



Hunterdon County
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**JANUARY PROGRAMS WITH PARK NATURALIST DEBRA REED
OF THE HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS &
RECREATION**

BEARS IN THE BACKYARD

Date: Monday, January 7

Ages: 10 through adult

Cost: \$3

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Echo Hill Lodge

Have you seen bears in your area? Are you concerned? New Jersey has more bears and people per square mile than any other state. Come learn more about these majestic mammals and find out how we can co-exist with bears in our backyards.

WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT AND CAMPFIRE

Date: Sunday, January 20

Ages: All

Cost: \$5

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Location: Echo Hill Playground

Explore the season! Head to the park and start collecting winter wonders with naturalist Debra Reed. A scavenger hunt in nature is a great way to get kids outdoors in winter and more in tune with their natural surroundings. You will head out on a winter-themed scavenger hunt; searching for seeds, tracks, leaves, twigs, birds, pinecones and berries, followed by some hot chocolate by the fire.

WINTER NATURE CLUBS FOR KIDS AGES 3 – 3RD GRADE

Learn, create, play games, and explore! Our popular nature clubs will introduce your child to many exciting nature topics. Naturalist Debra Reed will guide the children during hikes as they discover the beautiful field, forest, and pond habitats at Echo Hill. Other fun hands-on activities include science experiments, games, and craft projects. The children will be able to observe the surprising changes in nature from week to week as we progress through the season. Through our explorations, children will also improve their attention to detail as we observe the colors, shapes, textures, and sounds of the natural world.

This year we are offering Sessions A and B for ages 3 to 5 and Session C for kindergarten through third graders. This is a drop-off program and children must be self-sufficient in the bathroom.

Dates: Eight Tuesdays, September 11 to October 30

Location: Echo Hill

Cost: \$90 for all 8 lessons

Session A

Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Ages: 3 to 5 years

Session B

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Ages: 3 to 5 years

Session C

Time: 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Ages: kindergarten through 3rd graders

Registration is required download a form from our website
www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/ProgramRegistrationForms.html

For more info call the Parks at (908) 782-1158.