



"We have planned an exciting camp that will keep young children active and captivate their minds during their summer break. At our Environmental Center, the classrooms extend outside of the building—onto our trails, woods, and river—so we can provide exciting, hands-on activities for children to learn about nature and the environment. I invite children to enroll in our camp for a summer adventure."

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



**Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
And the Board of Chosen Freeholders**

Invite Children in Pre-Kindergarten to 4th Grade to Participate in

NATURE EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP 2020



Students Entering Pre-K & K

Monday to Friday; 12:30pm to 3:30pm; \$160 per child per week

Forest Friends

July 6th through July 10th

Discover the amazing world within the forest. Explore where animals live, how they use songs and sounds to communicate, and the many unique behaviors that make them interesting. This action-packed week is filled with games, crafts, stories and hikes.

Bugs 'n Butterflies

July 13th through July 17th

Explore the wonders of insects with a fascinating week full of facts, fun, games, stories and crafts. Learn how butterflies migrate, watch dragonflies dance on the river, investigate where insects fit into the food web and create a bug to take home!

Students Entering 1st & 2nd Grades

Monday to Friday; 12:30pm to 4:30pm; \$180 per child per week

Nature Adventures!

July 20th through July 24th

Do you love to explore? Come spend time discovering our park! Hiking, pond dipping, insect catching, bird watching and flipping over rocks and logs are how we will investigate our natural world.

Hop, Walk & Slither!

July 27th through July 31st

Learn which reptiles and amphibians make their home in the wetlands of the Passaic River floodplain. Let's try to spot frogs, salamanders, snakes and turtles while they do all they can to hide and escape. We will learn their value to the environment

Students Entering 3rd & 4th Grades

Monday to Friday; 12:30pm to 4:30pm; \$200 per child per week

Lenape Living

August 3rd through August 7th

Explore the art of survival, fire creation, shelter building, wild nature walks, Native American games and more. There will be one on-site canoe trip and one off-site field trip to Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area.

Junior Naturalist

August 10th through August 14th

Campers will be involved in experiences that explore the habitats of the Passaic Watershed. They will learn about the animals and plants that live here, as well as find out where the Passaic River starts and ends. There will be one on-site canoe trip and one off-site field trip to the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

For registration information, please contact the Environmental Center at 973-228-8776



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Camp Details

Fees: Entering PK to K: \$160 per child per week. Entering 1st & 2nd Grades: \$180 per child per week. Entering 3rd & 4th Grades: \$200 per child per week. Children may attend 1 or 2 weeks in their age group.

Scholarships are available for families in need through acquired grant funding. For more information, please contact David Alexander, Program Coordinator, at 973.228.8776 or dalexander@parks.essexcountynj.org.

Pre-registration and advance payment are required. Please make checks payable to "Essex County Parks." Cash, check, money orders and credit cards also accepted. Minimum number of participants needed. Maximum 15 children per session. *T-shirt size is guaranteed if registered before June 5, 2020.

Refund Policy: If you cancel 3 weeks prior to the first day of your child's scheduled week, a full refund will be issued to you. If you cancel less than 3 weeks, you will not be eligible for a refund. **All cancellations must be put in writing.** This policy will prevent any chance of an error being made. Cancellation for a family emergency or illness will be handled on a case by case basis.

Length and Setting: All camps run Monday through Friday and begin promptly at 12:30pm. Sessions for children entering PK to K end at 3:30pm; sessions for children entering 1st to 4th Grades end at 4:30pm. Activities are held inside and outside the Environmental Center (off-site trip for 3rd and 4th graders only). Weather permitting, all children are expected to explore the outdoors, prepare for wet/muddy conditions. Please, for children's safety, **NO open-toe shoes or flip-flops.**

Due to an increase in allergy concerns, the Essex County Environmental Center is no longer providing snacks to campers. We are kindly asking campers to bring their own nut-free snack from home.

Campers are required to be signed in and out at the ECEC front desk each camp day by a parent/guardian. If you are unable to pick up your child(ren) at dismissal time, please coordinate with someone and advise the Center of the change. **Please note, a late fee of \$10.00 for every 15 minutes after a quarter past camp end time, will be due at pick up.** Prior to camp, each child will receive information detailing how to prepare.

The Essex County Environmental Center is a facility of the Essex County Parks System and is located in Essex County West Essex Park.

Registration Application

I would like to register for the following age-appropriate session(s):

Children may sign up for one or two weeks of camp in their age range.

Cost: Entering PK to K; \$160 per week per child. 12:30 to 3:30pm M-F
Entering 1st & 2nd Grades; \$180 per week per child. 12:30 to 4:30pm M-F
Entering 3rd & 4th Grades; \$200 per week per child. 12:30 to 4:30pm M-F

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Cash Check
 Money Order Scholarship

July 6-10 "Forest Friends" (PK to K)

July 13-17 "Bugs 'n Butterflies" (PK to K)

July 20-24 "Nature Adventures!" (1st to 2nd)

July 27-July 31 "Hop, Walk & Slither!" (1st to 2nd)

August 3-7 "Lenape Living" (3rd to 4th)

August 10-14 "Junior Naturalist" (3rd to 4th)

T-Shirt Youth Size*: Child Small Child Medium Child Large Child XL

Participant's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell/Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Medical Information: Does the participant have any limitations or allergies that would limit participation in any activities at the Essex County Environmental Center? **Please Explain and list medications (if applicable)**

If your child requires medication and cannot administer it on his/her own, a parent or guardian is required to do so; however, in the case of an Epi-Pen, if absolutely necessary, the Environmental Center lead camp instructor is trained and willing to administer.

Emergency Contacts: Please provide a name and phone number for each person we may first contact in case of emergency.

 Contact #1: _____

 Contact #2: _____

In case of emergency, I allow the Staff of the Essex County Environmental Center to contact the above mentioned people as well as 911 or appropriate authorities (where applicable).

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____



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Photo Release and Consent Form

I hereby give my permission to the County of Essex, the Essex County Environmental Center, its agents or employees, and to the photographer, my free and unlimited consent and permission to use photographs of the child named below in all forms, media and manners, without restriction as to changes or alterations, for advertising, trade, promotion, exhibition, or any other lawful purposes that have been obtained from his/her participation in programs sponsored by the Essex County Environmental Center or the County of Essex.

I waive any right to inspect or approve the photographs or electronic matter that may be used in conjunction with them now or in the future, whether that use is known to me or unknown, and I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the photographs. I understand that the name and contact information of the child will be withheld from public disclosure.

Name of Child: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

I hereby agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the County of Essex, the Essex County Environmental Center, its agents or employees, including any firm publishing and/or distributing the finished product in whole or in part, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs or program participation.

I am signing this Release of my own free will and I have not been influenced or coerced by any representative or employee of the County of Essex, or the Essex County Environmental Center:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

WITNESS (Essex County Environmental Center Staff)

DATE



**County of Essex Environmental Center
WARNING, WAIVER, AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

DATE: _____

In consideration of being given permission to participate in the:

Nature Explorers Summer Camp 2020 (the "Event") on (date[s]) _____
supervised by Essex County Park System Staff

I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have, or which hereafter accrue to me, against the County of Essex or the Essex County Environmental Center as a result of my participation in the above listed Event. I realize that accidents and injuries can arise out of the Event, and accordingly, this release is intended to discharge the County, its trustees, officers, employees, commission members, and volunteers, and any public agencies from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in the Event. This waiver and release is binding upon my heirs and assigns.

I acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the risks and dangers involved in this activity. I acknowledge that I have read, agree, and fully understand the above Warning, Waiver, and Release of Liability. I further acknowledge and agree that the reasons for my being requested to sign this Release have been fully explained to me and I understand them. If any provision, including any exception, part, phrase, or term, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and the validity of this waiver in any and all other respects shall not be affected thereby.

I am signing this instrument of my own free will and I have not been influenced or coerced by any representative or employee of the County of Essex or the Essex County Environmental Center:

CHILD NAME **DATE**

If signatory is less than 18 years of age, this must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE **DATE**

WITNESS (Essex County Environmental Center Staff) **DATE**

Please forward signed copies of this waiver form to:

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