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The Park System's Climb Time program offered on Sunday, October 28 from 1-5pm will be held at Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck.

PRESS RELEASE

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DROP IN FOR SOME FUN AT A COUNTY PARK THIS OCTOBER

LINCROFT — From costume swaps to *Play Dates in the Park*, the Monmouth County Park System is the place for fall family fun this October. With an abundance of autumn activities, highlights of the month include *Walnford Day*, *Thompson Park Day* and *Open Ceramics*. The schedule is as follows:

Roving Park System Naturalist

Tuesday, October 2 at 9am

Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold

(meet in the main parking lot)

Sunday, October 14 at 3pm

Huber Woods Park, Middletown

(meet in Environmental Center parking lot)

Sunday, October 28 at 3pm

Charleston Springs Golf Course, Millstone

(meet in the Stone Bridge Trail parking area)

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

Naturalist. FREE!

Re-Spook, Re-Wear, Re-Scare

Sunday, October 7 from 1-5pm

Huber Woods Park, Middletown

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft

Drop off your gently used kid, adult and pet costumes from 10am-4pm October 1-

5 and from 9am-12noon on October 6 and receive a token for each one. Return

between 1-5pm on Sunday, October 7 and use your tokens for new-to-you

costumes. While there meet a local snake or turtle and make a recycled craft.

Questions, call (732) 542-1642 ext. 30. Dorbrook Recreation Area's Visitor

Center and Activity Center in Colts Neck are also drop-off points.

Walnford Day

Sunday, October 7 from 11am-5pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Explore history through a variety of family friendly, hands-on activities, demonstrations and exhibits.

Open Ceramics

Sunday, October 7 from 12:30-4:30pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft

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 about a week. The cost is \$6 per person per hour plus cost of bisqueware. All ages welcome, children 12 and under with an adult.

Play Dates in the Park – Jumbo Basketball

Saturday, October 13

From 9-11:30am at Shark River Park, Wall

From 1-3:30pm at Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold

Shoot some hoops using an oversized ball and 10-foot blow up basketball goal. Open to ages 5 and up, with adult. No experience needed.

Corn Harvest

Saturday & Sunday, October 13 & 14 from 12noon-2pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

A visit to the farm will give you an understanding of the processes involved in harvesting corn. Weather permitting.

Thompson Park Day

Sunday, October 14 from 11am-5pm

Thompson Park, Lincroft

This annual fall event features fun family activities that include wagon rides, pumpkin painting, a corn maze, kids races, food, live entertainment and so much more! Some activities require a fee.

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, October 14 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Come see what the blacksmith is making in his workshop!

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, October 14 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Nature Walk

Saturday & Sunday, October 20 & 21 at 11am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

See the changing colors of autumn during this short nature walk and collect a leaf to make a print to take home.

Wild & Crazy Animals of Sandy Hook Bay

Saturday, October 27 from 2-3pm

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

From crabs to fish and a few weird and wild sea creatures in between, meet some of the animals that live in Sandy Hook Bay as Park System Naturalists open up their tanks and aquariums.

Play Dates in the Park – Box Hockey

Sunday, October 28

From 9-11:30am at Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

From 1-3:30pm at Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Try this game where players defend three goals while trying to score in multiple opponents' goals. Open to ages 5 and up, with adult. No experience needed.

Climb Time

Sunday, October 28 from 1-5pm

~~Thompson Park, Lincroft~~

Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck

Join us for a FREE chance to try our 25 foot rock climbing wall.

Voices from the Past

Sunday, October 28 from 2-4pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Spend the afternoon reading letters written by past generations of the Waln family.

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 – Kids sack races will once again be part of the festivities of ***Thompson Park Day***, held on Sunday, October 14 from 11am-5pm at Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft.