



# 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: Scout Adventures

Length: 1 hour  
Offered: Year-round  
Minimum / Maximum Troop Size: 7 / 25  
Park: Manasquan Reservoir  
2010 - 2011 Program Fee: \$5.25 per child  
Groups from Monmouth County: \$4.25

The Monmouth County Park System offers programs at the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center that were developed specifically to assist Girl Scout troops and Boy Scout dens in fulfilling badge requirements. Badge requirements that can be fully or partially completed are listed with each program. Most programs include forest exploration, building tour, hands-on lab, or a combination of the three. Many other Monmouth County Park System programs are available to be offered to Scout Groups. Please contact us for more information.

- We require two (2) supervising adults for every scout adventure program.
- Portions of this program will be conducted outdoors. All students and supervising adults should dress in layers appropriate to the weather, be prepared for light rain, and wear sturdy closed toed shoes.
- Please note that no uniform badges, pins, or beads will be provided by the Monmouth County Park System.
- Please do not bring siblings. There is no room in the program areas for them.
- 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.



## Daisy/Tiger Scouts

**Daisy Scout Adventure/Tiger Scout Adventure:** Introduce the youngest scouts to the natural world with a live animal presentation and a nature walk.

## Brownie Girl Scouts

**Eco-Explorer Badge:** Brownie Girl Scouts work toward earning their Eco-Explorer Badge through discussion and activities related to food chains, endangered species and habitats. Participants go on a nature walk and examine items collected from nature to learn the difference between living and non-living things. REQ: 1, 2, 4, 5

**Water Everywhere Badge:** In this program, scouts focus on the importance of water to humans and wildlife while examining aquatic insects, trying their hand at Gyotaku (fish-printing) and taking a guided nature walk. REQ: 3, 6, 5

## Wolf Cub Scouts

**Birds Badge:** Through both indoor and outdoor activities, scouts learn about bird migration and how to identify birds by observing physical features and behaviors. REQ: a, d, & bird discussion

## Junior Girl Scouts

**Earth Connections Badge:** During a guided nature walk, scouts learn about forest ecology by examining soil horizons, sampling temperatures, and identifying local plants and animals. We also discuss animal adaptations, ecological succession, and endangered and threatened species. REQ: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8

**Water Wonders Badge:** Scouts learn about watersheds, aquatic life and the water cycle through experiments and a pond study. REQ: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

## Bear Cub Scouts

**Sharing Your World with Wildlife Badge:** Come learn about birds and bird migration, wildlife conservation, extinction, threatened and endangered species with a guided nature walk and a tour of our exhibits. REQ: a, c, d, e

## Webelo Cub Scouts

**Naturalist Badge:** Scouts study different areas of the natural world as they observe birds and other wildlife, examine their behavior, and discuss the threats they face. Participants learn about wetlands, poisonous plants, venomous animals, and food chains. Most activities take place outside, but a period of time will be spent exploring the environmental center. REQ: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12

**Plants Badge:** Scouts learn about the biology of native plants and their value to humans and wildlife by making a leaf print, examining a tree ring and studying plants found on a nature walk. REQ: 2, 4

**Watching Wildlife Badge:** Join us for a nature walk where we can observe many different species of animals in their native habitat. Scouts learn about animal behavior by studying their movement and the types of homes they build. REQ: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

**Your Living World Badge:** This program focuses on recycling and resource conservation and includes laboratory experiments that examine the causes of pollution. REQ: 7a, 7b, 7c

**Rocks Rock Badge:** Scouts examine rock and fossil specimens, discover the geologic history of landforms, and learn about soils during a short outdoor sampling activity. REQ: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9

**Wildlife Badge:** Learn how to observe wildlife like a field biologist. Scouts learn how to identify and avoid poisonous plants and venomous animals. We also use microscopes to examine specimens in our lab room. REQ: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

**Water & Soil Conservation Badge:** This program focuses on soils, erosion, watersheds, and wetlands as scouts examine soil samples, perform lab experiments and go on a guided nature walk. REQ: a, b, d, e

**Forester Badge:** This program includes a guided nature walk focused on identification and uses of trees, shrubs, and plants. Scouts will also examine tree seeds, leaves, wood samples, and tree rings and discuss the impacts of forest fires. REQ: 2, 3, 4, 6, 9

**Geologist Badge:** Scouts identify rocks, discover the common uses of minerals, examine local fossils, and explore the geologic past of landforms in this hands-on program. REQ: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7



# DIRECTIONS TO PROGRAM LOCATION & SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION



Program: Scout Adventures

**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.

