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OCTOBER 18 IS THOMPSON PARK DAY!



LINCROFT— From start to finish, *Thompson Park Day* is fun for the whole family! A celebration of the season, the event is held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 18 at Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Free activities include canoeing on Marlu Lake (weather permitting), kids’ races, a corn maze, disc golf, mini-golf and entertainment. Other free offerings include the *Meet the Mustangs*, *Dash for Cash*, *Zany Zombies* and *Discover Walnford*. Activities requiring two tickets are pumpkin painting, wagon rides, inflatable rides, archery, *Dixie Turbo Tubs* and *Dixie Twister*. Activities requiring additional tickets are the *Bungee Trampoline* (3 tickets), *Grab & Go Ceramics* (3 tickets) and *Fired Up Ceramics* (10 tickets). Each ticket is \$1.

The Park System’s annual scarecrow contest will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entries are \$10 in advance or \$12 the day of event (pre-registration guarantees a frame). The Friends of the Parks will be holding their “Strut Your Mutt” doggie costume contest as well. Applications and details for both

the scarecrow and “Strut Your Mutt” contests are available online at www.monmouthcountyparks.com.

The day’s schedule is as follows:

Kids’ Races:

Diaper Derby:

(Crawlers) 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Tot Trot:

(Walkers to 17 mos.) 11:45 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m.

(18 to 23 mos.) 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

(2 to 3 yrs.) 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m.

Pee Wee Run:

(4 to 6 yrs.) 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

Sack Races:

(7 to 8 yrs.) 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

(9 to 10 yrs.) 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m.

Stage Entertainment (in the Theater Barn):

11:30 a.m.	Miss Melissa’s Aardvarks Band
1:30 p.m.	The Krazy Kevin Variety Show
4:15 p.m.	Random Acts of Circus – NJ Circus Center

Strolling Performers:

11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Shay, the Balloon Sculptor
12-4 p.m.	Zombie Witch Stiltwalker
1-5 p.m.	Hank’s Balloons

The event will also feature pie-eating contests. The children’s pie-eating contest is at 1 p.m. and the adults’ pie-eating contest begins at 1:15 p.m. These contests are free but registration is required and accepted in the kids' race area.

Admission and parking are free. For more information about *Thompson Park Day* or any other Park System event, visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call 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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