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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### CELEBRATE THE SEASON IN THE PARKS



*Student/Instructor Show & Sale*

LINCROFT — 'Tis the season to be merry! The Monmouth County Park System is making that easy this December by offering fun, family-friendly, drop-in programs including *Open Ceramics; Edible History, Plum Pudding;* and *Visit with Santa*. Here is what is planned:

#### **Open Ceramics**

**Sunday, December 1 from 12:30-4:30pm**

**Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft**

Choose from a large selection of bisque fired pottery pieces to glaze and make your own. The cost is \$6 per hour plus price of bisque ware; cash or check only. Pieces will be fired in about a week.

### **Baby Story Time**

**Tuesday, December 3 from 10:45-11:30am**

**Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

Share the fun of nursery rhymes, songs and short stories with your little one age 11-18 months. The cost is \$5 per parent/child pair; cash or check only.

### **Drop-In Wednesdays at the Rec Center**

**Wednesday, December 4 & December 18 from 3:30-5pm**

**Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

Kids age 6-10 are invited to join our staff for games, crafts, science experiments and more. FREE!

### **Parent/Child Morning Chores at Longstreet Farm**

**Saturday, December 7 at 8am**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Rise and shine! Come help the staff with morning chores. You and your child (age 4 & up) can milk a cow, collect eggs, and feed the animals. The cost is \$15 per pair; \$5 per additional person; cash or check only.

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

**Saturday, December 7 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

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

### **Creative Arts Center Student/Instructor Show & Sale**

**Saturday, December 7 from 11am-5pm**

**Sunday, December 8 from 12noon-4pm**

**Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft**

Kick off your holiday shopping or find that perfect accent piece for your home during this show and sale featuring the original artwork of our students and instructors! Cash or check only please.

### **Meet Our Pine Snake**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 7 & 8 at 1pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

Meet a pine snake and learn about this threatened species. FREE!

### **The Sounds of Christmas**

**Sunday, December 8 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Enjoy Christmas carols played by Larry Moser and Mary Nagen on the hammered dulcimer and fiddle. FREE!

### **Blacksmith Demonstration**

**Sunday, December 8 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Come see what the blacksmith is making in his workshop. FREE!

### **“Fill the Stockings with Care”**

**Sunday, December 8 from 1-4pm**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Learn a bit of holiday history and make a paper stocking to hold a few historical sweets. FREE!

### **Open Shoot Archery**

**Saturday, December 14 from 10am-1pm**

**Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft**

If you are looking to try your hand at archery, join us for this open shoot. All equipment is provided. No outside equipment permitted. This is a non-instructional program open to ages 8 and up (under 18 with adult). Cost is \$7 per person; cash or check only.

### **Edible History, Plum Pudding**

**Sunday, December 15 from 1-4pm**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Sample a taste of the past while learning about this treat's rich history. Bring a few recipes home. FREE!

### **Roving Park System Naturalist**

**Monday, December 16 at 10am**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft**

Join our Roving Park System Naturalist for a walk and look for seasonal points of interest. Meet in the parking lot by Marlu Lake. FREE!

### **Visit with Santa**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 21 & 22 from 12noon-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Enjoy an old-fashioned Victorian Christmas. Children can visit with Santa and then enjoy a cup of cider. Be sure to bring your camera. FREE!

### **Winter Wonderland Walk**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 21 & 22 at 1pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

Join a Park System Naturalist and learn about the birds that call New Jersey home during the coldest months. FREE!

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 Park System 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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