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MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM TO HOST PRESCHOOL NATURALIST PROGRAM

HOWELL— Are your little ones brimming with curiosity about the world around them? If so, head over to the Monmouth County Park System's *Preschool Naturalist* program. Held from 10-11am on Sunday, February 6 at the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell, the class introduces youngsters age 3-5 (along with an adult) to native animals such as turtles, snakes and amphibians. Through puppets and games, children will learn about the animals' environments. Employing all their senses, youngsters will also sample a tasty treat made from a tree (either syrup or birch beer), smell sassafras and listen to calls and songs of various animals. Weather and time permitting, a short nature walk will be included. The cost is \$6 per child. Pre-registration is required. To register for this program, please visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call (732) 842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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