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PARK SYSTEM SHOWERS RESIDENTS WITH FUN DURING APRIL

LINCROFT— Everyday is Earth Day in the Monmouth County Park System! This is especially true during April when the Park System honors the occasion with events throughout the month. Add these to the Park System's drop-in crafts, living history demonstrations and nature programs for a month of fun, family-friendly activities. The schedule is as follows:

What's a Watershed

Sunday, April 1 at 1pm & 3pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Discover exactly what a watershed is.

Open Ceramics

Sunday, April 1 from 12:30-4:30pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Drop in for an hour or two and choose from a large selection of bisque-fired pieces to glaze and make your own. Leave your piece to be fired and pick up in a week or so. The cost is \$6 per person per hour plus cost of bisque-ware. All ages welcome, children 12 and under with an adult.

Ceramics for Seniors

Thursdays, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 12:30-2:30pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Try something new! The cost is \$15 per person and includes studio time, glaze, firing and selected ceramic bisqueware. Staff will be on hand to help with tips and easy techniques.

Walk in the Woods

Saturday & Sunday, April 7 & 8 at 11am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Join us for a walk in the woods.

Habitat for the Birds

Saturday, April 7 from 1-4pm

Sunday, April 15 from 1-4pm

Holmdel Park Activity Center, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Ages 8 and up (under 18 with adult) are invited make a birdhouse to lure birds into their backyard. The cost is \$8 per kit. Scout and other groups with adult leaders welcome.

Climb Time

Tuesday, April 10 from 11am-3pm

Saturday, April 28 from 10am-2pm

Holmdel Park, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Try our 25 foot climbing wall for free! Climbers must be 42" or taller.

Rug Hooking & Braiding Demonstration

Saturday, April 14 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

See how rug hooking and braiding was traditionally done during this demonstration.

Celebrate Blue

Saturday & Sunday, April 14 & 15 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

Explore the variation of both historical and environmental blues found at this site.

Roving Park System Naturalist

Saturday, April 14 at 1:30pm

Dorbrook Recreation Area (by soccer fields), Route 537, Colts Neck

Saturday, April 21 at 1:30pm

**Hartshorne Woods Park, Portland Road (Rocky Point Parking Lot),
Highlands**

Thursday, April 26 at 4pm

Hominy Hill Golf Course, Matthews Road Parking Lot, Colts Neck

Learn about seasonal points of interest during a walk with a Park System Naturalist.

Story Time

Saturday, April 14 at 2pm

Sunday, April 15 at 11am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Join us for a reading of *The Lorax*.

Open Shoot Archery

Sunday, April 15 from 12noon-3:30pm

Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Try your hand at archery during this open shoot at the Activity Barn. All equipment provided. This is a non-instructional program open to ages 8 and up (under 18 with adult). The cost is \$5 per person, cash or check only.

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, April 15 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

See what the blacksmith is making in his workshop.

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, April 15 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Hear history come alive through music as Rich Marzec plays tunes from the turn-of-the-century.

New Trail Opens at Thompson Park

Saturday, April 21 at 11am

Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Help us celebrate the completion of two bridges on the park's scenic paved trail.

Earth Day Weekend

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 21 from 11am to 5pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Come celebrate Earth Day with crafts, boat taxis, exhibitors and themed nature walks around the park. In addition, Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge will be presenting three half-hour programs, with live animals, throughout the afternoon.

Celebrate the Shore

Sunday, April 22 at 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth Rd., Port

Monmouth

Discover cool coastal animals like whales, dolphins, crabs and even tiny plankton during this interactive show and tell program. Tours will also be given of the historic Seabrook-Wilson House, which dates back to the early 1700s.

Spring Plant Walks

Sunday, April 22 at 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm

Deep Cut Gardens, Red Hill Road, Middletown

The flowers are back in bloom. Discover the park's floral beauty, hidden places and native plants. Find out how to become an earth-friendly gardener and ways to compost.

Eco-Fashion Fun!

Sunday, April 22 from 11am-5pm

Holmdel Park Shelter Building, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Need to spruce up an old outfit? Join us while we help people look fabulous this spring by creating eco-friendly fashion jewelry and accessories from organic or recycled materials.

Snakes & Reptiles

Sunday, April 22 at 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm & 4:30pm

Huber Woods Environmental Center, Brown's Dock Road, Middletown

This family-oriented show gives you the chance to see live snakes and reptiles found in NJ. There will also be freshwater pond creatures on view and a chance to identify animal scat.

Boat Tours

Sunday, April 22 at 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Enjoy a tour of the Manasquan Reservoir where you will learn about its history, use as a water source and wildlife habitat.

Nature Walks

Sunday, April 22 at 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Returning birds, emergent buds and blooming wildflowers are just some of the sights we may enjoy while wandering with the Park System's Roving Naturalist. Binoculars provided.

Earth Day Environmental Clean-Up

Saturday, April 28 from 9am-12noon

Thompson Park Longbridge Annex, Longbridge Road, Holmdel

Let's celebrate Earth Day! It's the perfect time to show your support for the environment by helping us remove debris and other materials from an old refuse site located along the Swimming River Reservoir. Items may include bottles,

cans, old farm equipment, etc. This is a great project for groups. Please bring work gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Open to ages 14 & up.

Great Spring Perennial Plant Swap

Saturday, April 28 from 10am-2pm

Deep Cut Gardens, Red Hill Road, Middletown

Bring plants in one-quart, one-gallon or two-gallon containers and take home the same size and number of plants. Exchanging vegetable/herb seedlings are permitted, but no ornamental annuals.

Wool Days/Sheep Shearing

Saturday & Sunday, April 28 & 29 from 12noon-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

This annual demonstration allows visitors to appreciate the work of an old-fashioned sheep shearer. The Monmouth County Historical Association's Holmes Hendrickson House staff will demonstrate the way wool was used in Colonial America. Farm staff will provide wagon rides between the two living history sites.

Master Woodworkers

Saturday, April 28 from 12noon-4pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

Pull up a chair and watch these skilled woodworkers as they create chairs and stools using time-honored techniques.

Snakes of Monmouth County

Saturday, April 28 at 1pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Learn about snakes found in the county.

Fiddler on the Porch

Sunday, April 29 from 1-3pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

Enjoy the music of fiddler Pete Brady as you stroll the grounds and tour the buildings.

These programs do not require registration. Visitors can just show up and enjoy at their leisure. 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 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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PICTURED – *Snakes & Reptile Shows* will be offered on Sunday, April 22 at 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm & 4:30pm at the Huber Woods Environmental Center, Brown's Dock Road, Middletown, as part of the Park System's Earth Day Weekend.