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LET THE PARK SYTEM HELP FEBRUARY FLY BY



*Friday, February 28 is **Family Game Night** at the Fort Monmouth Recreation Center.*

LINCROFT — With its ability to feel much longer than its 28 days, February can seem endless. Thanks to the Monmouth County Park System, this year the month will fly by in a whirl of fun, family-friendly activities. Here's what is planned:

Fluorescent Minerals

Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2 at 1pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

View rocks that glow under UV light. FREE!

Open Ceramics

Sunday, February 2 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.

Winter Celebration of Summer Seining

Sunday, February 2 from 1-2pm

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

Join us as we re-discover all the fascinating creatures and critters that were found during our summer seining program. FREE!

Groundhog's Day, Fun and Facts

Sunday, February 2 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Learn about the facts and lore surrounding this holiday as you help cut wood with a two-man saw. FREE!

Roving Park System Naturalist

Monday, February 3 at 9am at Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck

Friday, February 21 at 9am at Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Manasquan

Join our Roving Park System Naturalist for a walk and learn about seasonal points of interest. FREE!

Focus on Fitness & Fun

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 3:30-5:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Students age 6-10 can have fun, get help with their homework, and hang out with friends. We begin in the gym with exercise and fitness activities to help children focus and retain information. Then we break to work on homework and art activities. The cost is \$15 per child; cash or check only.

Gym Jam

Wednesday, February 5 from 7-9pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Ages 12-16 are invited to drop in for open gym. Shoot some hoops, play a pick up game, or even floor hockey. Looking for something a bit more low key? Play bumper pool, air hockey, and more! Cost is \$5 per child; cash or check only.

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, February 8 from 10am-1pm

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

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

Bald Eagles of the Manasquan Reservoir

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9 at 12noon

Discover what's happening with the eagles. FREE!

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue...

Sunday, February 9 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Drop in and see a small display of beautiful 19th century Valentines. We invite you to make a token of affection using the materials provided for your sweetheart, inspired by historical examples. FREE!

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, February 9 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Winter Ducks on the Reservoir

Saturday & Sunday, February 22 & 23 at 11am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Find out which waterfowl can be spotted during the winter months. FREE!

Family Game Night

Friday, February 28 from 6-8:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Come with the family and play some games. Board games, table games, and gym games will be available for some good old family interaction. The cost is \$15 per family (2-4 people); \$5 additional person; cash or check only.

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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