

Essex County Environmental Center

SUMMER 2017

Public Programs



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.

CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

LITTLE EXPLORERS SUMMER NATURE STROLL

Fridays—July 14; August 11; September 1

2 & 3 year olds

10am to 11am

Fridays—July 21; August 18; September 8

4 & 5 year olds

10am to 11am

Join us for a summer stroll through our wooded wetland and let's see what we can discover. We'll take time to stop and explore the wonders of the season. Programs will be held rain or shine. Minimum number of participants required. Advance registration and payment are required; call 973.228.8776. Fee: \$9 per child/per class



BIRD CLUB

Thursdays—June 8, July 6

4pm to 5pm

For children ages 5 through 10. Come explore our wooded wetland and see what birds live here. Use binoculars, field guides, and a keen sense of observation to discover and identify all sorts of birds. Advance registration, payment and minimum number of participants are required; call 973.228.8776. Fee: \$8 per child per session



BUG CLUB

Tuesday—June 13

4pm to 5pm

For children ages 6 to 10. The Bug Club is devoted to children who want to explore the wonders of insects through field walks, games, stories and crafts. Advance registration, payment and minimum number of participants are required; call 973.228.8776. Fee: \$8 per child per session



4-H YOUNG GARDENERS CLUB

Tuesday—June 13

4pm to 5pm

Tuesdays—July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15, 22

10am to 11am

For children in grades 1 through 10. Have you ever wondered how vegetables and flowers grow? From where spaghetti sauce comes? How you can find a rainbow in a garden? The 4-H Young Gardener's Club can provide the answers to these questions and more. Learning and fun happen all the time here. Meet in Garibaldi Hall. Advance registration required; please call 973.353.1337.



4-H ENVIRONMENTAL KIDS CLUB

Tuesday—June 6

4pm to 5pm

For children in grades 2 through 9. The environment is filled with things, big and small, that are surprising and helpful. Come once a month to see how much fun it is to learn about the world. The club is ongoing and fosters a long-term relationship with caring adults and club member peers. Members are encouraged to get involved with 4-H county events including fairs and public speaking. Meet in Garibaldi Hall. Advance registration is required; call 973.353.1337.



PHOTO EXHIBIT

July Photo Exhibit

Bold, Brilliant Butterflies of Northern New Jersey
By Janet Markman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOODTURNING — The NJ Woodturners Association would like to diversify its membership and gain more participation from women and children. The Association has half a dozen very talented female members, but is encouraging women and children to come to the meetings and learn about the wonderful world of woodturning. The Woodturners meet on the fourth Monday of every month from 7pm to 9:30pm in Garibaldi Hall. Contact Gualberto Malave at 908-310-3557 for more information.

GARDENING — Do you have garden-related questions? Contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Essex County and a Master Gardener will gladly assist you on their FREE helpline service. Helpline hours are Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm. Call 973.228.2210 or e-mail mastergardener@essexcountynj.org.

4-H — We invite all youth in grades K-12 to enter projects in the County 4-H Fall 2017 Fair. The fair will be held in partnership with the Annual Autumn Family Festival at the Essex County Environment Center on Saturday, September 23rd. A detailed fair submission book can be found at essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h. Youth can submit projects in any of the fall divisions, including Indoor Gardening, Outdoor Gardening, Food and Nutrition, Fruits and Vegetables, and Miscellaneous. Projects will be judged, showcased and ribbons will be given to all submissions. Scouts, schools groups and homeschool groups are encouraged to submit projects! Special Note: This year we will also host an adult division for Fruits, Vegetables, Food, and Indoor Gardening!

To register or to inquire about Essex County Environmental Center programs, please call us at 973.228.8776. To register or for more information about programs sponsored by our partner agencies, please refer to the contact list below and reach out to the agency directly.

Thank you!

ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER PARTNER AGENCIES

New Jersey Audubon (NJAA) – Kelly Wenzel 908.396.6506

Essex County Beekeepers Society (ECBS) – Joe Lelinho 973.403.8662

West Essex Park Conservancy (WEPC) – Ron Pate 973.669.8030

Rutgers Master Gardeners of Essex County (MGEC) – Jan Zientek 973.228.3179

New Jersey Woodturners Association (NJWA) – Gualberto Malave 908.310.3557

Essex County 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H) – Marissa Blodnik 973.353.1337

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If you are not already on our e-mail list, and you would like to receive an electronic file of our brochure as well as other e-notices and alerts, please call the Center (973.228.8776) at your earliest convenience or e-mail gmongiello@parks.essexcountynj.org with an e-mail address. Thank you!



Our Environmental Center has become the premiere location for environmental education and nature appreciation. With the help of our partner groups, our dynamic schedule of events and activities will captivate all ages. Walk in our woods, discover habitats, get pointers on gardening, learn about nature photography and much more. It's all about nature and it's all at our Environmental Center.

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., *Essex County Executive*

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