

# ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER PUBLIC PROGRAMMING FEBRUARY 2018

## **BUILD A BIRD HOUSE**

**Saturday, February 17 11am to 12:30pm**

**For adults and children ages 10 and older who are accompanied by an adult.** Build a home that encourages breeding birds and other wildlife to take residence. Putting out your bird house now creates a good chance of having a nesting pair of songbirds in your garden by spring. Advance registration is required; call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$10 per child; \$12 per adult**

## **PRESIDENT FOR A DAY**

**Monday, February 19 1:30pm to 3pm**

**For children ages 6 to 10.** Presidents must be good leaders and good decision makers. Leadership and decision making skills will be strengthened through fun games and activities. Dress for the weather. Advance registration required; call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$8 per child**

## **FAMILY WALK & CAMPFIRE**

**Thursday, February 22 6pm to 7:30pm**

**All ages are welcome.** Join a naturalist for a short walk on the trails and experience forest life at night. After the walk, enjoy a campfire with organic fire-popped popcorn and mint tea. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required; call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$8 per child, \$10 per adult**

## **Essex County Beekeepers Society: 3-DAY SHORT COURSE ON BEEKEEPING**

**Saturdays, February 17 & 24; Field Day TBA 9am to 4pm For adults and children ages 12 and older.** This short course is appropriate for new beekeepers as well as those who need a refresher. Participants will be taken through a full year of beekeeping, including the purchasing and assembling of equipment, harvesting, extracting, bottling honey, and the basics of disease and mite management. Scholarships for this course may be available for full-time students ages 12-22. For more information or to register, visit [www.njbeekeepers.org](http://www.njbeekeepers.org) or contact Pat Gamsby at BJORNLASS@AOL.COM or 973-396-8996. E-mail is the best means of contacting Pat. Meet in Garibaldi Hall. Snow Date: March 3rd. **Fee: \$155 per person; includes NJBA membership in a chapter of your choice, class materials, continental breakfast, and afternoon snack.**

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **SPRING CAMP**

**Tuesday, April 3; Wednesday, April 4; Thursday, April 5 12:30pm to 4:30pm**

**For children in grades 1 through 5.** Restore the bond between children and nature. Children will have the opportunity to explore nature right here at the Essex County Environmental Center. For details, call the Center at 973.228.8776. Advance registration and payment are required.

### **EARTH DAY**

**Saturday, April 28 11am to 4pm**

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for our annual outdoor Earth festival. On this special day, celebrate nature with crafts, games, and recreational opportunities, such as canoeing and hiking. Enjoy demonstrations, information, a local eco-vendors' sale, with Environmental Center staff and partner groups on hand to guide you throughout the day. **FREE**

*The Essex County Environmental Center is located at 621-B Eagle Rock Avenue in Roseland in Essex County West Essex Park and is a facility of the Essex County Parks System. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Essex County West Essex Park is open to the public every day from dawn until dusk. Pre-registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. **All programs require a minimum number of participants to run.** For more information, please call 973-228-8776.*