

Fall 2014

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



A NEW JERSEY MEADOWLANDS COMMISSION FACILITY

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September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Back to Football Nature Walk 10-12 PM	8	9 Seining Adventure 6-7:30 PM	10	11	12	13
14 Black Bears Program 2-3:30 PM	15	16 Third Tuesday of the Month Nature Walk	17 Bald Eagle Book Launch 8-9:30 PM	18	19 Batstock 6-9 PM	20
21	22	23	24 Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown	4
5 First Sunday of the Month Nature Walk	6	7 Autumn Watercolors Session 1 2:30-5:30 PM	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14 Autumn Watercolors Session 2 2:30-5:30 PM	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Third Tuesday of the Month Nature Walk Autumn Watercolors Session 3 2:30-5:30 PM	22	23 Halloween in the Meadowlands 5:30-8:30 PM	24	25
26	27	28 Autumn Watercolors Session 4 2:30-5:30 PM	29	30	31	

- = Programs
- = Nature Walks
- = Holiday

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Beauty of Gray - Charcoal Still Life - 10-2 PM
2 First Sunday of the Month Nature Walk	3	4 Election Day	5	6 Art of the Heavens 2-3 PM	7	8
9 Birds of Prey 2-3 PM	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Third Tuesday of the Month Nature Walk	19	20	21	22 All About Turkeys 1-2 PM
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
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December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 First Sunday of the Month Nature Walk	8	9	10	11	12	13 Watercolor Pencils for Kids 10-12 PM or] 1-3 PM
14 Meet a Rescue Dog! NJ Search and Rescue 2-3:30 PM	15	16 Third Tuesday of the Month Nature Walk Hanukkah begins at sundown	17	18 Winter Solstice Celebration 7-9 PM	19	20
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ONGOING



Free Guided Nature Walks

First Sunday and Third Tuesday of Each Month

The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) and Bergen County Audubon Society (BCAS) sponsor free, two-hour nature walks on the first Sunday and third Tuesday of every month. Bring binoculars, bug spray and a sense of wonder. Check meadowblog.net for time, location and other details. **Registration is recommended, not required.**



Pontoon Boat Tours

Sept. 3, 4, 9, 12, 17, 23 and 25 departing at 5 pm

Sept. 13, departing at 8:30 a.m.

Experience the Hackensack River and the Meadowlands' spectacular scenic beauty and wildlife up-close on an NJMC guided Pontoon Boat Cruise! Experienced NJMC staff discuss the region's human and environmental history and point out birds and other wildlife along the way. For more information and to register, call 201-460-4677. **\$15/person. For Ages 10 and up. Pre-registration required.**

SEPTEMBER



Back to Football Nature Walk with the NJMC and BCAS

Sunday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to noon — All ages

Kick off the NFL season by joining us on this two-hour guided nature walk in DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst. We'll walk around parts of the park, looking for shorebirds, raptors and other birds, and we're offering prizes to the first people who see any bird species with the same name as a pro-football team: Cardinal, Raven, Falcon, Eagle, Seahawk (osprey), Giant (great) egret and Giant (great) blue heron. All seven team bird species can be seen in the park. The walk is run by the N.J. Meadowlands Commission and the Bergen County Audubon Society. Check meadowblog.net for last-minute weather updates. You will have to sign a standard liability release that is good for NJMC/BCAS events throughout the year. To rsvp, contact Don Torino of the BCAS at greatauk4@aol.com or 201-230-4983. **Free.**

Seining Adventure

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6 to 7:30 p.m. — All ages

Join Meadowlands Environment Center educators on a dip netting and seining adventure at low tide to gather shrimp, fish and other marsh critters. Dress for mess: There will be mud! **\$5/person; \$4/MEC members.**



“Get to Know N.J. Black Bears”

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2 to 3:30 p.m. — All ages

Become bear smart at this event presented by the Manalapan-based Bear Education and Resource Program (B.E.A.R.). The program will include information about the true nature of black bears, who are timid creatures and generally afraid of humans. The B.E.A.R. Program’s mission is to educate residents about black bears, reduce unwarranted fears and promote tolerance of bear neighbors. Participants will learn easy ways to lessen the chances of having bears frequent residential neighborhoods. **Note: Live bears will not be part of the program. \$5/person; \$4/MEC members.**

“Bald Eagles in the Meadowlands & Beyond”

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 8 to 9:30 p.m. — All ages

To help celebrate the launch of the free eBook, “Bald Eagles in the Meadowlands & Beyond,” the Bergen County Audubon Society and the NJMC will present a book talk and reception. The crowd-sourced eBook, sponsored by the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission and the Conserve Wildlife



Foundation, features amazing images by 19 nature photographers, as well as chapters on the Bald Eagle’s amazing recovery in the region, the state and nationwide. Local Bald Eagles Alice and Al are featured in the eBook and in the presentation by the NJMC’s Jim Wright and CWF’s David Wheeler. Light refreshments will follow. To RSVP, contact Don Torino of the BCAS at greatauk4@aol.com or call 201-230-4983. **Free.**



Batstock

Friday, Sept. 19, 6 to 9 p.m., All ages

Join New Jersey’s “Bat-Man,” Joe D’Angeli, for a live bat exhibit and bat movie night, plus a special appearance by the Batmobile! Attendees can learn how these misunderstood creatures benefit the environment. Portions of the proceeds go to bat conservation and rehabilitation groups nationwide. **Suggested donation \$5. Registration recommended; all 201-257-2231.**

OCTOBER



Autumn Watercolor Series:

Autumn Explorations

Tuesdays Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Teens and adults

Designed for teenage and adult beginners or those new to transparent media, this four-week course will introduce you to the unique qualities of watercolor paint and how to capture the movement and color of the season. The first session will focus on the materials and the basics of color preparation, brushwork and letting the water do the work. Sessions 2 and 3 will examine seasonal landscapes and still life, respectively. Week 4 is a wildcard – bring the natural subject or landscape reference of your choice and paint away in a supportive environment. Some drawing experience is recommended. Basic supplies will be provided to borrow for the sessions, or bring your own.

\$60 per person; \$40 MEC members (covers all four sessions).

Halloween in the Meadowlands

Thursday, Oct. 23

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All ages

Join staff from the Meadowlands Environment Center and the NJMC in DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst for some Halloween fun on this very popular evening! Hayrides, a storyteller, and a “Spooky Walk” will put you in the “Jack-O-Lantern” mood. Pre-registration required. Register early – this event sells out fast.

\$8/person;

\$6/MEC members.



NOVEMBER



The Beauty of Gray: Charcoal Still Life with Shells and Skulls

Saturday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ages 12 and up (including adults)

Sketching and drawing are the foundations of most visual media. This class will begin to unlock the secrets of realistic illustration. Exercises will focus on “seeing” natural objects such as shells and animal skulls for their visual components (shape, proportions and values) and use pencil techniques to translate what you see to paper. Take-home supplies provided.

\$20/person; \$15/MEC members.

Art of the Heavens

Thursday, Nov. 6, 2 to 3 p.m.

All ages

Astronomy has served as a subject matter for many artists throughout history. Learn how early humans created art from inspiration from the cosmos. We will follow some of the most important artists throughout history and see how their work reflected an interest in the heavens.

\$5/person; \$4/MEC members.



NOVEMBER *(continued)*



Birds of Prey

Sunday, Nov. 9

2 to 3 p.m. — All ages

Meet live raptors from the Flat Rock Brook Nature Center and learn about these feathered ambassadors' behavior, physiology, adaptations and natural history.

\$5/person; \$4/MEC members.

All about Turkeys ***Saturday, Nov. 22,*** ***1 to 2 p.m. — All ages***

Join us and learn about the star of Thursday's dinner! We will serve up some turkey facts and history, a scavenger hunt for kids (with prizes) and a great cranberry sauce demonstration and take home recipe.

\$5/person; \$4/MEC members.



DECEMBER



Watercolor Pencils for Kids: ***Getting Ready for Winter***

Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 to 12 p.m. or 1 to 3 p.m.

Children ages 5 to 12 accompanied by an adult

Let your kids capture the colors of the season with watercolor pencils. We'll share how to create a fun drawing and then paint with "no mess" color! Young artists can experiment with other painting tools as well. All art supplies to borrow for the session are provided.

This program sells out fast. Pre-registration required.
\$10 per child (no fee for adults).

K-9 – New Jersey Search and Rescue ***Sunday, December 14,*** ***2–3:30 p.m. — All ages***

MEET A RESCUE DOG! Mahwah-based New Jersey Search and Rescue is officially recognized as a non-profit state and county emergency management resource organization. The group's canines are real life-savers – night or day, in all kinds of weather. Learn how the dogs work, as well as how you can stay safe in the wilderness and learn what to do if you get lost.

\$5/person; \$4/MEC members.



Winter Solstice Celebration

Thursday, Dec. 18, 7 to 9 p.m. — All ages

Prepare to welcome the first day of Winter and the return of the sun. Learn about the shortest day of the year, make a solstice craft, and enjoy solstice themed food and drink! Adults must accompany children.

\$5/person; MEC members \$4.



There are 3 ways to register for our Programs:



- Use our convenient on-line registration system. Log on to our website at njmeadowlands.gov/ec and click on program registration.
 - Fill out this registration form and mail or bring it along with payment to the address below.
- No phone registrations please!** Please make payment by cash or check. Make checks payable to: **Meadowlands Environment Center.**

Mail or bring pre-registration to:
Meadowlands Environment Center
 P.O. Box 640 - Two DeKorte Park Plaza
 Lyndhurst, NJ - 07071

Group size is limited for all events. Advanced registration ensures a place and enables us to add programs if necessary. For more information or questions about programs, call (201) 460-8300.

Program Choices:

Please specify date when registering. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

PROGRAM TITLE & DATE	# OF ADULTS	# OF CHILDREN	AGES OF CHILDREN	PROGRAM COST	TOTAL
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Name of participant(s): _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Check here if you are a member. Membership number: _____

DeKorte Park is open daily from dawn to dusk.

MEC Hours:

Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: The Meadowlands Environment Center (MEC) is open during regularly scheduled programs. When no programs are scheduled, the MEC will be closed with limited access to restrooms throughout the day.



The Meadowlands Environment Center seeks to make all of its programs accessible to individuals with disabilities. Prior notification to the MEC about anyone with special needs in your group will better ensure their full participation in all program activities. If anyone requires a specific disability-related program accommodation, please contact the MarshAccess director at 201-460-8300 at least two weeks prior to the scheduled program.



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