August 9; LYNDHURST, LAKE HOPATCONG LUNCH CRUISE, CANAL'S RICH HISTORY & CANAL BOAT RIDE: dates TBA.



HISTORY PROGRAMS

HISTORY THROUGH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Arboretum, adults, \$3

Presenter Mike McCann, during his 21 years with the NJ DEP, reviewed aerial photographs from 1930 to the present under a stereo microscope. Since his retirement, he has created presentations of scanned aerial images highlighting the changes that have occurred in the landscape of the region. Mike enthusiastically shares his wide-ranging knowledge, fun quirky facts, and riveting stories in his magnificent shows! More details on our website.

THERE USED TO BE A RAILROAD: Sunday, March 3
30 SECONDS OVER TEETERTOWN: Sunday, April 7

HUNTERDON'S CONNECTION with the CIVIL WAR

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Echo Hill Main Lodge, ages 8 through adult, \$3

It goes without saying that the period before and during the Civil War was one of the defining eras of this country. One wonders what it might have been like to live through this period. Join Chief Park Naturalist, Tom Sheppard, as he presents some of Hunterdon's Connections with the Civil War. We will discuss some of the events leading up to the war and Hunterdon's take on these events as well as look at some of the lives of local residents that fought in the war. Much of the source material for this program is pulled from the book *Hunterdon County in the Civil War* by John Kuhl. Books will be on hand for purchase and Mr. Kuhl will be present to sign copies.

MOUTH BATTLEFIELD TOUR: See VAN & BUS TRIPS, page 7.

43rd MUSIC UNDER THE STARS FREE CONCERT SERIES



Thursdays, June 27 to August 15, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Deer Path Park, all ages, free!

We hope everyone enjoyed last summer's concert series! This year, the concerts will run every Thursday from June 27 through August 15. We are looking for entertainers; if you would like to be considered, please contact Recreation Leader Patrick Eckard at peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

GARDENING PROGRAM

DAD AND ME: VALENTINE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

Wednesday, February 13, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Arboretum, all ages, \$25 per father-child pair (\$10 additional arrangement) No need for last minute chocolates or a dozen boring roses. Join Senior Gardener Jason "Jaybird" Strauss for a fun evening with your son or daughter making a memorable floral arrangement just for your special Valentine. We will provide everything you need to create a beautiful arrangement that will brighten your Valentine's Day.

NATURE POTTERY FROM THE WOODS

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 6 through adult, \$40 each session

Children 6 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult & work on one project as an adult/child team. Children 13 through adults may attend solo. Cost is per project.

Instructor: Emma Rimi

The instructor will supply objects and materials, some found in nature, but feel free to bring your own treasures to press into clay! Finished projects can be functional or decorative and are microwave, dishwasher, and food safe. Students pick glaze colors for their projects, the instructor will fire the projects, and you will receive a phone call when they're ready for pick-up at the Arboretum. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. No experience necessary.

FUN CERAMIC HANGING PLANTERS

Sunday, March 3. Design and create three hanging planters for succulents, using pinch and coil techniques. Workshop covers how to add found texture and pattern to your project adding visual interest as well as various decorating techniques including carving and etching. Plant hangers are designed to hang in or outside your home.



CERAMIC EASTER DECORATIONS

Sunday, April 7. Make your own happy Easter ornament garland or make a handful of Easter themed creations/ornaments adding holiday cheer to any space. The instructor will teach beginner hand building techniques to help bring your creations to life.

CERAMIC WALL POCKETS

Sunday, May 5. Participants will create and decorate hand-built pockets that hang on the wall. The pockets can be designed to hold plants and flowers or whatever you please. The instructor will specifically review slab making and coil technique. Each student or team will make two pockets approximately 5" x 6" in size.

CERAMIC NATURE TRAYS

Sunday, June 2. Students will create and decorate hand-built ceramic trays focusing on textures found in nature. We will learn slab and coil techniques as well as various decorating techniques including carving and etching. Participants will learn the properties of clay and focus on making different impressions and patterns in their pieces. Each person or team will make two trays approximately 6" x 4" in size.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Instructor Jim Rimi

Jim Rimi holds a BFA in photography and is an NJ-certified teacher of Art. His work includes a documentation of The Fulton Street Fish Market in Manhattan and New York Underground, a 10-year journey into the lives of the homeless, shelters, street people, and street musicians of New York City. All photography programs are for Digital SLR Manual Setting.

BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**Session A:** Sunday, March 10**Session B:** Wednesday, March 13**Session C:** Sunday, May 5**Session D:** Sunday, August 4

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 16 through adult, \$55 per session

In this workshop students will learn how to use their cameras on their manual settings. Shutter speed, aperture, depth of field, lighting, use of lenses, and composition will be discussed. Students will be taught with a hands-on approach in a laidback, no-pressure atmosphere, so learning is fun and enjoyable! Students will start their journey in the classroom, then move out onto the beautiful grounds of The Arboretum, putting into practice the information just learned. Instructor Jim Rimi will be with the students in the field to assist and answer any questions. Students will then come back to the classroom for a group critique of their photos by Jim. Please note, there is walking involved and a portion of this class is outdoors. Please dress accordingly. A blank memory card dedicated for the class is recommended. Curriculum is the same for each session; please select A, B, C, or D. Note: Maximum of 8 participants in each class.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC SUNSET EVENING**

Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Deer Path Park, ages 16 through adult, \$40

Participants will meet at the main parking lot at Deer Path Park. This will give students the best vantage point to photograph the sunset.

Instruction will be given by Jim at the site to achieve a pleasing sunset photo. Students must be able to walk to the photo site, and be willing and patient to wait for the right moment to take the perfect sunset photo. Please dress for the weather and walking in the park. A tripod if you have one and flashlight may be helpful. Note: Maximum of 13 participants.

**PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE PARKS WORKSHOP****Session A:** Sunday, June 2 at Echo Hill**Session B:** Sunday, July 7 at Deer Path**Session C:** Wednesday, September 18 at Echo Hill
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, ages 16 through adult, \$55 per session

This is a 3-hour workshop that is designed for the photographer that has a grasp of their camera. It is a perfect complement to the beginning photography workshop. You will concentrate on how to see like a photographer. Lighting, camera position, and angle will be discussed. You will also go over the proper use of lenses, focal length, depth of field, and shutter speed. In this class, students are encouraged to be sensitive and aware of light and their surroundings. You will discuss the makings of a great photograph and how to achieve it. This workshop starts in a classroom environment and goes out into the field. Students will venture out in the park with the new knowledge they have just been given. Jim will be in the field with students to assist and answer any questions that they have. Students will then meet back after the shoot for a group critique by Jim of the photos they have just taken. This is a fun and relaxed workshop combining nature and the art of photography. Please dress for the weather and walking in the park. A blank memory card dedicated for the class is recommended and a tripod if you have one. Curriculum is the same for each session; please select A, B, C, or D. Note: Maximum of 10 participants in each class.

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR TEENS

Four Mondays, April 1 through 22, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 13 and up, \$165

This four-week class is geared for teens who have a passion for photography. Students will learn how to use their cameras on the manual setting. Students will be taught the use and meaning of aperture, depth of field, shutter speed, lenses, lighting, and composition. This class is taught in both a classroom setting and on the grounds of The Arboretum. Students will also be given after class photographic assignments that correlate to what was taught in the classroom. Group critiques will be conducted to continually improve student's photographic skills. This is a fun, small hands-on class which will evoke in the student a new understanding and fervor for photography. Please dress for the weather and walking in the park. A blank memory card dedicated for the class is recommended. Note: Maximum of 7 participants for this series.



Pre-registration required & children must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise noted

ADULT ART: Instructor Lena Shiffman
www.lenashiffman.com

THURSDAY MORNING ART STUDIO

Time: 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ART STUDIO

Time: 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM

THURSDAY EVENING ART STUDIO

Time: 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Session A: Five Thursdays, February 28 to March 28
 (snow date Sunday 3/31)

Session B: Five Thursdays,
 April 4 to May 2 (snow date
 Sunday 5/5)

Session C: Five Thursdays,
 May 9 to June 6 (snow date
 Sunday 6/9)

Session D (EVENING ONLY): Five Thursdays,
 August 1 to August 29

Arboretum, \$100 (materials not included)

Don't think you can draw or paint, but would like to give it a try? "Everyone has talent, they just don't know it!" says art instructor and illustrator Lena Shiffman.

Using a variety of subject matter, including still life subjects and photographs, Ms. Shiffman will work with students to improve their drawing and painting skills. Students may work in charcoal, pastels, oil, acrylic, or watercolor paints. *Students supply their own materials.* Beginners, please bring charcoal sticks and charcoal pencils, an eraser, and a medium sketch pad (14 x 18") to the first class. Material list will be supplied at the first class. Join us for a day or evening class of fun in a relaxed atmosphere; you will be amazed at what you can accomplish! *All ability levels welcome!*



ART BOOT CAMP FOR ADULTS

Monday through Friday, August 26 to August 30, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM, Arboretum, \$100 (materials not included)

Calling all artists to join us for a week of art boot camp at the Arboretum. Spend five consecutive mornings in a fun and relaxed atmosphere creating with Lena Shiffman. Use a variety of subject matter, including still life subjects and photographs, and some "plein air" if the weather permits. Ms. Shiffman will work with students to improve their drawing and painting skills. Students may work in charcoal, pastels, oil, acrylic, or watercolor paints. *Students supply their own materials.* Beginners, please bring charcoal sticks and charcoal pencils, an eraser, and a medium sketch pad (14 x 18") to the first class. You will be amazed at what you can accomplish in just one week! *All ability levels welcome!*

CHILDREN'S ART: Instructor Lena Shiffman

BLOOMING YOUNG ARTISTS

Session A: Six Saturdays, March 2 to April 6

Session B: Six Saturdays, April 13 to June 1 (no class 5/20 & 5/25)

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM,
 Arboretum, ages 6 to 10, \$84
 (includes materials)

Learning the principles of creating art with illustrator Lena Shiffman is lots of fun! Explore drawing, painting, sculpture, and more. Ms. Lena's gentle approach encourages and guides students. Visit different media such as pencil, acrylics, watercolor paint, clay, and paper. Students use still lifes... stuffed toys, taxidermied animals, photos, and something brought from home. We might also go outdoors to draw nature! The fundamental principles will be the focus: understanding color, composition, and the proper use of materials. Don't miss this chance to have your blooming young artist put his or her heart and soul into creating keepsakes! Ms. Lena works well with beginners to very advanced students. Remember to dress in old clothing. Students are encouraged to sign up for one or both sessions.



STUDIO TIME for ARTISTS-IN-TRAINING

Session A: Six Saturdays, March 2 to April 6

Session B: Six Saturdays, April 13 to June 1 (no class 5/20 & 5/25)

10:15 AM to 11:45 AM, Arboretum, ages 11 to 17, \$94
 (includes materials)

Explore, learn more advanced techniques, and improve your abilities with color, shading, composition, and perspective. Instructor Lena Shiffman's gentle approach and ability to work with beginners to very advanced students encourages and guides them to expand their creativity. Students work during this studio time to complete their art at their own pace and style. We will work from a variety of still life: taxidermied animals, photos, nature (outdoors if weather permits), and maybe something brought from home. Artists may visit many different media including pencil, charcoal, pastel and paints. Students are encouraged to sign up for one or both sessions. Remember to dress in old clothing.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Programs require advance registration, unless otherwise stated. Forms are available on the back of this brochure, at our office, or online: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Parks & Recreation"). Cash or check only.

Pre-registration required & children must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise noted

ADULT BASKETRY WORKSHOPS

All workshops take place at the Arboretum. Cost includes materials. Instructor Liz Braidwood Fulmer.

COILED DISH SAMPLER

Wednesdays, February 6 and 13, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Arboretum, \$28

You may have seen coiled baskets being sold along the highways in South Carolina. This coiled basket resembles a very small round ragged rug. Coiling is a sewing technique that is used to create and connect bundles of long materials such as pine needles, horse hair, and sweet grass. For stitching, try wax linen, raffia, and palm fronds. Coiling takes time to learn and is very time consuming so please understand that you will make a very small dish sample basket. SKILL LEVEL: Easy.



HONEYPOT BASKET

Fridays, February 22 and March 1, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Arboretum, \$25

This basket is reminiscent of Pooh Bear's honey pot. Starting with a 3" wood base it grows to 9" at the widest and indents back to a 5" hole in the top. It stands about 7" tall.

Techniques include tapering spokes, three rod wale and a lashed on bundle of seagrass rim. SKILL LEVEL: Easy.

DESIGN A BASKET

Sunday, March 17, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Arboretum, \$35 (bring your own antler or wood)

Participants bring/supply a piece of wood, a deer antler, a shell, or another treasure that can be drilled to become the base of your basket. First let's brainstorm on how this basket will take shape. Mark and drill holes into the item you bring. Insert spokes and now weave a basket that sits atop your treasure. You may need to finish weaving your basket at home. Bring lunch and a drink. SKILL LEVEL: Difficult.

NATIVE AMERICAN POTTERY BASKET

Tues, April 2 and 9, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Arboretum, \$25

This urn-shaped basket is reminiscent of southwestern Native American pottery. Students twine rows that are spaced far apart, complete the rim, then fill in with a loopy vertical braid using 1/2" flat reed. This is a smaller version than the last time we made this basket, 5" base x 7" round at rim. Level: Easy.

PAPER BASKET

Tuesdays, May 7 and 14, 9:00 AM to noon, Arboretum, \$20

Create by painting your personal designer paper. Using the paper make a small diagonal weave basket. SKILL LEVEL: Moderate to Difficult.

POCKETBOOK BASKET

Sunday, May 19, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Arboretum, \$35

Start by inserting spokes into an oval wooden slotted base. The sides are woven with light and dark purple and light and dark teal tie-dyed flat oval reed in an over three under two spiral pattern. Three rows of lashed on flat oval create an eye-catching top. The basket features two side handles made of shaker tape cloth. Bring lunch and a drink. Level: Moderate.

CHILD & ADULT BASKETRY & CRAFTS

Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult & work on one project as an adult/child team. Children 11 through adults may attend solo. Cost is per project.

SIMPLE ROUND BASKET

Monday, February 11, 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, Arboretum, ages 6 through adult, \$8

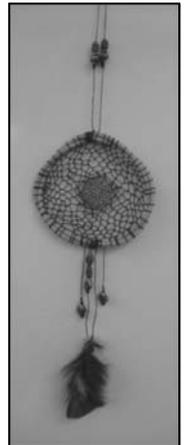
This workshop is a great introduction to the art of making baskets. Let's weave a round 6" in diameter x 6" high round basket on a wood base. Participants have a choice of the color beads and design as they weave. Makes a great Valentine's Day present.



DREAM CATCHER

Monday, March 11, 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, Arboretum, ages 6 through adult, \$6

Make your own dream catcher and get rid of those pesky bad dreams.



FREE RECREATION WALKS

Wednesdays, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, all ages, free; please pre-register

March 13: Columbia Trail, Village Commons Parking Lot, 79 Main Street, High Bridge 08829

March 27: Furnas Section of Arboretum: meet at the Arboretum, 1020 Route 31 North, Lebanon 08833

April 10: Point Mountain South & Central: 132 Mountain Top Road, Washington 07882

April 24: Teetertown, meet at stone house, 30 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray 07865

May 8: Schick Reserve, 486 Little York - Mt. Pleasant Road, Milford 08848

May 22: Tower Hill Reserve, 944 Mountain View Road, Asbury 08802

June 5: Miquin Woods, 326 Newport Road, Glen Gardner 08826

June 12: Landsdown Trail, 113 Lower Landsdown Road, Annandale 08801

Meet Patrick Eckard at each location and he will introduce you to the beauty of the parks as he inspects the trail systems. He will tell you the history of each park as you get some fresh air and exercise. Then come back on your own to hike the trails at your leisure. These trails are easy to moderate hikes.



RECREATION PROGRAMS**MAPLE SAP COLLECTION**

Friday, February 1, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, Echo Hill, ages 5 through adult, \$3

Collecting the sap is a crucial step of the maple sugaring process! Many methods are used on commercial farms, but the basic idea is the same—moving the sap from the maple trees to the stove. Come participate in the process at Echo Hill! We will meet at the playground and then walk to the sugar bush (5 to 10 minutes). This program will also be available to groups during weekdays in February—please call to schedule a group.

HOMESCHOOL RECREATION SERIES

Second Thursday of the month, February through May, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Echo Hill, ages 6 and up, \$20 per child for all four lessons, children must be accompanied by an adult and adult attends for free.

This is a four-part recreation series designed for homeschooled children. On February 14, we will make Valentine's Day cards and other crafts. On March 14, we will learn how we make sap into maple syrup. On April 11, the group will focus on Native Americans and do some related crafts. We will close with making food over a campfire on May 9.

N.J. BOAT SAFETY CERTIFICATE CLASS

Session A: Saturday, March 30, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Session B: Tuesday, April 16 & Thursday, April 18, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Session C: Saturday, May 18, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Session D: Saturday, June 8, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Echo Hill, ages 13 through adult, \$60 per session
This 8-hour boating course is designed to educate boaters to the minimum skills needed to safely handle and operate a boat or personal watercraft. This course is taught by highly qualified U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Instructors who are also certified by the NJ State Police Marine Bureau. Topics covered include: Know Your Boat, Before You Get Underway, Navigating the Waterways, operating your Boat/PWC, Legal Requirements of Boating, Boating Emergencies: What to Do, Enjoying Water Sports with Your Boat, and also a review New Jersey specific laws and regulations. Whether you are a new boater or have been boating for many years, you may discover that you can still learn something new about boating safely. Successful completion of this course meets the New Jersey requirement to receive an NJ Boating Safety Certificate, which is required to operate a vessel in the State of New Jersey.

FISHING CLINIC (also Boy Scout Merit Badge)

Friday, April 12, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Echo Hill pond, ages 6 through adults, \$8 (includes bait and supplies)

Let us show you the basics of fishing, including safety, etiquette, equipment, and casting. Meet Patrick Eckard, Recreation Leader, at Echo Hill pond. Fishing rods are available to borrow. Bait, hooks, bobbers, and weights are provided. If you have your own fishing equipment, you may bring it with you. Organized groups can also request this program on another date. Call us to set up this program for a group. Boy Scouts may obtain their Fishing Merit Badge by setting up an additional meeting with Patrick.

CHILD AND BABYSITTING SAFETY CLASS

Tuesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 18, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Echo Hill, ages 11 through 15, \$50

This class is for any young person who wants to learn how to take care of a child or baby. We will go over all the things you need to know to handle all problems that may come up, including: behavior management, fire, water, falls, poison, sudden illnesses, and assessing for illness and injury. We will do First Aid and CPR. Then we will go over safe sleep practices, feeding, and play time. Participants will receive a certification card after the class which can be presented to employers.

CPR AND FIRST AID FOR THE COMMUNITY COURSE (also Boy Scout Merit Badge)

Saturday, May 18, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (CPR: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and First Aid: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM), Echo Hill, ages 12 through adult, CPR \$30; First Aid \$30; or both for \$55

If you have ever wanted to learn CPR and First Aid, this is the time. These courses are taught by an American Heart Association (AHA) instructor. You will learn Adult, Child, and Infant CPR, Choking, and First Aid, allowing you to help anyone of any age. *This is not a course for health care personnel.* Sign up for CPR and/or First Aid, and bring a lunch if you are doing both classes. Boy Scouts may obtain their merit badge by setting up an additional meeting with Patrick.

**The American Heart Association strongly promotes knowledge and proficiency in CPR and instructional material for this purpose. Use of these materials in an education course does not represent course sponsorship by the American Heart Association. Any fees charged for such a course, except for a portion of fees needed for AHA course material, do not represent income to the Association.*

CAMPING TRIPS

LET'S GO CAMPING (also Boy Scout Merit Badge)

Saturday, June 1 at 9:00 AM to Sunday, June 2 at 11:30 AM, Echo Hill, ages 8 through adult (children must be accompanied by an adult), \$50 per person (includes lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday) Do you dream of camping in the woods? Do you know what you would need and how to prepare for a campout? Would you like to cook on an open fire? Well, Let's Go Camping! Join Recreation Leader Patrick Eckard for an overnight campout at Echo Hill. All participants are required to attend a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 at the Arboretum. At this meeting, we will plan a menu together, discuss equipment needed for different types of campouts, discuss strategies on packing, and learn how to prevent raids by animals. During the campout, we will demonstrate fire building (several techniques), pitching a tent correctly, knot tying, and using camp tools safely. All participants will get the chance to help cook a meal and be on kitchen patrol. During free time, enjoy Echo Hill pond and trails. When night falls, we will have an evening campfire and prepare traditional snacks. There are no more excuses... Let's Go Camping! There is a flush toilet in the lodge, a short distance from the site. We have tents available to borrow, but feel free to bring your own. Boy Scouts may obtain their merit badge by setting up an additional meeting with Patrick.

OVERNIGHT CANOE TRIP (also Boy Scout Merit Badge)

Saturday, August 10 at 8:00 AM to Sunday, August 11 at 4:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 12 through adult, \$70 (includes dinner Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday)

This trip will leave the Arboretum at 8:00 AM on Saturday and head to the Delaware Water Gap to put in. We will paddle for a couple hours, stop to have a picnic lunch (please bring lunch for Saturday), paddle for a couple more hours, and then camp out at one of the wilderness sites on the river. The group will cook dinner and enjoy the nature around us. The next day, we will cook breakfast and head downriver. We will stop and have a picnic lunch (provided). There will be time to swim both days as we travel. All participants must attend a pre-camp meeting on Wednesday, August 7 at 7:00 PM at the Arboretum. On your registration form, please indicate any

dietary restrictions and if you will need to borrow a tent. Boy Scouts may obtain their Canoeing merit badge by setting up an additional meeting with Recreation Leader Patrick Eckard.



SYNCHRONOUS FIREFLIES CAMPING & HIKING TRIP

Saturday, June 29 at 12:00 PM to Monday, July 1 at 3:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 10 through adult, \$160 The Synchronous Firefly (*Photinus carolinus*) is only found in a few places in the U.S. In 2012, it was confirmed in Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania. As individual females synchronize with males nearby, waves of alternating bright light and darkness seem to travel across the landscape. These insects flash as a group about six times over two to four seconds, followed by a dark pattern of eight to 12 seconds. Another unusual species in the forest is the Chinese Lantern, of which the males are low and slow-flying, giving one-second, bluish-green glows repeated every 2 to 5 seconds. On this camping trip, we will hope to see both species of fireflies. We will meet at the Arboretum and drive about five hours to the Kellettville Campground, a rustic campground with a portajohn but no electricity or water. This campsite is on a stream so we will provide a water filter for fresh water. On Saturday, we will arrive in time to set up camp and cook dinner (please eat lunch before the trip or bring it to eat in the car). Saturday night we will go on a guided walk to see the Synchronous Fireflies at about 10:00 PM. Sunday we will have the option of a six-mile day hike (with leader Laura), a two-mile day hike, or enjoying the campsite. At night, we will have a second opportunity to see the 15 species of fireflies the Alleghenies offer from in and around our campsite. Monday we will drive back home, stopping at a casual restaurant on the way. Participants will need to provide dinner Saturday and Sunday, breakfast Sunday and Monday, lunch Sunday, and bring money for the restaurant Sunday lunch. We will bring one cooler and a stove for participants to share; please limit yourself to a few refrigerated items. Participants should also bring only one bag of belongings that includes a sleeping bag, tent, clothing, sturdy shoes, raingear, two liters of water, and eating/cooking dishes. Let us know if you need to borrow a tent.

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CANOEING & KAYAKING

Join the Parks on the river where we have been paddling for 40 years. It is fun, educational, and great exercise! Spend a day with nature. Just bring water, lunch, and a smile—we will do the rest. We supply the canoes, kayaks, gear, training, and transportation. Our experienced leaders teach the ways of currents and eddies and how to paddle mankind's oldest craft, with a few new tricks. Please indicate on your registration form if you would like a kayak.

RIVER DAY TRIPS

8:15 AM to about 3:30 PM (give or take an hour), Leave from Arboretum, ages 8 through adults, \$40 per trip

*New for 2019! If you purchase 3 river trips at full price, you will get \$5 off any other river trip for 2019. Must purchase all at the same time. If the trip is canceled, you must move to another trip.

Your leaders will fit you with a lifejacket and paddle and then drive to the river, where they will discuss maneuvering techniques and canoe safety. Our leaders will guide you down the river. We paddle for about two hours, stop for lunch, and paddle for about two more hours. We are flexible with our time, which depends in part on natural forces, such as wind speed and water level.

Sun., April 28: Lower South Branch or Musconetcong River

Sun., May 12: Delaware, Kingwood to Bull's Island:

Let us take your Mother's Day photo with Mom!

Saturday, May 25: Delaware, Phillipsburg to Riegelsville

Sunday, June 16: Delaware, Kingwood to Bull's Island:

Let us take your Father's Day photo with Dad!

Sat., June 29: Upper South Branch or Musconetcong River

Sun., July 14: Lehigh River

Sat., July 27: Merrill Creek Reservoir

Sun., Aug. 11: Delaware, Martins Creek to Phillipsburg

Sat., Aug. 31: Delaware, Phillipsburg to Riegelsville

Sun., Sept. 8: Delaware, Kingwood to Bull's Island

Sat., Sept. 28: Delaware, Martins Creek to Phillipsburg

Sun., Oct. 13: Upper South Branch or Musconetcong River

Sat., Oct. 26: Leaders' Choice

POND PADDLES: A GOOD FIRST TRIP!

Session A: Sat., April 13, 9:00 to 11:00 AM, Clinton Pond

Session B: Sat., April 13, 12:00 to 2:00 PM, Clinton Pond

Session C: Sun., April 14, 9:00 to 11:00 AM, Teetertown

Session D: Sun., April 14, 12:00 to 2:00 PM, Teetertown

Ages 8 through adult, \$20

Saturday paddles meet at the Clinton Town parking lot off Halstead Street & Water Street. Paddle past the lily pads, under the road bridge, past the historic Red Mill, up to the spillway of the Spruce Run Reservoir, and back. Sunday paddles meet at the stone house at Teetertown Preserve, 30 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray (the middle entrance).

Both are great for children ages 8 and up (with an adult), senior citizens, beginners, folks with special needs (please inform us in advance), or those with a hankering to take a leisurely paddle and commune with nature.

SUNSET PADDLE ON ROUND VALLEY

Session A: Friday, June 7 **Session B:** Friday, July 12
5:00 PM to 9:30 PM, meet at Arboretum, ages 8 through adult, \$30 per session

Treat yourself to a leisurely sunset paddle on Round Valley Reservoir. We'll meet at the Arboretum. Bring a flashlight and a jacket: it can get much cooler on the water when the sun goes down.

THREE PART RIVER SERIES ON THE DELAWARE RIVER

June 15, July 20, and August 17, 8:15 AM to about 3:30 PM, Arboretum, ages 16 through adult (minors must be accompanied by an adult), \$100 per person for all three trips

Special note: Canoes only, sorry, no kayaks

This three-trip program is for paddlers who want to learn or improve river skills and have fun along the way. Instead of paddling from Point A to B, we'll stop along the way to learn about eddies, practice maneuvers, work on "reading" the water's surface, etc. Each section of river will be slightly more complex than the last, working up to a day when we repeatedly run the legendary Class II+ rapid at Foul Rift.



OVERNIGHT CANOE TRIP (also Boy Scout Merit Badge), See CAMPING TRIPS, opposite page).

PLANNING YOUR CANOE TRIP

Pre-register by the Wednesday before the trip. Please note: Due to water levels or other circumstances, leaders may choose an alternative river at any time. If we cancel the trip for any reason, we will call you as soon as we make the cancellation, but our trips run rain or shine! Dress in layers so you can adjust to changing temperatures. Durable old clothes are best, especially wool and polypropylene fleece in cool weather. Sneakers are recommended; no sandals, boots, or heavy shoes. Bring lunch (packed in waterproof container), lots of water, sunscreen, a rain jacket, a hat, eyeglass strap, etc. A complete change of clothing can be packed in a waterproof bag to be carried in your canoe or to be in the van for the trip's end. No alcoholic beverages. No pets are allowed, except for guide animals.

SCHEDULE YOUR OWN TRIP

We are happy to tailor a canoe trip to the needs of your group, school, club, charity, or service organization. A pond paddle makes a great birthday party! For questions or to be added to our canoe email list, contact Patrick Eckard at peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Pre-registration required & children must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise noted

CHILDREN'S NATURE PROGRAMS

TOT WALKS

Echo Hill, 2 to 3 with adult, each walk \$3 per child; accompanying adult attends for free

Join Senior Park Naturalist Laura Bush on these early adventures to discover nature at your local park! Leave the strollers behind as we take a walk outside to see plants and animals around us. We will use our senses to focus on each theme. Each one-hour program will include a walk and an indoor time of a story and craft.

BIRDS

A: Wednesday, March 27, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

B: Wednesday, March 27, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

C: Thursday, March 28, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

FLOWERS

A: Wednesday, April 17, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

B: Wednesday, April 17, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

C: Thursday, April 18, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

FROGS

A: Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

B: Wednesday, May 15, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

C: Thursday, May 16, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM



SPRING BREAK CAMP

Wednesday, April 24 or Thursday, April 25, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Echo Hill playground, \$25 per child (drop-off program)

Session A: Grades 3-5, April 24 **Session B:** Grades K-2, April 24

Session C: Grades K-2, April 25 **Session D:** Grades K-2, April 25

Do you miss camp? Never been but want to try it out for a day?

Join the naturalist staff for a day of summer nature camp fun over spring break! We will revisit traditional camp favorites such as a stream study, shelter building, and s'mores. Please bring a lunch and a refillable water bottle. Please wear sturdy close-toed shoes and dress for the weather, as we will have camp rain or shine.

Bring closed-toed water shoes for the stream and other shoes/pants to change into afterward. Please note: this year, we are offering two days during the same week. Curriculum will be the same both days, so **we ask that campers sign up for one day only**. There are two groups for grades K-2 on April 25, and we will split campers by the order in which they sign up.

SPRING NATURE CLUB FOR KIDS

Learn, create, play games, and explore! Our popular nature clubs will introduce your child to many exciting nature topics. Naturalist Debra Reed will guide the children during hikes as they discover the beautiful field, forest, and pond habitats at Echo Hill. Other fun hands-on activities include science experiments, games, and craft projects. The children will be able to observe the surprising changes in nature from week to week as we progress through the season. Through our explorations, children will also improve their attention to detail as we observe the colors, shapes, textures, and sounds of the natural world.

Please be sure to dress your child for the outdoors so they will be able to enjoy our time. We strongly recommend old clothes and sneakers/boots that can get dirty. Nature Clubs meet rain or shine. In inclement weather, we shorten our outdoor adventures to spend more time inside. **This is a drop-off program and children must be self-sufficient in the bathroom.**

Eight Tuesdays, April 2 to May 21, Echo Hill, \$90 for all 8 lessons

A: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, ages 3 to 5 years

B: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, ages 3 to 5 years

C: 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM, kindergarten to 3rd graders



FAMILY & ADULT NATURE PROGRAMS

FAMILY WEEKEND NATURE CLUB

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Echo Hill, ages 4 & up with adult, each session \$3 per child 12 & under; adult attends for free

Exploring and playing in the outdoors can be fun for everyone.

Families are invited to join Park Naturalist Debra Reed for nature activities at Echo Hill Park. The first Sunday of each month we will play games, explore the outdoors, and participate in interactive activities. Bring your family outdoors to have fun, enjoy health benefits, and learn about the wonderful wild world we live in.

TERRIFIC TREES: Sunday, March 3, 1:00 to 2:30 PM

EGGSTRODINARY BIRDS: Sunday, April 7, 1:00 to 2:30 PM

INCREDIBLE INSECTS: Sunday, May 5, 1:00 to 2:30 PM

CRAZY CREEKS: Sunday, June 2, 1:00 to 2:30 PM

GROUNDHOG CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 17, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Echo Hill, all ages, \$3

We can't wait for this year's groundhog predication. What does a furry, sleepy rodent have to do with seasonal change? Come out two weeks after his appearance to see if our local groundhog has followed tradition. Is he up? Participate in fun activities to learn about the reason for the traditions around these common mammals.

MERCURY & THE EARLY EVENING SKY

Wednesday, February 27 (Rain Date: Thursday, February 28), 5:45 PM to 7:30 PM, Hoffman Park, ages 10 to adult (firm on age), \$3

Guest Astronomers: Wayne Petko & John Andrews

While Mercury is one of the five visible planet that we can see with the naked eye, it is actually the hardest one to view. Being so close to the Sun, Mercury is never more than 18 degrees from the Sun. This evening, the planet is approaching its furthest point from the star. Join us for a chance to see Mercury up close and then some other celestial features as the sky turns to night.

WATERFOWL LECTURE

Thursday, February 28, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 8 through adult, \$3

What makes a duck a duck? Did you know that some ducks "dump" eggs in other ducks' nests? What about that ducks that dive in deep water have feet positioned further back on their bodies than ducks that dabble in shallower water? Or that their courtship rituals may involve arching their necks, whistling, and then lowering their bills and spurting water toward the female? This lecture by Senior Park Naturalist Laura Bush will go through common types of ducks and duck-like birds in Hunterdon, and places to find them in our area.



THE INVASION OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Monday, March 11, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Arboretum, ages 10 through adult, \$8 per person, guest presenter: Thomas Lurz

The Spotted Lanternfly is a plant hopper native to China. It was first detected in Berks County, PA in 2014 and was seen in Hunterdon in 2018. This insect feeds on plant juices of over 70 species of plants and trees, including many ornamental and agricultural crops like grapes, fruit trees, vegetables, and hops. Come find out more about this new pest in a PowerPoint lecture accompanied by specimens. Topics covered will be how it got here, what it does to the environment, and what the public can and cannot do. Thomas Lurz recently retired from the Pennsylvania Dept. of Ag. where he worked on deadly and invasive insects. He is also an EMT instructor and has a vast knowledge of dangerous plants and animals, paleontology, minerals, and herptiles.

Pre-registration required & children must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise noted

More FAMILY & ADULT NATURE PROGRAMS

RAIN BARREL/ RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 14 (snow date: March 21), 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Echo Hill Lodge, ages 13 to adult, \$50 per barrel (includes materials) or \$8 to attend the presentation & not create a rain barrel
Guest presenters: Lauren Theis & Daniel Correa, Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA)

A rain barrel is attached to your home's gutter and collects rainwater that can be used for watering plants. This is a great way to prevent runoff that may collect pollution, and also to prevent erosion. Rain gardens also collect storm water, but direct it straight into a garden that cleans the water by trapping pollutants in the stems of native plants while draining the clean rain water back into the groundwater. Lauren Theis and Daniel Correa of RHA will show us the importance of saving rain water, and will teach us how to do it effectively. Those who are interested can create a rain barrel (\$50 option). To attend the presentation and receive literature but not create a rain barrel, the cost is \$8. Participants will receive a free packet of native wildflower seeds.



FULL MOON AND SPRING EQUINOX HIKE

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Wescott Preserve, (63 Strimples Mill Road, Stockton 08559), all ages, \$3
Spring is here! The Spring Equinox means that the first day of spring has finally arrived. This year both the equinox and the full moon happen on the same day. Come out and watch the sunset and the full moonrise by going for a walk in the park. Take some time to celebrate the new life that surrounds you in nature and the rise of March's "Sap" Moon. Join Park Naturalist Debra Reed for a walk to see what is happening in nature during this transition from winter to spring, and from daylight to darkness. Meet at the satellite parking lot of Wescott on Strimples Mill Road.



WOODCOCK WATCH

Monday, March 25, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Tower Hill springhouse, ages 5 through adult, \$3
American Woodcocks inhabit our wet fields and have one of the most fascinating courtship behaviors of any New Jersey bird. As the sun sets on warm March evenings, the males begin to call for females and then take to the sky in a dizzying dance. Come witness this spectacle for yourself! Meet at the Tower Hill springhouse (944 Mountain View Road, Asbury).

LIFE THAT GLOWS: OBSERVATIONS FROM THE FIELD

Saturday, April 6, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 10 through adult, \$10
Guest Presenter: Jennifer Bulava, Burlington County Park System
Discover an intriguing hidden world of glowing organisms! Some objects, when subjected to short wave ultraviolet radiation, will emit another type of light, with lower energy and longer wavelength. This phenomenon is referred to as ultraviolet-induced visible fluorescence (UVIVF). To find out what fluoresces in our area, Jen Bulava started a series called "Life That Glows" where participants walk in the Burlington County Parks at dark with special UV flashlights to find glowing life. This presentation displays the photographic observations from those outings and summarizes preliminary findings of Jen's research in this exciting new field to science, UVIVF.

SANDY HOOK SALT MARSH TOUR & BEACH DAY: See VAN & BUS TRIPS, Page 8.

EAGLE NEST WATCH

Saturday, April 6, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM, South Branch Wildlife Management Area, ages 8 through adult, \$3
Guest presenter: Dan Kroon, volunteer for NJ Bald Eagle Project
Check out our Bald Eagle pair nesting near County parkland in the Three Bridges area! Dan Kroon, a volunteer with the NJ Bald Eagle Project, has been monitoring this nest and its residents for about four years now. He will teach us about the life history of our national bird, and about the program he supports. By this time, the eagle eggs should have hatched, so we will hope to see one of the parents sitting up high in the nest brooding the chicks or perched nearby on the tower, and perhaps the other parent bringing in food. We will be using binoculars and a spotting scope to view the birds; bring your own if desired but they will also be available to borrow. Meet at South Branch Wildlife Management Area, 442 Three Bridges Road, Flemington (the parking lot is just over the border into Somerset County).



PHYSICS IN NATURE

Friday, April 5, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Echo Hill, ages 5 to adult, \$3
Balancing, rolling, racing, squishing, defying gravity, and more! Physics is fun, and these physics activities are playful physics for kids! Through problem solving and experiments, we will have an evening filled with activities. Participate in experiences that defy gravity and look at the various forces of nature. Can you anticipate what will happen next? Problem solve each activity and figure out what is actually happening. You will learn how each force occurs and why it can affect a natural setting.

TRANQUILITY WALK IN NATURE

Wednesday, April 10, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Meet at the Arboretum, ages 12 through adult, \$5
Breathe, relax, smell, and listen to the forest's beautiful water attributes and peaceful surroundings on a new trail in our parks. Come join us for an afternoon of relaxation. Join Park Naturalist Debra Reed on a tranquil, relaxing, guided walk through varied foliage and let go of any stress. We will meet at the Arboretum and travel 5 minutes by van to the Furnas Section. Part of the program will involve sitting and experiencing nature; feel free to bring a camping chair if you are uncomfortable sitting on the ground (or indicate on your registration form that you would like to borrow one).



AMPHIBIANS AT JUGTOWN

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, Jugtown Mountain Preserve, ages 5 through adult, \$15

Guest Presenter: Allegra Mitchell, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ

Vernal pools are small ponds that only exist in the spring or after rainfall during the rest of the year. They are vital for the life cycle of certain amphibians who spend only a few months as larvae, as the seasonal wet/dry cycle excludes predators like fish and bullfrog tadpoles. Join Allegra Mitchell, Wildlife Biologist with Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ, to learn about this fascinating habitat. After an overview of vernal pools, we will explore the pools at Jugtown and hope to catch frogs, insect larvae, and frog eggs. Please wear rain boots and bring flashlights. Meet at Jugtown Mountain Preserve, 408 Mine Road, Asbury. Please register in advance to ensure adequate participation.



More FAMILY & ADULT NATURE PROGRAMS**REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN MERIT BADGE**

Friday, May 3, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Echo Hill, scouts ages 11 to 17, \$10

Interact with live reptiles here at the parks to earn your Reptile and Amphibian Merit Badge with Counselor Debra Reed! We will get together to look for amphibians in the wild and learn about identifying characteristics, geographic distribution, their role in the environment, and how to care for a reptile or amphibian. Please bring a camera and a notebook and pencil for sketching. Scouts will need to schedule an additional meeting time with Debra after they have completed the additional requirements for the badge on their own. Cost is per scout; adults may accompany their scout for free or drop them off.

SHINRIN-YOKU (FOREST THERAPY)

Wednesday, May 8, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Jugtown Mountain (408 Mine Road Asbury, NJ 08802), ages 12 through adult, \$5

Stressed? Need to take time for yourself? Come experience what the Japanese have been doing for years; breathe, relax, smell, and listen to the forest around you. "Shinrin-Yoku" means "taking in the forest atmosphere" or "forest bathing," and is a cornerstone of preventative healthcare and healing in Japanese medicine. Join Park Naturalist Debra Reed on a tranquil, relaxing, guided walk through the forest and let go of the stress created by our urban lifestyles. Part of the program will involve sitting and experiencing nature; feel free to bring a camping chair if you are uncomfortable sitting on the ground (or indicate on your registration form that you would like to borrow one).

BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Arboretum, ages 8 through adult, \$5

Spring is a great time to get into birding! In spring, many species of birds return to New Jersey for their summer nesting grounds, or migrate through the area on their way to colder sites. Birds are colorful and fun to watch, and have beautiful songs. They are the easiest form of wildlife to view year-round, and their numbers can indicate the health of the environment. Join Senior Park Naturalist Laura Bush to participate in a short PowerPoint presentation on how to identify birds, and then take a walk outside to try to find some of our own. Bring binoculars if you have them (also available to borrow). For kids ages 8 and up or adults.

**BASIC HIKING SKILLS GUIDED HIKE**

Saturday, May 11, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Bernadette Morales/Uplands, ages 8 through adult, \$5, Guest presenter: Kristen Falzon
Are you interested in hiking but not sure how to get started? Do you want to teach your family how to hike safely? Do you want to spend a fun afternoon in the company of others? Then join us for a guided hike at Uplands Reserve! Kristen Falzon, an avid hiker, trail maintainer, and former seasonal ranger for Monmouth County Parks, has volunteered to teach us skills such as what to bring on a hike, what to do if you encounter an animal, how to use a hiking map, and how to interpret trail blazes. Senior Park Naturalist Laura Bush will assist with interpretive information about plants and animals. The group will hike about 3 miles along a stream and through the ruins of the Judge Large estate, one of the prosecutors during the Charles Lindbergh trial. This trail is moderately hilly. Meet at the parking lot of Bernadette Morales Nature Preserve, 103 Capner Street, Flemington.

MAKE A HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER

Monday, May 20, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Echo Hill Lodge, ages 8 through adult, \$10 per feeder

Hummingbirds are one of the most unique birds we have. Did you know that they are the only birds that can fly backwards? Or that they use spider webs and lichen to build their tiny nests? Or that they weigh less than a nickel but fly 20 hours without stopping over the Gulf of Mexico in migration? Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are more common than you may realize, and most people who put up a nectar feeder will attract them. Join Senior Park Naturalist Laura Bush for a short lecture on hummingbirds, then a chance to watch them on our feeder at Echo Hill, and finally, to make your own hummingbird feeder from recycled materials. Cost per feeder; families or individuals should sign up for one or more feeders.

LICHEN WALK

Tuesday, June 4, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 12 through adult, \$5, guest presenter: Lichenologist Dennis Waters

Lichens are all around us, on trees, on rocks, and on the ground. These organisms have a split personality, half plant and half fungus. Some are among the most robust and resilient organisms on the planet, while others are so sensitive that they can be wiped out by a whiff of air pollution. Come for a short walk to learn what they are, how they work, and how to identify the common species of Hunterdon County. Bring lichens you have found to be identified. Meet Lichenologist Dennis Waters in front of the garden gate.

POISON IVY, SNAKES, & TICKS, OH MY!

Tuesday, July 9, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Arboretum, ages 10 through adult, \$8, guest presenter: Thomas Lurz

There's no need to let poisonous plants, venomous animals, or toxic fungi keep you out of the woods! Learn how to recognize and avoid various hazards in the natural world. We will discuss signs and symptoms, shock, and what to do if you are affected. This program will be a PowerPoint lecture, accompanied by specimens. Thomas Lurz recently retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture where he worked on deadly and invasive insects. He is also an EMT instructor and has a vast knowledge of dangerous plants and animals, paleontology, minerals, and herptiles.

**FULL MOON HIKE**

Tuesday, July 16, 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM, Hoffman Park, ages 8 through adult, \$3 per person

Come explore the park during the night and see the moonlight reflecting off our pond! Under the light of a full moon, we will listen to summer insects and learn about the adaptations of nocturnal animals. We will also learn about the phases of the moon. Meet Senior Park Naturalist Laura Bush at the main parking area, 26 Baptist Church Road, Hampton 08827.

WINEBERRY JAM MAKING

Saturday, July 20, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Echo Hill playground, ages 8 through adult, \$10

Japanese Wineberry is an invasive plant in the raspberry family. Its berries are smaller and less sweet than raspberries (but still delicious) and they peak during the third week of July. We should eat as many berries as possible from this ubiquitous invasive—so why not make some jam? Each participant will go home with a small jar. We will spend the time picking berries, learning about edible wild plants, and processing the jam.



BIRDING TRIPS

Bird trips are led by Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist. Tom and his colleagues focus on helping all participants learn about the birds, and teach them about interesting characteristics of each species. They will also point out other natural history information about the locations. Please pack a lunch, as stops are not guaranteed. If you have your own binoculars or spotting scope, please bring them. Binoculars are also available for loan. Trips are designed for adults, but mature youths under 18 can contact Tom for approval. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Transport is by County Park vans. All trips leave from and return to the County Arboretum. Trips are recommended for any birder at all levels of ability, unless otherwise stated.

NORTH SHORE RUN

Sunday, February 10, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, \$30

Join us on a run along the North Shore of New Jersey looking for winter ducks and other species in and around the lakes, waterways, beaches and ocean in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. We will start in Ocean at the Manasquan River Inlet and work our way north at least as far as Lake Takanassee. The trip will have multiple stops so dress in layers and be prepared for climbing in and out of the van.

WATERFOWL & WOODCOCK

Sunday, March 10, 1:30 PM to 9:30 PM, \$30

March is a time when ducks migrate through Hunterdon and Warren Counties, stopping to rest at places like the Assiscong Marsh, Spruce Run, Round Valley, and Merrill Creek. We will look for ducks and other water birds, as well as check on the eagles at Merrill Creek. In the evening, we will hope to observe the interesting courtship display of woodcocks.

**SALEM COUNTY BAYSHORE EXPLORATION**

Saturday, April 27, 5:30 AM to 5:00 PM, \$30

Join us for a trek through the southwest corner of the state – Salem County. We will start our journey near Fort Mott and work east through Money Island to Stow Creek, the border with Cumberland, looking for shorebirds and other early migrants. Time permitting, we will then investigate the Johnson Sod Farm and/or Parvin State Park.

SUSSEX COUNTY BIRDS

Saturday, June 1, 5:00 AM to 2:00 PM, \$30

Most participants on Sussex trips of years past consider this destination one of the best. With potential birds like Scarlet Tanager, Cerulean Warblers, Great Crested Flycatcher, and Northern Ravens, it is easy to see why. Sussex County is just great for northern nesting birds. We will be visiting portions of Stokes State Forest and High Point State Park. Moderate walking required. PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY START, which will put us in the field at prime time for birding.

**BREEDING BIRDS OF HUNTERDON COUNTY**

Sunday, July 7, 6:00 AM to Noon, \$25

Hunterdon has a rich variety of nesting birds. Last year we went through the western edge of the county. Prior to this trip, we will scout some of the best spots in the County, such as Hoffman Park, Spruce Run Reservoir, and Voorhees State Park. However, the route of the trip may change up to the last moment depending on reports and findings. We will hope to see Bobolinks, a variety of warblers, and more. Two miles of hiking may be required.

CAPE MAY WEEKEND

5:00 AM Saturday to 4:00 PM Sunday, May 18-19, \$175 double occupancy/\$225 tentative single occupancy, Limit of 8 people on this trip, **must enroll by April 18**

Join us on an overnight excursion to the NJ Hotspot of Birding: Cape May. We will first head for Heislerville WMA and the border of Cape May County. We will then head into the county and focus on Belleplaine State Park before heading to other locations. We will stay overnight at a hotel. Sunday, we will head down to Cape May Island and start our day at Higbee and other birding hotspots. Then up along the Atlantic coastline with stops at Nummy Island and Stone Harbor until time demands that we head for home. Cost covers transportation and housing; food will need to be provided by the participant.

This will be a fast-paced trip, and while participants do not have to be expert birders, they should understand basic birding skills. Therefore, participants need to have been on two previous birding excursions. Limit one crushable bag for personal belongs (not counting scopes or binoculars.)

WOODCOCK WATCH, EAGLE NEST WATCH, & BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS: See FAMILY/ADULT NATURE PROGRAMS, Pages 17 & 18.

MORNING/AFTERNOON BIRD WALKS

Adults, free, **please pre-register**

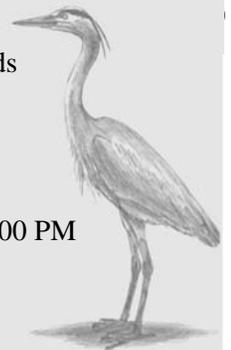
Take an early morning or evening stroll with the County Parks Division to look for spring migrants and local breeding birds of the county. We will use both eyes and ears to find birds, as well as to observe other signs of the spring season. This is a great chance to brush up on your song identification skills. Binoculars are available to borrow.

Thursday Morning Walks: 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

April 4: Assiscong Marsh
 April 11: Deer Path Park Soccer Lot
 April 18: County Arboretum
 April 25: Bernadette Morales/Uplands
 May 2: Echo Hill Park
 May 9: Sunnyside Picnic Area
 May 16: Deer Path Park Main Lot
 May 23: Hoffman Park

Tuesday Afternoon Walks: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

April 30: Deer Path Park Main Lot
 May 7: Echo Hill Park
 May 14: County Arboretum
 May 21: Hoffman Park



VOLUNTEERING**TREE PLANTING AT MELICK'S BRIDGE**

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Melick's Bridge (245 Hamden Road, Annandale), all ages (volunteers under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult), free!

If you are looking for a way to help improve the environment around your watershed, then look no further! Our local NJ Watershed Ambassador will be hosting a Tree Planting event on Saturday May 18 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Melick's Bridge Section of the South Branch Reservation. The event will consist of planting and putting protective covers on about 160 tree saplings right next to the Raritan River. Tools and gloves will be provided to all volunteers, but you may bring your own if you like. Light refreshments will also be served. This tree planting aims to stabilize the banks of the Raritan River, create new habitat for the local wildlife, and connect the community to their watershed. To register and to get more information please contact Daniel Correa at americorps@raritanheadwaters.org or at (908) 234-1852 ext. 323.

ANNUAL TRAILS DAY VOLUNTEER EVENT

Saturday, June 8, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Teetertown stone house, ages 12 through adults (minors must be accompanied by adult), free!

In celebration of the County's Annual Trails Day Event this year, the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation will be installing a new trail from Crystal Springs to Turkey Top Preserve. The trail corridor has been made possible with an easement established with Crossroads Camp & Retreat Center. There will be plenty of work for all as we will form multiple work groups to focus on different sections of the trail. While the trail will use field edges and an old logging road, about ¾ mile needs to be established. The focus of the project will consist of cutting back brush and vegetation and defining the tread-base for the trail. To aid in project tasks, volunteers are asked to bring their own loppers and clippers. A registration form or volunteer form is required to sign up for the event to help us track participants and aid in planning the event. (For interested groups, each member or family must fill out a separate volunteer form.) Thanks to generous donations, breakfast and lunch will be available. Meet at the stone house, 30 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray (the middle entrance).

PUBLIC LANDS DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, September 28, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Location TBA, ages 12 through adults, free!

SAVE THE DATE! Every day, human activity and natural disasters take their toll on our public lands, threatening the health and well-being of the wildlife and people who enjoy and depend on them. The parks division and volunteers like you help to restore these areas, make them more resilient to future erosion, and ensure that people and wildlife continue to enjoy them for years to come. More information in June.

COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CITs) for SUMMER NATURE PROGRAM

A volunteer opportunity for teens entering 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Counselors-in-Training (CITs) will be selected for each of our two Summer Nature Program sites (Echo Hill and Teetertown). Have fun outdoors while building your résumé. CITs are required to attend an evening training session on Thursday, May 30 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Echo Hill. Must be able to commit to a minimum of two weeks during the camp season. To apply: submit an Individual Volunteer Application with a letter of recommendation from a teacher or employer. Applications are available at the Arboretum or on our website www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Volunteer Opportunities").

**COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CITs) for RECREATION CAMPS**

This is a volunteer opportunity for teens entering 9th through 12th grades. Counselors-in-Training (CITs) will be selected for Performance Camp, Craft Camp, Art Camp, and Scienstational Camps. Teens will assist counselors in many aspects of running camp. This is a great opportunity for on-the-job experience and a boost for your résumé. There will be a mandatory CIT training on Wednesday, June 19, 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM at the Arboretum. To apply: submit an Individual Volunteer Application with an attached recommendation from a teacher or employer. Applications are available at the Arboretum or on our website www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Volunteer Opportunities"). Contact: Liz Fulmer, lfulmer@co.hunterdon.nj.us or (908) 782-1158.

**THANK YOU TO 2018 VOLUNTEERS**

The Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation wishes to extend a great big thank you to all of our 2018 volunteers! You helped the following programs run smoothly: Earth Day, Tree Planting, Trails Day, Summer Nature Program, Performance Camp, Craft Camp, Art Camp, Scienstational Camps, LEGO Camps, Public Lands Day, Basket/Craft Programs, Bluebird House Monitoring, Nature Club, Public Programs, Adopt-a-Trail, Concerts, 4-H Fair, scout projects, and site improvements. A mom and daughter team stained and painted the Stanton Station fence and kiosk, and children from Bethlehem Township schools painted the Union Furnace sign. We couldn't have done it without you! To find out how to volunteer with the Parks, please visit: <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/volunteeropps.htm>.

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT**TO APPLY:**

Send a cover letter and completed County Employment Application (<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/personnel/apply.html>) to: Hunterdon County Human Resources, P.O. Box 2900, Flemington, NJ 08822. For information call (908) 782-1158 or email: parcs@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

~ **Must be a New Jersey resident.**

~ **Mandatory drug testing and physical will be given.**

SEASONAL PARK NATURALIST (1)

This position will be based at the County Arboretum and will involve working with the summer camp programs at Teetertown or Echo Hill, and possibly other program sites. Varied 40-hour week (5-day) schedule, including some weekend/evening work. For a list of qualifications and responsibilities visit www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/personnel/jobs.htm. April 1 through September 27. Salary: \$13/hr; some overtime. Filing deadline: February 13.

SEASONAL RECREATIONAL ARTS INTERN (1)

College students/graduates with major studies in recreation/leisure, management, or related field preferred. Assist in the development and operation of an array of programs related to recreation, culture, and visual and performing arts. May 28 through August. \$12/hr, 40 hours per week (some evenings and/or weekends).

SEASONAL RECREATIONAL CANOE & CONCERTS LEADER (internship) (1)

College students/graduates with at least two years major studies in recreation/leisure, sports management, or related field preferred. Job includes canoeing (training provided), trail work, Canoe Camp, summer concerts, creating program ideas, and other camps as needed. June to August. \$12/hour, 40 hours per week (some evenings and/or weekends).

OFFICE INTERN (1)

Individual with computer knowledge, strong customer service skills at front desk and on the phone. Dependable with excellent organizational skills, and attention to detail. Must be able to navigate outside websites to post press information. High school degree or equivalent. June to August. \$12/hour, 35 hours per week (Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM).

SUMMER NATURE INTERN (1)

Assist the Chief Park Naturalist with conducting behind the scenes operations for the Summer Nature Program. Includes conducting shuttles for trips, observing camp operations as a site monitor, purchasing supplies, and substituting for a camp counselor during absences. May 28 to August 23. \$12 per hour, 40 hours per week (Monday to Friday, some overtime).

WEEKEND CANOE INSTRUCTORS

Primary responsibilities are leading river trips for adults and children on weekends. Canoeing experience on moving water is encouraged and valid driver's license required. Preference will be given to candidates with formal training or American Canoe Association certification. Dates: April to October. Salary: \$12/hour, hours as needed.

SUMMER NATURE PROGRAM POSITIONS

Do you enjoy the outdoors and like working with kids? Do you want to share your outdoor knowledge with others? Our Summer Nature Program (SNP) might be the perfect summer job for you. First Aid and CPR certification is required and training will be given during orientation. Filing deadline: April 1, but candidates are strongly encouraged to apply earlier. Contact: Tom Sheppard, tsheppard@co.hunterdon.nj.us or (908) 782-1158 for the following:

SUMMER NATURE PROGRAM LEADERS (9)

Monday through Friday work week. Some positions require canoeing and 4 overnight campouts. Successful applicants for leader positions must have some college courses in environmental science, biology, or similar; education majors will also be considered. Experience working with children required, preferably in an outdoor setting. Primary responsibilities include planning and leading children's nature programs. Dates: June 12 through August 16. Salary: \$12/hr.; some positions have overtime pay.

ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP LEADER (1)

Monday through Friday work week with some long days and overnights required. This dual-position involves hosting two sessions of Environmental Camp with campers in grades 9 and 10 and two sessions of Junior Explorers with campers in grades 5 and 6. Experience working with adolescents in an outdoor setting and proven skills in the areas of backpacking and camping. College coursework in environmental science, biology, or similar preferred. Leader will work under close supervision of the Chief Park Naturalist to plan and facilitate on-site activities, field trips, and overnights. Dates: June 12 through Aug. 16. Salary: \$12/hr. plus overtime pay.

SNP ASSISTANT LEADERS (6)

For ages 16 or older. Monday through Friday work week. Successful applicants will have experience working with children. Primary responsibilities include providing supervision during camp activities and assisting leaders as needed. Mandatory pre-season training session June 6 at Echo Hill, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Dates: June 24 through August 16. Salary: \$10/hr.

**SNP CANOE INSTRUCTORS (2)**

Primary responsibilities include planning and facilitating flat water paddling clinics and leading river day trips for campers in grades 5 through 8, and two overnights for the Environmental Camp (grades 9 and 10). Canoeing experience on moving water is encouraged and valid driver's license required. Preference will be given to candidates with formal training or American Canoe Association certification. Variable schedule includes some long days and two Fridays off. Weekend work opportunities may also be available. Dates: June to August 16. Salary: \$12/hr. Contact: Patrick Eckard, peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us or (908) 782-1158.

Pre-registration required & children must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise noted

GROUP NATURE & RECREATION PROGRAMS

Let us do a program for your group! Unless otherwise noted, cost is \$30 on-site, \$55 off-site, \$80 out-of-county (limited range).

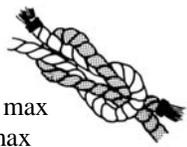
NATURE PROGRAMS

- SEASONAL NATURE WALK, *All ages*, 1 hr, \$20, 25 max
- ANIMAL CLUES, *Grade K+*, 1 hr, 25 max
- AMAZING ADAPTATIONS, *Grade K+*, 1-1.5 hrs, 25 max
- INCREDIBLE INSECTS, *Grade 1+*, 1-1.5 hrs, 25 max
- PLANT STUDY, *Grade 1+*, 1-1.5 hrs, 25 max
- BIRDING, *Grade 3+*, 1-1.5 hrs, 25 max
- POND/STREAM STUDY, *Grade 1+*, 1-1.5 hrs, 25 max
- PLANT STUDY, *Grade 1+*, 1-1.5 hrs, 25 max
- ANIMAL STRATEGIES, *All Ages*, 1 hr, 25 max
- REPTILES ALIVE, *All Ages*, 1 hr, 25 max
- ROCKS AND MINERALS, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr, 20 max
- INTRODUCTION TO BIRDING, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr, 25 max
- SKULL WORKSHOP, *Grade 2+*, 1 hr, 25 max
- SCAT & TRACKS WORKSHOP, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr, 25 max
- WINGS & FEATHERS WORKSHOP, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr, 25 max
- NESTS & EGGS, *Grade K+*, 1 hr, 25 max
- MAPLE SUGAR TO GO, *All ages*, 1 hr, 25 max, \$50 (off-site)
- PHYSICS IN NATURE, *Grade 3+*, 1-1.5 hrs, 25 max
- RECYCLING, *Grade 1+*, 1 hr, 25 max
- WATER ISSUES, *Grade 1+*, 1 hr, 25 max
- COMPOSTING FOR THE HOME, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr, 25 max



RECREATION PROGRAMS

- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, *Grade 3+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 10 max
- CPR CERTIFICATION, *Grade 7+*, 4 hrs, 4-6 participants
- FIRST AID CERTIFICATION, *Grade 7+*, 3 hrs, 4-6 participants
- ORIENTEERING, *Grade 4+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 15 max
- GEOCACHING 101, *Grade 4+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 15 max
- HIKING KNOWLEDGE, *Grade 2+*, 1.5 hrs, 15 max
- BACKPACKING KNOWLEDGE, *Grade 5+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 15 max
- CAMPING KNOWLEDGE, *Grade 4+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 15 max
- KNIFE SAFETY, *Grade 3+*, 1.5-2 hrs, \$30 + materials fee, 8 max
- CAMP TOOLS, *Grade 3+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 10 max
- KNOT TYING, *Grade 2+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 10 max
- FIRE BUILDING, *Grade 4+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 10 max
- OUTDOOR SURVIVAL, *Grade 4+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 15 max
- CANOE CLINIC, *Grade 5+*, 1.5-2 hrs, \$175, 16 max
- FISHING CLINIC, *Grade 1+*, 1.5-2 hrs, \$30 + \$2/person, 15 max
- BIKE SAFETY, *Grade 3+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 15 max
- INITIATIVES/ TEAM BUILDING, *Grade 4+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 15 max
- EARTH-INSPIRED CRAFTS, *Grade K+*, 1-2 hrs, \$30 + materials fee, 10 max
- CLAY WORKSHOPS, *Grade K+*, 1.5-2 hrs, \$30 + \$4/person materials, 10 max
- JEWELRY WORKSHOPS, *Grade 3+*, 1.5-2.5 hrs, \$30 + materials fee, 10 max
- WOODWORKING WORKSHOPS, *Grade 2+*, 2-2.5 hrs, \$30 + materials fee, 8-10 max
- SIMPLE BASKET, *Grade K+*, 2 hrs, \$30 + \$3/person materials, 10 max. Other basketry workshops also available.



NEW FOR 2019: Group requestable nature programs are now available in the summer as well as during the school year! Call us and ask for Laura to set up a program for your summer camp or recreation program!

For program descriptions, including specific craft options, see our Group Programs brochure on our website or pick one up at the Arboretum. Call us to register. We also tailor programs to scouts and homeschool groups.

LECTURES

- BATTY ABOUT BATS, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- BIRDS OF HUNTERDON, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- CO-EXISTING WITH COYOTES, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- HERPTILES OF HUNTERDON, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- MAMMALS OF HUNTERDON, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- MUSHROOMS & MOLDS, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- NJ BLACK BEAR, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- OWLS OF HUNTERDON, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- PLANETS OF THE INNER SOLAR SYSTEM, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- PLANETS OF THE OUTER SOLAR SYSTEM, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- RAPTORS OF HUNTERDON, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- TREES OF HUNTERDON, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- WATERFOWL OF HUNTERDON, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- WILDFLOWER FOLKLORE, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- WILDLIFE OF HUNTERDON, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- WOODPECKERS OF HUNTERDON, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
- ATTRACTING BIRDS TO YOUR YARD, *Adults*, 1 hr
- HUNTERDON PARKS & RECREATION *Adults*, 1 hr, free



TURTLE NAMING CONTEST:

The Parks have recently acquired a Red-eared Slider, a pet trade turtle. She needs a name that reflects her role in teaching the importance of research prior to pet purchases, as well as why we should not release pets into the wild. School classes and scout groups can submit name suggestions to Laura (lkroon@co.hunterdon.nj.us) by March 31 (one name per group). The winning group will get a free program before the end of the school year.



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VISITOR SERVICES STAFF



Laura Bush: lkroon@co.hunterdon.nj.us (back left)
 Liz Fulmer: lfulmer@co.hunterdon.nj.us (back middle)
 Debra Reed: dreed@co.hunterdon.nj.us (back right)
 Tom Sheppard: tsheppard@co.hunterdon.nj.us (front left)
 Patrick Eckard: peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us (front right)

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

- ARC OF HUNTERDON COUNTY** archhunterdon.org
- DELAWARE VALLEY DIVISION OF AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION** dvdaca.org
- HUNTERON COUNTY CANOE CLUB**
hunterdoncountycanoeclub.org
- HUNTERDON HIKING CLUB** hunterdonhikingclub.org
- NJ BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION** nwba.njbeekeepers.org
- TRAVIS MANION BATTALION, US SEA CADET CORPS OF HUNTERDON COUNTY** travismanionbattalion.org
- HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS SQUARE DANCE CLUB** hunterdonflutterwheels.njnsda.org. Check the website for scheduled square dance lessons!



THE COURSE YOU'LL CALL HOME

Heron Glen Golf Course is one of New Jersey's finest public golf facilities. The course offers 18 holes of championship golf, a practice facility, golf associations, leagues, lessons, clinics, and juniors camps for all skill levels.

We are happy to announce the opening of our New Clubhouse! The 6,600 square foot clubhouse is surrounded by stunning views and sunsets. It features a full-service restaurant, a double-sided fireplace, patio dining, and a private room for events. We excitedly invite you to "The Course You'll Call Home." Heron Glen is located at 110 Route 202, Ringoes, NJ. Contact the pro shop at (908) 806-6804 to book your tee time now or visit <https://www.heronglen.com>.

HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
 Location: 1020 Route 31, Lebanon (Clinton Township)
PHONE: (908) 782-1158

WEBSITE: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us ("Parks & Recreation")
 Like "Hunterdon County Parks" on Facebook

MISSION STATEMENT

The Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation is dedicated to preserving open space and natural resources, providing safe parks and facilities, and offering educational and recreational opportunities, all contributing to an enhanced quality of life for present and future generations.

ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

The Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation welcomes all individuals to participate and enjoy our parks, facilities, and recreational programs. Reasonable accommodations, individual adaptations, and support will be provided for persons of all abilities to encourage everyone to benefit equally from their choice of leisure activities. Please notify us if you need special accommodations either at the time of registration or at least two weeks prior to program attendance or facility use. Each request will be assessed individually.

RESERVABLE FACILITIES

ECHO HILL: Main Lodge, Multi-Purpose Room, & Group Camping Site

ARBORETUM: Two Gazebos & Meeting Room

DEER PATH PARK: Two Pavilions, Gazebo, & Softball Field

TEETERTOWN PRESERVE: Group & Public Camping Sites

COURT STREET PARK: Gazebo/Bandstand

SOUTH COUNTY PARK: Open & Enclosed Barns for Fairs

To reserve a facility, contact the park office.

For information and a map of each park, contact the office or download them from our website (see above).



PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Fill out the form on the last page of this brochure. OR visit our website for a registration form.

Mail your completed registration form with payment to:
 Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation
 P.O. Box 2900, Flemington, NJ 08822-2900

OR... Drop off your form and payment at the Arboretum, 1020 State Highway 31 North, Lebanon, NJ 08833. After hours, there is a door slot for your convenience (**exact cash or check only**).

CANCELLATION POLICIES:

If we cancel a program, you will be notified by phone and given the option of a credit or a full refund. Programs are designed for all types of weather and participants should dress appropriately. Cancellations by participants are subject to a 30% service charge. Cancellations must be in writing, and cancellations made less than one week prior to program will **NOT** receive a refund.

For more detailed program information, visit our website at: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Parks & Recreation").

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HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Office Location: 1020 State Route 31, Lebanon
Mailing Address: PO Box 2900, Flemington, New Jersey 08822-2900
Phone: (908) 782-1158 * Fax: (908) 806-4057



PARTICIPANT(S) _____ RECEIPT # _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (day) _____ (eve) _____ (cell) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ [] CHECK TO BE ADDED TO OUR EMAIL LIST

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE (day) _____ (eve/cell) _____
(other than parent or guardian)

PROGRAM: _____ DATE: _____ LOCATION _____ TIME: _____ FEE: _____
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TOTAL FEE \$ _____ Make check payable to "Hunterdon County Parks". Fees are used to offset the cost of the program.
Requests for refunds must be made in writing and are subject to a 30% service charge. Cancellations made less than one week prior to program will NOT receive a refund.

NOTES: _____

IF THE PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 PLEASE PROVIDE: NAME _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____
NAME _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (PLEASE PRINT): _____

IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:
I hereby waive and release all rights and claims for damages against the County of Hunterdon and its employees and agents for all injuries, which may be sustained, by the herein named minor or myself while participating in the program listed above. I understand the content of the program and the risks of personal injury therein. I also give my permission for employees of the County and the Hunterdon Medical Center (or closest medical facility to the activity site) to admit me or my child for EMERGENCY medical treatment that would become necessary as a result of a medical emergency during this program. I also give permission to the County to make noncommercial use of any activity photographs of my child or myself. Any information provided will be treated with confidentiality and will allow the County to better serve individuals attending programs.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT: It is the policy of the County to provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities upon advance notice of need. Persons requiring accommodations should make request at least 2 weeks prior to program attendance.

You may withhold this data, but you might not receive appropriate accommodations, without advance notice.
DOES PARTICIPANT TAKE ANY MEDICATION(S) Yes ___ No ___ If so, what? _____
DOES PARTICIPANT HAVE ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS OF WHICH THE STAFF SHOULD BE AWARE?
(Please Circle: Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Epilepsy, Diabetes, Asthma, Dietary Restrictions, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, etc.) Yes ___ No ___ Other _____
DOES PARTICIPANT REQUIRE ANY ACCOMMODATION FOR A DISABILITY? Yes ___ No ___
DOES PARTICIPANT HAVE ANY ALLERGIES? Yes ___ No ___ If so, please explain _____
DOES PARTICIPANT CARRY AN EpiPen? Yes ___ No ___
NOTES: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT(S) _____ DATE _____
(Parent/Guardian if under 18 yrs. of age)