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**BECOME A BIRD MONITOR VOLUNTEER
WITH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM**



LONG BRANCH— Help the Monmouth County Park System protect the nests of endangered birds at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Long Branch! Volunteers (age 18 and up) are needed to monitor known nesting sites of least terns, piping plovers and oystercatchers. Todd Pover of the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey will teach a ***Beach Nesting Bird Monitor Training Workshop*** from 10am-12noon on Sunday, May 18 at the Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park Activity Center, Ocean Avenue, Long Branch.

Volunteers are needed through July to observe the activity of beach nesting birds and act as an “educational buffer” with park visitors to discourage actions which may have a negative impact on the birds and their chicks. Bird Monitors volunteer as their schedules permit, but are

especially needed during peak summer usage and special events such as Fourth of July. For more information or to register, please contact Melissa Kelly at 732-842-4000, ext. 4283, or email mkelly@monmouthcountyparks.com.

For more information about the Monmouth County Park System, 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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