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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ENJOY THE SEASON IN THE PARKS

HOLMDEL— Make this season a merry one by heading out to the parks and enjoying several free activities the Monmouth County Park System has planned this December. They are as follows:

#### **Candy Making Demonstration**

**Saturday, December 4 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Jerry Smith will be visiting the out-kitchen and demonstrating the art of candy making. Using molds passed down from his family, Jerry will be creating tasty chocolate delicacies.

#### **SURPRISE! It's a Shark**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 4 & 5 from 10am-4:30pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**

Make a paper shark while discovering facts about extinct and living sharks.

#### **The Sounds of Christmas**

**Sunday, December 5 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Enjoy tranquil music as Larry Mosser and Mary Nagen play Christmas carols on the hammered dulcimer and fiddle.

#### **Sharks!**

**Sunday, December 5 at 3:30pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**

Join Andrew Jensen for a presentation on sharks.

#### **Dinos of New Jersey**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 11 & 12 from 10am-4:30pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**

Learn about New Jersey's dinosaurs.

#### **Christmas Sing-a-Long**

**Saturday, December 11 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Visit with Rick Garland as he plays the piano for an old-fashioned sing-a-long.

**Blacksmith Demonstration**

**Sunday, December 12 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Come see what the blacksmith is making in his workshop.

**Stars of the Winter Sky**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 18 & 19 from 10am-4:30pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**

Grab a winter sky chart and see which constellations you can find from your own backyard.

**Visit with Santa**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 18 & 19 from 12noon-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Enjoy an old-fashioned Victorian Christmas at Longstreet Farm! Get into the spirit of the holiday during a visit with Santa. Parents are welcome to bring a camera to capture the moment. Afterwards, tour the farmhouse and enjoy a cup of cider.

**Snowman**

**Sunday, December 26 from 11am-12noon**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**

Let's make a giant snowman. If there's no snow, let's make snowman crafts.

**"What Is It?" Exhibit**

**Running everyday through Friday, December 31 from 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold**

Join the Walnford staff in exploring tools used two centuries ago for industrial, agricultural, and domestic activities at Historic Walnford.

To learn more about these Park System activities, please visit [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com) or call the Park System at (732) 842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System is celebrating its golden anniversary of keeping the county green and livable, since the Board of Chosen Freeholders created the first county park in 1960. Today, the Park System has grown to over 30 sites totaling more than 15,000 acres and offers approximately 4,000 recreation programs and activities, making it the perfect place to come outside and play.

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PICTURED – See the blacksmith working in his shop on Sunday, December 12 from 1-3pm at Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel.