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**MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM'S COASTAL ACTIVITY CENTER
OFFERS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**



ASBURY PARK— Looking to keep your child active and happy after school? Then check out the Monmouth County Park System's ***After School Recreation Program*** at the Coastal Activity Center in Asbury Park. Created in 2003 to offer more recreation opportunities to children in the county's urban areas, the emphasis of the program is on having fun, being active, and staying healthy. As Recreation Supervisor Courtney Bison states, "All kids love to play and that's what we do best. We play games, make crafts, and plan activities like cooking classes and pet days." Children attending the after school program are also invited to enjoy special events such as a Halloween costume party, a spring-themed party, and an end-of-the-year cookout.

Open to county residents in kindergarten through fifth grade, the ***After School Recreation Program*** runs from 3-6 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. The program serves approximately 30

participants each session, allowing for high quality activities and staff supervision. Open enrollment continues as space permits. The cost is \$25 per person (payable twice a year). Those interested in participating should call 732-460-1167, ext. 21.

Located in space leased from the Salvation Army, the Coastal Activity Center and its ***After School Recreation Program*** is just one of the ways that the Monmouth County Park System strives to meet the needs of the county's urban population. The Park System also offers a Recreation Assistance Program which provides programs at a discounted rate and an Extreme Team summer camp for middle school students from urban communities.

For more information about the Coastal Activity Center or the Monmouth County Park System, 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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