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ENJOY AUTUMN IN THE PARKS



Open Shoot Archery is offered from 10am-1pm on Saturday, November 2 at Thompson Park, Lincroft.

LINCROFT — From a *Fall Craft Show* to *Raise the Rafters*, the Monmouth County Park System has planned a November to remember with fun, family-friendly, drop-in programs. Here's what's planned:

Woods Hollow Mountain Bike Race

Saturday, November 2

Tatum Park, Middletown

Join us for this exciting race that's ideal for kids (1 mile), beginner (7.8 miles) and sport (11.4 miles) mountain bikers. Race-day registration for the kids' race is \$15 and

accepted from 9-9:45am. Race-day registration will be accepted from 9:30-10:30am for the beginners' race and from 7:45-8:45am for the sport race at the cost of \$25.

Parent/Child Morning Chores at Longstreet Farm

Saturday, November 2 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.

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, November 2 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.

Drop-In Surprise StoryTime

Saturdays, November 2 & 16 from 11-11:45am

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

It's storytime! If the weather is nice, look for the clue at our Horticultural Center entrance that leads to the secret spot in the gardens. If it's rainy or cold, we'll be inside. FREE!

19th Century Woodworking Demonstration

Saturday, November 2 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See how handtools were used in the 19th century. FREE!

Raise the Rafters

Saturday, November 2 from 2-3pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Experience a bit of communal spirit as you help assemble a small timberframe structure. FREE!

Open Ceramics

Sunday, November 3 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.

Monday Night Open Teen Basketball

Mondays, November 4, 18 & 25 from 7-8:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Whether you're looking to practice your jump shot or play an informal game, stop by and enjoy the Recreation Center's courts. The cost is \$5 per person per night; cash or check only.

Focus on Fitness & Fun

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19 & 26 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 \$25 per child; cash or check only.

Drop-In Wednesdays at the Rec Center

Wednesdays, November 6 & 20 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!

Fall Craft Show

Saturday, November 9 from 9am-2pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Shop for the holidays or something special. Admission and parking are free.

Wood Turtles

Saturday & Sunday, November 9 & 10 at 1pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Meet a wood turtle and learn more about this threatened creature. FREE!

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, November 10 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Visit the blacksmith in his workshop. FREE!

Splatter!

Wednesday, November 13 from 10-11am

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Enjoy some messy art fun as we flick, fling and drip paint to create our masterpieces.

Open to ages 2-5 (with adult). The cost is \$15 per parent/child pair; cash or check only.

Roving Park System Naturalist

Wednesday, November 13 at 2pm

Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck

Friday, November 22 at 2pm

Tatum Park, Middletown

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

Trash to Treasure

Thursday, November 14 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.

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, November 17 from 1-3pm
Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel
Hear tunes from yesteryear. FREE!

Turkey Craft

Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24 at 11am
Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell
Make a fun turkey craft to take home for the holidays. FREE!

Punch Out Collages

Wednesday, November 27 from 3:30-5pm
Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls
Don't own a Cricut or Sizzix? Come have fun with our version of these wildly popular paper cutters and create a unique collage. The cost is \$5 per 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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