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The Monmouth County 4-H and its animals will once again be part of the Monmouth County Fair. This year's Fair will be held July 25-29 at East Freehold Showgrounds, Kozloski Road, Freehold.

MIDDLETOWN — July is Parks and Recreation month! The Monmouth County Park System has filled the month with activities for county residents to enjoy. Here's what is planned for July:

Seining at the Bayshore

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays through August 24 from 11am-12noon
Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth**

Discover marine life while seining the bay. Meet on the beach near the fishing pier. Open to ages 5 and up, under 18 with adult. Weather permitting. Sorry, NO GROUPS.

Bird Songs

Sunday, July 1 at 11am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Learn songs of local birds during a short nature walk.

Roving Park System Naturalist

Sunday, July 1 at 4pm at Holmdel Park, Holmdel

Friday, July 13 at 8am at Wetz Park, Oakhurst

Saturday, July 21 at 9am at Clayton Park, Upper Freehold

Join our roving Park System Naturalist for a walk in the park and learn about seasonal points of interest. Feel free to join in the walk and ask questions.

Eco-Kayak Drop-In Tour on the Navesink River

Tuesday, July 3 from 9-10:30am

Tuesday, July 10 from 2-3:30pm

Thursday, July 12 from 3-4:30pm

Hartshorne Woods Park, Middletown

Join a Park System Naturalist for a leisurely paddle on the beautiful Navesink River. Meet at the Claypit Creek section of the park. Novice paddlers welcome. Single and tandem kayaks are available. All equipment is provided. Wear appropriate clothing that can get wet. Open to ages 12 and up, under 18 with adult. The cost is \$20 per person, cash or check only. First come, first served. Weather permitting.

Independence Day Celebration

Wednesday, July 4 from 12noon-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Independence Day was a festive time in the 1890s. Patriotism was celebrated with music, games and good picnic food. Join the farm staff as they celebrate the holiday with games and contests.

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness

Wednesday, July 4 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Celebrate the Fourth of July in a historical setting. Drop in at Walnford and put yourself in a 1776 frame of mind by donning a tricorne hat or lacy cap, using a quill pen or touring the buildings.

Drop In Zip Line

Saturday, July 7 at 9am

Thompson Park, Lincroft

With the protection of a climbing harness, helmet, and belay system you will make several traverses more than 30 feet in the air! Drop in registration will open at 9am and the line will close promptly at 11:30am. The cost is \$10, cash or check only.

Thompson Park Canoe Rental

Saturday & Sunday, July 7 & 8 from 9am-3pm

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Canoes will be available for a relaxing weekend paddle on Marlu Lake. All equipment provided. Fee is \$15 per boat for 1-3 people for 2 hours. Cash or check only.

Bald Eagles

Saturday & Sunday, July 7 & 8 at 2pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Celebrate our nation's birthday by learning about our resident bald eagles at the Reservoir.

Inline Skate Rentals

Sunday, July 8 from 8am-2pm

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Rent a pair of inline skates at the hut, located next to the Three Barns Parking Area. The cost is \$10 per pair for two hours. Protective gear available at no additional cost.

Open Shoot Archery

Sunday, July 8 from 12noon-3pm (ages 8 and up, under 18 with adult)

Tuesday, July 17 from 5-8pm (ages 8-12, with adult)

Thompson Park, Lincroft

If you are looking to try your hand at archery, join us for an open shoot at the Thompson Park Activity Barn. All equipment provided. This is a non-instructional program. The cost is \$5 per person, cash or check only.

Points of Light, Candle Lanterns

Sunday, July 8 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Make a simple pierced lantern based on the historic example on display in the *Illuminating Walnford, Lighting Before Electricity* exhibit.

The Horseless Carriage Comes to Walnford - Antique Autos on Display

Saturday, July 14 from 11am-4pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Enjoy a display of pre-1948 automobiles, weather permitting.

Summertime and the Living is Easy

Saturday & Sunday, July 14 & 15 at 11am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Discover how local animals stay cool during hot weather.

Threshing Demonstration

Saturday & Sunday, July 14 & 15 from 12noon-2pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

This weekend we will be threshing our wheat from the stalk on which it grows and from the chaff that covers it. See this labor-intensive way of harvesting and processing wheat.

Krafty Kids Drop In

**Wednesday, July 18 from 4-5:30pm at Thompson Park Visitor Center,
Lincroft**

**Thursday, July 19 from 4-5:30pm at Tatum Park Red Hill Activity Center,
Middletown**

Ages 4 & up, under 18 with adult, are invited to stop in and create a craft to take home. The cost is \$5 per person.

Above and Below, Behind the Barriers in the Mill

Saturday, July 21 from 10-11:30am

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

See the gristmill from top to bottom including areas not usually open to the public. Space is limited; call (609) 259-6275 to reserve your spot.

Iris Plant Care Drop-In

Saturday, July 21 from 1-1:30pm

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Learn tips to help you care for your irises.

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, July 22 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Hear tunes from yesteryear.

38th Annual Monmouth County Fair

Wednesday-Friday, July 25-27 from 5-11pm

Saturday, July 28 from 11am-11pm

Sunday, July 29 from 11am-6pm

East Freehold Showgrounds, Freehold

Enjoy the old-fashioned fun of this country fair including 4-H exhibits, amusement rides, entertainment, fireworks, home and garden competitions, an antique & classic auto show and other special attractions. Admission is \$7; ages 12 and under free. Some attractions require additional fees.

Insect Scavenger Search

Saturday & Sunday, July 28 & 29 at 11am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Join us as we search for our six-legged friends.

To learn more about these Park System activities, please visit 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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