

Essex County Environmental Center

WINTER 2016/2017

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 WINTER NATURE PROGRAM

For 2 year olds (Toddlers)

Wednesdays—December 7, 21; January 4, 18; February 1, 15

9:45am to 10:30am

For 3 year olds (Tots)

Fridays—December 9, 16; January 6, 13, 20; February 3, 10, 17

10:30am to 11:30am

For 4 and 5 year olds (Pre-K)

Thursdays—December 8, 15; January 5, 12, 19; February 2, 9, 16

1:30pm to 2:30pm

OR Fridays—December 9, 16; January 6, 13, 20; February 3, 10, 17

1:30pm to 2:30pm

This child-caregiver class uses stories, walks and crafts to develop an awareness and appreciation for science and nature for the child as well as the caregiver. Each week, a different nature or science topic is covered. In-person registration will take place on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Center on Tuesday, November 22nd at 9am. Advance registration and payment are required; call 973.228.8776.

Fee: \$9 per child/session



BUG CLUB

Tuesdays—December 13, January 10, February 14

4pm to 5pm

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



BIRD CLUB

Thursdays—December 8, January 12, February 9

4pm to 5pm

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



4-H ENVIRONMENTAL KIDS CLUB

Tuesdays—December 6, January 17, February 21

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. Meet in Garibaldi Hall. Advance registration is required; call 973.353.1337.



PHOTO EXHIBIT

FROM BANFF TO JASPER: ALBERTA CANADA

Photography By: Fred Dammont

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.

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 (NJA) – 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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