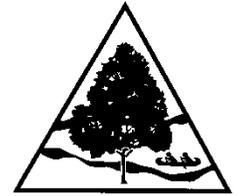




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HUNTERDON COUNTY PARKS – SUMMER NATURE PROGRAM

Dear Parents:

If you are still making plans for your child's summer, the Park's Summer Nature Program (SNP) may be what you are looking for. SNP is more than just a summer camp. It will expose and teach your child about our surrounding environment while still offering summer fun. The program is offered simultaneously at Echo Hill Park and Teetertown Preserve. While space may be limited for certain weeks and locations, there are still plenty of opportunities available for your child to be involved in these exciting and educational programs.



For youth entering freshman or sophomore year of High School, we still have space in our Environmental Camp at Teetertown Preserve. This program is an intensive 2 week session that serves to expose your child to ecological stewardship in different corners of the state. Two overnights and a field trip will take your child to the Delaware Water Gap, NJ Pinelands and the Jersey Coast at Sandy Hook. The dates of this program are June 25-July 6 and the cost is \$355.

On the other end of the age range is our Nature Bug program for children that are just entering Kindergarten. Through interactive games, crafts, and hikes, this half day program will foster your child's interest in our natural environment in a fun and engaging way. Opportunities for the program are still available for the weeks of July 23 and August 6 at Teetertown, and the cost for this program is \$105.

For the ages/grades in between Kindergarten and High School, opportunities exist at both locations. Call our office for available openings at 908-782-1158.

Nature Discovery is for children entering 1st and 2nd grade. They will explore all corners of our park, from searching for wildlife to toasting s'mores on the last day of the program. Cost is \$170, \$150 for the B session.

Pioneers focus on our youth entering 3rd and 4th grade, and engages them in learning about the processes of our habitats, adaptations of plants and wildlife, and other natural concepts. They will team up with Nature Discovery at the end of the program for s'mores. Cost is \$170, \$150 for the B session.

Junior Explorers is a two week program for those entering 5th and 6th grade. Our counselors will increase their knowledge of the natural environment around them as well as introduce them to the fundamentals of camping and canoeing. The program includes an all-day canoe trip, a second field trip and concludes with a campout. Session A is \$305 and other sessions are all \$325.

A similar program exists for those entering 7th and 8th grade called Senior Explorers. Currently, the program is sold out, but call the office if interested to add your name to the waitlist.

A traditional day in camp starts with drop off at 9AM and concludes at 3:30PM for pickup. Our Counselors and their assistants will take custody of your child and begin their day's activities. A County Park Naturalist is on site at all times to oversee all activities and address any issues that may develop. All staff is certified in First Aid and CPR. If you have further questions or concerns you may reach me at the Hunterdon County Park's office at 908-782-1158, or through my email at Tsheppard@co.hunterdon.nj.us. To register for a program, you may stop by our office or access the necessary forms online at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/dept/parks/camps.html.

Please remember to follow and print the forms from the link for important notices and permission slips.

If the Summer Nature Program is not the right fit for your child, we also have Art camps, Performing Arts camps, Canoe/Kayak camp, Orchestra camp and a few other opportunities. Check out our website more details on these exciting programs.

Tom Sheppard
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