



## Nature & Science Camps

The following is a list of upcoming nature & science camps that have undergone modifications. At the end of this document you will also find a listing of new camps planned to replace some camps that unfortunately had to be canceled.

### Be an Explorer

Grab your backpack complete with explorer gear for a fun day of discovery. We will use our map to get around, magnifying glass to get close, and bug nets to collect. Each day we will meet a live animal and discover all there is to know about it. Then we will venture out into that animal's habitat for exploration fun, games and crafts.

**Monday-Friday, July 20-24, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. #IKB03A**

**Monday-Friday, August 10-14, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. #IKC03A**

Modifications:

- There are no significant modifications to the activities or content.
- Activities will be held mostly outdoors with some components taking place indoors.
- Questions? Call Carmen at 732-872-2670 or email [carmen.peterson@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:carmen.peterson@co.monmouth.nj.us).

### Call of the Wild

Calling all junior naturalists! Answer the call of the wild with this week-long adventure, immersed in our wonderful world of nature. This camp will be jam packed with hikes, birdwatching, pollinator gardens, live animal shows, and more. Come learn about what makes our native wildlife special, and even build your very own birdhouse to take home!

**Monday-Friday, July 13-17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. #IK403A**

Modifications:

- There are no significant modifications to the activities or content.
- Activities will be held mostly outdoors with some components taking place indoors.
- Questions? Call Jason at 732-872-2670, ext. 225, or email [jason.goldman@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:jason.goldman@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## Camp Geo Adventures

The ground below your feet has never been this fascinating! Each day will bring us new earth shattering explorations. Hunt for fossils in ancient sea beds, scale a rock wall, hike along captivating terrain, and navigate your way across Turkey Swamp in a paddle boat or kayak. On our last day of camp, we will travel to the Sterling Hill Mining Museum where glowing rocks and cool underground tunnels await us. Please Note: Camp on Thursday will run from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM to allow for extra travel time to Sterling Hill.

### **Monday-Thursday, August 24-27, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. #IKH03A**

#### Modifications:

- There will be no travel component; parents must drop off and pick up at the specified locations each day and daily activities have been changed to the following:
  - Monday – Huber Woods Park, Middletown  
Activities at Huber Woods Park will include netting for pond creatures.
  - Tuesday – Big Brook Park, Marlboro  
There will be no zip-lining at Big Brook Park. Swimming in the pool has been added as an activity at Big Brook Park. If pools are required to stay closed during our time at camp, there will be no swimming or rock wall climbing while at Big Brook Park.
  - Wednesday – Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Long Branch
  - Thursday – Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold  
Due to the cancellation of the trip to Sterling Hill Mining Museum, Thursday's session will run at the regularly scheduled time of 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- The following trips will no longer be part of this camp: Poricy Park Fossil Beds and Sterling Hill Mining Museum, and Lighthouse Ice Cream.
- Daily hikes may be up to 5+ miles.
- Activities will be held mostly outdoors with some components taking place indoors.
- Camp may be canceled in the case of inclement weather.
- Questions? Call Carmen at 732-872-2670 or email [carmen.peterson@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:carmen.peterson@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## Coastal Adventures for Girls

Featuring a trip to the world famous Asbury Park boardwalk and arcade plus a nighttime campfire on the beach! Travel deep into the wonders of the Jersey Shore. Each day the girls will explore different parts of the coast. Activities include kayaking, stand-up paddling, coastal crafts, swimming, and a trip to Asbury Park to explore the boardwalk and nearby attractions including the arcade and swan boat rides. On Thursday, camp will be from 4:00-9:30 PM, as campers will have evening activities at the beach that will conclude with a campfire roasting marshmallows and making s'mores with family and friends. This will be a fun opportunity for girls to make new friends and discover more of what the Jersey Shore has to offer. Additional \$50.00 fee for activities at Asbury Park and for stand-up paddling if your camper wishes to participate.

**Monday-Friday, July 6-10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. #IK703A**

**Monday-Friday, August 3-7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. #IK803A**

Modifications:

- Activities scheduled to take place in Asbury Park have been cancelled.
- Daily activities have been changed to the following:
  - On Monday, campers will explore the beach and create a fun and unique item out of driftwood, shells, stones or sand. Afterwards, we will take a swim in the Atlantic Ocean and get homemade Italian ice or ice cream at a nearby shop.
  - On Tuesday, campers should be dropped off and picked up at the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell. We will go kayaking in the morning, and in the afternoon we will explore the aquatic life in a nearby pond.
  - On Wednesday, we will go on a beach walk to collect shells and stones to make some fun crafts to show off to friends and family. Afterwards, we will take a swim in the Atlantic Ocean and get homemade Italian ice or ice-cream at a nearby shop.
  - On Thursday, camp will begin at 4 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m. We will go seining in the ocean and explore the intertidal zone for small critters in the sand. Afterwards, we will have pizza and soda and then a campfire on the beach.
  - On Friday, campers will conduct a micro-plastic beach experiment and create a fun coastal craft including making unique items out of driftwood, shells, stones or sand. Afterwards, we will take a swim in the Atlantic Ocean and get homemade Italian ice or ice cream at a nearby shop.
- Questions? Call Joe at 732-264-7277 or email [joe.reynolds@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:joe.reynolds@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## Dino Days

Every day is Dino Day during this exciting camp full of prehistoric adventures. Your little paleontologist will get to play dinosaur themed games and "dig for fossils." We'll even explore the great outdoors and imagine what animals were roaming here during the days of the T-Rex and Stegosaurus.

**Monday-Friday, July 6-10, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. #I0303A**

**Monday-Friday, July 6-10, 1-4 p.m. #I0403A**

Modifications:

- Camp will be held outdoors and will therefore be canceled in cases of inclement weather.
- Questions? Call Susan at 732-751-9453 or email [susan.harasty@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:susan.harasty@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## Fish On!

Every boy and girl will be shouting this phrase before the week is out! We will fish from a private charter boat, from kayaks, and from the shore during five fun-filled days of fishing. Every camper is guaranteed to catch fish or come away with the tale of the “one that got away.” Fishing equipment, bait and tackle will be provided, or bring your own. As a bonus, you will receive a digital photo of your child with his/her fish via email!

**Monday-Friday, July 20-24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. #I1503A**

**Monday-Friday, August 24-28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. #I1403A**

Modifications:

- There will be no travel component; parents must drop off at the following locations each day:
  - Monday – Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell
  - Tuesday – Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold
  - Wednesday – Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth  
This “beach and bay” portion has been added to the camp to fill a day normally spent off park property. This will include fishing, seining, and crabbing.
  - Thursday – Atlantic Highlands Marina (Bingo Charter Boat)
  - Friday – Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell
- Life jackets, paddles, and fishing poles will be assigned to each camper to use for the week and will be disinfected daily.
- Each camper will get a tackle box to use for the week.
- Camp is weather dependent and will be canceled in the case of inclement weather.
- Questions? Call Blake at 732-751-9453, ext. 4, or email [blake.beyer@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:blake.beyer@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## Nature Kids

Calling all little nature lovers! This week is full of outdoor fun. We explore our natural world through discovery hikes, cooperative games, kid-friendly nature crafts and best of all meeting live animals.

**Monday-Friday, August 3-7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. #I0603A**

**Monday-Friday, August 3-7, 1-4 p.m. #I0703A**

Modifications:

- Camp will be held outdoors and will therefore be canceled in cases of inclement weather.
- Questions? Call Susan at 732-751-9453 or email [susan.harasty@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:susan.harasty@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## Nightfall Nature

Experience summer camp in a new light! Discover what goes on in the woods as the sun goes down and night falls. Hike, fish, kayak, play games and explore the mysteries of the night. Friday night we'll finish the week around the campfire while enjoying stories, s'mores and more. Grab your flashlight, you won't want to miss these evening adventures!

**Monday-Friday, August 17-21, 6-9 p.m. #I0903A**

Modifications:

- Parents may bring their own ingredients for s'mores.
- Camp will be held completely outdoors; therefore, camp may be canceled due to inclement weather.
- Questions? Call Paul at 732-751-9453, ext. 5, or email [paul.mandala@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:paul.mandala@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## Paleo Explorers

Find your inner paleontologist as we explore the ancient world of dinosaurs and beyond! Gear up and explore local streams for real fossil shark teeth, get creative with dinosaur arts & crafts, and even climb our rock wall back in time during this dino-mite safari. This camp also includes an afternoon pool time and a tour of the New Jersey State Museum, with a look at their working paleontology lab!

**Monday-Friday, July 27-31, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. #IK903A**

**Monday-Friday, August 10-14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. #IKA03A**

Modifications:

- Parents must drop-off and pick-up at the following locations:
  - Monday, Wednesday & Friday at Big Brook Park, Marlboro
  - Tuesday & Thursday at Shark River Park, Wall
- Day trip to the NJ State Museum has been canceled.
- Use of the challenge course at Big Brook Park has been canceled.
- If pools are required to stay closed during our time at camp, there will be no swimming while at Big Brook Park.
- Activities will be held mostly outdoors with some components taking place indoors.
- Questions? Call Jason at 732-872-2670, ext. 225, or email [jason.goldman@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:jason.goldman@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## Shore Explorers

Have a blast exploring the Jersey shore at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park! Swim, make crafts and play lots of games as you learn about ocean life. We will also take a field trip to explore Bayshore Waterfront Park and Jenkinson's Aquarium.

**Monday-Friday, August 10-14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. #I0803A**

Modifications:

- There will be no travel component; parents must drop off pick-up at Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth, on Thursday.
- The trip originally planned to Jenkinson's Aquarium has been canceled.
- Activities will be held mostly outdoors with some components taking place indoors.
- Camp may be canceled in cases of inclement weather.
- Questions? Call Paul at 732-751-9453, ext. 5, or email [paul.mandala@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:paul.mandala@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## [Take Your Best Shot! Photography and Archery Camp](#)

What happens when you combine photography, archery and water rockets? You get a rockin', shootin' camp that's a blast! We travel to Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge in Medford, NJ, taking photos of raptors up close, develop archery skills at the Thompson Park archery range and design our own water rockets and launch them in a watery spray! Participants should bring their own digital camera and come with a basic knowledge of how to operate it. Please Note: On Thursday, camp will run from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM for our trip to the Medford, NJ.

**Monday-Thursday, July 13-16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. #I0103A**

**Monday-Thursday, July 27-30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. #I0203A**

Modifications:

- The trip to the Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge has been canceled; therefore, Thursday's session will run at the regularly scheduled time of 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- On Wednesday, parents must drop-off and pick-up at Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell.
- Camp may be canceled due to inclement weather.
- Questions? Call Susan at 732-751-9453 or email [susan.harasty@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:susan.harasty@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## [The Wild World of Animals](#)

Set out on a week-long adventure to discover animals all around us. Become experts of the animal world as we play games, create crafts, and even meet some live insects, amphibians, and reptiles. Bring your sense of adventure as we explore what the wild world of animals has to offer!

**Monday-Friday, July 20-24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. #I0503A**

Modifications:

- Camp may be canceled due to inclement weather.
- Questions? Call Susan at 732-751-9453 or email [susan.harasty@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:susan.harasty@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## [Wilderness Survival](#)

The ability to survive in the wild has been the inspiration for many popular TV shows such as Dual Survival, Man vs Wild and of course Naked and Afraid. Join a Park System Naturalist for this three-day camp and learn many of the skills seen on these shows. From shelter building and navigation, to foraging for food and even start a fire without matches, you will leave with new skills and friendships to last a lifetime.

**Monday-Wednesday, August 3-5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. #I203A**

Modifications:

- There are no significant modifications to the activities or content.
- Questions? Call Blake at 732-751-9453, ext. 4, or email [blake.beyer@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:blake.beyer@co.monmouth.nj.us).

## New Nature & Science Camps

Due to the cancellation of some camps, the following new camps have been added for this summer.

### Call of the Wild – New Session Added!

*(entering grades 3-5)*

Calling all junior naturalists! Answer the call of the wild with this week-long adventure, immersed in our wonderful world of nature. This camp will be jam packed with hikes, birdwatching, pollinator gardens, live animal shows, and more. Come learn about what makes our native wildlife special, and even build your very own birdhouse to take home!

Five sessions \$205.00 Per Person

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### Eco-Wilderness Exploration

*(entering grades 6-8)*

Explore the Manasquan Reservoir by kayak, catch a glimpse of what lies beneath the surface while fishing at Turkey Swamp Park, and discover the past with fossil hunting at Big Brook Park. This three-day camp highlights the natural world around us right here in Monmouth County. Camp is weather dependent and will be canceled in the case of inclement weather.

Parents must drop-off and pick-up at the following locations:

Monday – Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Tuesday – Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold

Wednesday – Big Brook Park, Marlboro

Three sessions \$180.00 Per Person

**Mon-Wed, Jul 6-8 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.....I6803A**

**Mon-Wed, Aug 17-19 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.....I6903A**

### Kayaking Eco-Camp MINI

*(entering grades 7-9)*

Search for wildlife with a Park System Naturalist as we explore our local waterways in sit-on-top kayaks. Maneuver through the creeks, sloughs, and backwaters of our estuaries as we discover what lives in these unique ecosystems. Beginner and experienced kayakers alike will enjoy three great days of sun and fun. All equipment and instruction is provided. Camp may be cancelled in the case of inclement weather.

Parents must drop-off and pick-up at the following locations:

Tuesday – Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Wednesday – Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold

Thursday – Swimming River Park, Red Bank

Three sessions \$225.00 Per Person

**Tue-Thu, Jul 21-23 9:30 AM-2:30 PM.....IN203A**