



Eco-Explorers Summer Program

ECO-EXPLORERS 2017 (Ages 7 - 9)

Registration begins Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 9am

LOCATION

Environmental Education Center
Lord Stirling Park
190 Lord Stirling Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07960

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Eco-Explorers offers participants an exciting experience while developing an appreciation for nature and a fondness for science. Fresh air, lessons, hiking, canoeing, and games will add up to a fun and educational summer experience!

Eco-Explorers uses a hands-on approach to encourage learning through creative expression, nature exploration, imagination, and physical skill development.

The Naturalist staff provides daily educational programs and supervision. Typically, it is a five participant to one Naturalist ratio.

PROGRAM HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

PAYMENT

A minimum, non-refundable deposit of \$150 per session is due at registration. All sessions must be paid in full by Monday, May 8, 2017.

FIELD TRIPS

Each session we will be taking a trip off-site. We will travel by school bus. All trips are related to session theme. We do our best to plan trips no more than 60 minutes away from the Environmental Education Center.

EXTENDED CARE

Post care available from 4:30pm-5:30pm for an additional fee.

MORE INFORMATION

A parent handbook is provided upon request or can be viewed on our website at www.somersetcountyparks.org.

CONTACT

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WAYS TO REGISTER

On-line, in-person, or by phone. Walk-in and on-line registration begins on February 8, 2017 at 9:00am. Phone-in registration will begin at 11:00am. Registration will remain open until the start of the preferred session. 908-766-2489 x 0.

SESSIONS

Mystery in the Swamp One-Week Session 8:30am-4:30pm
June 19-June23
\$360 per person Course Code: 50101 EEC-7

Our park is nestled within the Great Swamp and this area has a history that goes back hundreds of years! There are a lot of mysteries to solve, so get your sense of adventure ready! We will strengthen our observation skills and use some of our senses to explore interesting and historical parts of Lord Stirling Park. A field trip, canoeing, and water games will be part of the fun.

Swamp Scientists One-Week Session 8:30am-4:30pm
June 26-June30
\$360 per person Course Code: 50101 EEC-8

Put on your lab coat and join us as we conduct some fun and wacky experiments and find out more about the science behind nature! Use your newfound science skills as we hike and play to discover how things work. A field trip, canoeing, and water games will be part of the fun.

Most Extreme Earth Two-Week Session 8:30am-4:30pm
July 3-July 14 (No program Tuesday, July 4)
\$648 per person Course Code: 50101 EEC-9

Venture to the highest and lowest, hottest and coldest places on Earth. Research the fastest and slowest, biggest and tiniest, smelliest and most beautiful living things that this planet has to offer! It is going to be a most extreme session of Eco-Explorers! Two field trips, canoeing, and water games will be part of the fun.

Creature Feature Two-Week Session 8:30am-4:30pm
July 17-July28
\$720 per person Course Code: 50101 EEC-10

The Earth has some pretty amazing animals; whale sharks, newts, lemurs, and lion fish –just to name a few. Each day we will learn about the variety of animals that live on this planet. Prepare to meet some special animal guests and become an expert! Two field trips, canoeing, and water games will be part of the fun.

Forest Fanatics One-Week Session 8:30am-4:30pm
July 31-August 4
\$360 per person Course Code: 50101 EEC-11

Become a forest ecologist as we explore the relationships between plants and animals in the woods of the Great Swamp. Each day we will focus on a different habitat within the swamp and discover how the plants and animals are adapted to live there. A field trip, canoeing, and water games will be part of the fun.

Junior Naturalists One-Week Session 8:30am-4:30pm
August 7-August 11
\$360 per person Course Code: 50101 EEC-12

Hike! Track! Explore! During this session you will gain identification skills and learn what it is like to be a Naturalist. This week long adventure will have pond studies, bug collecting, tracking, and more! A field trip, canoeing, and water games will be part of the fun.

The Environmental Education Center welcomes everyone to participate in its programs. If you have individualized needs due to a disability, please call 908 766-2489 ext. 335 and we will be happy to arrange reasonable accommodations. Three weeks notice is required to ensure that appropriate accommodations can be provided.

