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START 2014 IN THE PARKS

LINCROFT — Resolve to make 2014 the best year ever by getting out and enjoying all the Monmouth County Park System has to offer. It's never been easier thanks to the numerous drop-in activities the Park System has planned including *Roving Park System Naturalist*, *Open Ceramics*, and *Family Game Night*. Here's the schedule for January:

Opening Reception for Photography Exhibit at Deep Cut Gardens

Saturday, January 4 from 1-3pm

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Meet and speak with photographers for this exhibit themed *Off the Beaten Path at Deep Cut Gardens*. Light refreshments served. The exhibit is open from 10am-3pm, Monday-Saturday, January 6-31. FREE!

Feed the Turtles

Saturday & Sunday, January 4 & 5 at 1pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Help a Park System Naturalist feed the turtles. FREE!

Open Ceramics

Sunday, January 5 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.

Roving Park System Naturalist

Saturday, January 11 at 9am

Henry Hudson Trail – Meet at Popamora Point, Highlands

Friday, January 24 at 9am

Holmdel Park, Holmdel - Meet at Longstreet Farm parking lot

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

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, January 12 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Quilt Stories - Show & Tell

Sunday, January 12 from 2-3:30pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Bring up to three quilts to show and tell. FREE!

Focus on Fitness & Fun

Tuesdays, January 14, 21 & 28 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, January 15 from 7-9pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Ages 12-16 are invited to drop in for an open gym session. 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, January 18 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. Please dress for the weather, the Activity Barn is not heated.

Trash to Treasure

Thursday, January 23 from 1:30-3pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Create a work of art using recycled materials and craft supplies. The cost is \$5 per person; cash or check only.

Seashore Open House

Sunday, January 26 from 1-4pm

Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park Activity Center, Long Branch

Stop in during our open house for some seashore-related fun. FREE!

Family Game Night

Friday, January 31 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.

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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PICTURED – *Open Shoot Archery* will be held on Saturday, January 18 from 10am-1pm at the Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft.