



Monmouth County Park System



Environmental Education Programs for Groups

Group Leader Information

PAYMENT: Groups will be billed after the program has been completed. Please **do not bring payment on the day of the program** or send any payment before the program has taken place.

PICNIC FACILITIES: Outdoor tables are available at most park locations on a first come, first served basis. We ask that the area be left as clean or even cleaner than it was found. Unless otherwise noted, there are no indoor facilities available.

TRANSPORTATION: Buses must park in designated bus parking areas, when available, and should remain with the group the entire day. Depending on your program location, there may not be a safe shelter available if the weather turns inclement and your transportation must be available in case an early departure is required.

LATE FOR A PROGRAM: Please call the Huber Woods Environmental Center at 732-872-2670 so that your program leader can be informed of your estimated arrival time. Every effort will be made to accommodate your group. However, your program will be shortened and possibly forfeited.

PROGRAM CONFIRMATION:

- Your organization will be contacted the week before your scheduled date to confirm your program.
- The group leader will also be directly contacted by a Monmouth County Park System staff member a day or two prior to the program. During this important phone conversation, the group leader will be asked to review program specifics and discuss contingency plans in the case of inclement weather.

CANCELLATIONS: Please call our environmental education program information line at 732-872-7369 as soon as you know that you cannot attend your scheduled program date and we will try to arrange a new date for you.

DRESS:

- Participants must wear suitable clothing for the weather. Please ensure all participants come prepared for general temperature fluctuations and light rain.
- Sturdy closed toed shoes are required for all programs to ensure the participant's safety.
- If desired, participants should apply sunscreen and insect repellent prior to arriving at the park.

SUPERVISION:

- There is no fee for a limited number of supervising adults to attend our educational programs. Supervising adults are required to assist with programs. You must provide at least one supervising adult for every 25 participants, with a maximum of one (1) supervising adult per every eight (8) program participants. Special accommodations can be made for teacher's aides, school nurses, or other necessary staff by calling our environmental education program information line at 732-872-7369 in advance of your program date. Additional fees may apply for additional adults attending the program without prior approval.
- Please provide the following information to all supervising adults regarding their role on the trip:
 - Monmouth County Park System Staff are not present to discipline program participants. It is the group leader's responsibility to ensure discipline.
 - Program participants must be directly supervised at all times.
 - Supervising adults are present to assist and coach students, and must refrain from completing tasks assigned directly to program participants.
 - Cell phone use is prohibited.
 - Smoking is not permitted in program or picnic areas.
 - Use of video cameras is not permitted during program.
 - For safety and limiting disruption of program, please take only candid photographs of children participating in program, unless otherwise instructed by program staff.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: The Monmouth County Park System does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs or activities. We offer inclusive services, which provide another choice for individuals with special needs or disabilities who desire the opportunity to participate alongside peers with and without disabilities in an integrated setting. In order to enhance our capability of serving our participants in an inclusive setting, we request advance notification of any special accommodations. With advance notification, our professional staff has the skills and experience to provide support or accommodations provided that the essential eligibility requirements documented for the specific program are met (with or without an accommodation). It is our intent to provide a successful and enjoyable experience for all. Please call our environmental education program information line at 732-872-7369 in advance of your program date to inform us of any special accommodations that will be needed.

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Group Leader Information: Nature Story Hours

Length: 45 minutes - 1 hour

Offered: Year-round

Maximum of 30 per group

Park: Holmdel Park, Huber Woods

2010 - 2011 Program Fee: \$66 per group

Groups from Monmouth County: \$52.50

At your facility in Monmouth County:

One program \$84

Two consecutive programs \$115.50

Three consecutive programs \$147

During our Nature Story Hour programs, children learn about the natural world through stories, rhymes, games, songs and crafts.

Dinosaur Bones & Tales (Grades PreK-K) Long, long ago the earth was very different. Children learn about animals and plants which lived on the earth millions of years ago by listening to stories and viewing fossils and scale models. NJCCCS: 3.4, 5.5, 5.10

Funny Freckled Frogs (Grades PreK-K) Meet several live frogs as we learn about their amazing life cycle: how they go through metamorphosis, why they sing, where they go in winter and more. Children share the fun of helping to tell several frog stories and discover why ponds are so important to frogs and to the environment. NJCCCS: 1.2, 3.4, 5.5, 5.10

Owl Hoops (Grades PreK-K) Children learn about the distinctive calls, silent flight, and the amazing eyesight, hearing and hunting abilities of owls through a variety of puppets and mounted specimens. NJCCCS: 1.2, 2.5, 3.4, 5.5, 5.10

Silly Snake Stories (Grades PreK-K) Listen to a story about a teacher who brings a pet snake to school to help students with their lessons. Meeting a live snake enhances the children's understanding of these fascinating creatures. NJCCCS: 3.4, 5.5, 5.10

Big Fish, Little Fish (Grades PreK-K) Come hear a lively tale about a school of small fish living among the big fish. Through story, activities and a craft, children experience life in the big ocean. NJCCCS: 1.2, 2.5, 3.4, 5.5, 5.8, 5.10

Baby Raccoon's Big Adventure (Grades PreK-K) Join Little Raccoon as he learns how a simple smile can change a situation for the better. Discover all about raccoons and other forest animals through story, interactive play and crafts. NJCCCS: 1.2, 2.5, 3.4, 5.5, 5.8, 5.10

Turtle Tales (Grades PreK-K) Children are introduced to several different kinds of live turtles as they learn about these intriguing reptiles and participate in turtle stories. NJCCCS: 1.2, 3.4, 5.5, 5.10

Little Horseshoe Crab Visits the Bay (Grades 1-2) Horseshoe crabs have been in our waters since before dinosaurs walked the Earth. Hear a story about these magnificent creatures that live in New Jersey and learn how they help humans and other animals. NJCCCS: 2.5, 3.4, 5.5, 5.8, 5.10

- Please do not bring siblings. There is no room in the program areas for them.
- The following Nature Story Hour programs include a live animal presentation: Funny Freckled Frogs, Silly Snake Stories, Turtle Tales.
- Please allow for additional time after the program has been completed if your program is scheduled at a park location and your group plans to use our outdoor tables to have a snack or lunch at the park.
- This program is available to be offered at your facility December - March. Please call our environmental education program information line at 732-872-7369 for details. Please select a location within your facility that will offer minimal distraction to program participants. Large open rooms (or rooms with dividers) in which other activities are occurring should be avoided.
- This program can be adapted to suit the recreational nature of summer groups. Please call our environmental education program information line at 732-872-7369 for details.



DIRECTIONS TO PROGRAM LOCATION & SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION



Program: Nature Story Hours

Holmdel Park Activity Center: 82 Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Please note: Activity Center is ½ mile north of the main park entrance; it cannot be reached via the main park entrance.

- Outdoor tables available on a first come, first serve basis
- Designated bus parking available

Garden State Parkway to Exit 114. Southbound, turn right onto Red Hill Road; northbound, turn left onto Red Hill Road. Follow Red Hill Road to Everett Road, turn right (heading west). Follow Everett Road to Longstreet Road, turn left. Activity Center entrance will be on right.

State Highway 34 to Roberts Road (1.75 miles north of Rt. 520). Southbound, turn left; northbound, turn right. Follow Roberts Road to Longstreet Road, turn left. Activity Center is ½ mile north of the main park entrance on left.

State Highway 35 to Holmdel/Keyport Road. Northbound, turn left; southbound, turn right. Follow Holmdel/Keyport Road to Crawfords Corner Road, turn left. Continue to Longstreet Road, turn right. Activity Center entrance will be on right.

Huber Woods Park Environmental Center: 25 Brown's Dock Road, Locust (Middletown Township)

- Outdoor tables available on a first come, first serve basis
- Designated bus parking available

Garden State Parkway to Exit 109. Southbound, turn left onto Route 520. Take jughandle for Half Mile Road; northbound, go straight at exit. Follow Half Mile Road to end. Turn right at traffic light onto East Front Street. Follow East Front Street to Hubbard Avenue. Turn left onto Hubbard Avenue and follow (.6 mile) to Navesink River Road. Turn right onto Navesink River Road and continue 3.2 miles. Turn left onto Brown's Dock Road. Park entrance is at top of hill.

State Highway 35 to Navesink River Road (north of Cooper Avenue Bridge, Red Bank). Northbound, turn right. Southbound, use jughandle to make left turn. Travel east on Navesink River Road (2.8 miles) to Brown's Dock Road. Turn left onto Brown's Dock Road. The park entrance is at the top of the hill.

