



# 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 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 our environmental center at 732-751-9453 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 center at 732-751-9453 and speak with our program registration staff 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 center at 732-751-9453 and speaking with our program registration staff 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 center at 732-751-9453 and speak with our program registration staff in advance of your program date to inform us of any special accommodations that will be needed.

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### Group Leader Information: Pond Study

Grades: 3-8  
Length: 2 ½-3 hours  
Offered: May-October  
Minimum / Maximum Group Size: 12 / 50  
Park: Manasquan Reservoir  
2010 - 2011 Program Fee: \$7.75 per student  
Groups from Monmouth County: \$6.75 per student  
NJCCCS: 2.2, 2.6, 3.4, 4.4, 5.1, 5.5, 5.8, 5.10, 6.5, 6.6, 9.2

Hands-on activities with nets and microscopes allow participants to discover the tiny critters in and around the aquatic habitat of the Manasquan Reservoir. Participants explore a freshwater pond in search of plants and animals that live in the quiet waters of the Reservoir.

- Portions of this program will be conducted outdoors. All students and supervising adults should dress in layers appropriate to the weather and be prepared for light rain.
- This program includes a guided nature walk. All students and supervising adults are required to wear sturdy closed toed shoes.
- Students will enter one of our shallow fresh water ponds in hip waders that we provide. Students will use hand nets (also provided) to collect specimens and water samples for our lab activities. Please note: certain weather and environmental conditions may prohibit students from entering the water.
- Clothing and footwear may get muddy and wet, please instruct participants to dress accordingly. A change of clothing and footwear is suggested for after the program. Participants may also wish to bring a towel.
- All students and supervising adults should bring a non-perishable lunch and drinking water.





# DIRECTIONS TO PROGRAM LOCATION & SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION



## Program: Pond Study

### Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center: 331 Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

- Outdoor tables available on a first come, first serve basis

Garden State Parkway to Exit 98, Interstate 195 west. Proceed on I-195 west to Exit 28B, Route 9 north - Freehold. Stay in right lane when entering Route 9 north. At first traffic light, turn right onto Georgia Tavern Road. To reach Environmental Center, follow Georgia Tavern Road for 1 mile. Environmental Center entrance is on right.

Interstate 195 east to Exit 28B. Merge onto Route 9 north. Proceed as above.

State Highway 9 to Georgia Tavern Road. From Freehold and other points north, use jughandle to turn left onto Georgia Tavern Road. From Lakewood and other points south, turn right onto Georgia Tavern Road. Proceed as above.

