

# Lorrimer Sanctuary

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HOURS: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. / Saturday, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. / Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. / Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

CLOSURES: The sanctuary office will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 8.

*Staff:*

Patrick Scheuer, Sanctuary Director

Barbara Rohsler, Administrative Assistant

*Nature Store Associates:*

Jackie Arkin, Adam Greenbaum, Ingrid Kenrick, Michele Svedrofsky



*Dedicated Volunteers:* Colin Knight,  
Michael Krasnow, Brian Moran,  
Peter Sheeler, Jeff Sheeler

## Spring 2012 Programs

### March through May

#### EVERY DAY AT LORRIMER SANCTUARY

##### **NJ Audubon Gift Shop and Book Store.**

Your neighborhood source for field guides, nature gifts, kids' stuff, bird feeders and accessories, high quality binoculars, and more!

**Exhibits.** Our classroom / exhibit room has live animals, educational displays, and hands-on activities for kids.

**Trails and Garden.** Explore the sanctuary along our interpretive nature trails. Visit the garden during the warmer months for an up-close look at butterflies and hummingbirds. Ask for a guide and activity bag at the visitor center.

**The View.** Relax in front of our famous observation window, which overlooks an always busy bird feeding station, dragonfly pond, and honeybee hives.

#### **PROGRAM REGISTRATION:**

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS (unless there is no charge), since group size is limited and a minimum number of participants is necessary. Paid registration, including a daytime phone number, at least one week prior to the program, ensures a place. Checks should be made payable to Lorrimer Sanctuary, P.O. Box 125, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

#### **BIRDSEED SALE DAYS**

##### **Saturday, March 10**

(Orders due by February 25)

Pick up preordered seed 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Lorrimer Sanctuary. NJ Audubon sells the highest quality seed, and your purchase supports our education and conservation programs. Be sure to check in at the Nature Store for special sales and warm refreshments! Order forms are included in the *New Jersey Audubon* magazine and online at [www.njudubon.org](http://www.njudubon.org). If you did not receive an order form or would like one, call 201.891.2185 or stop by Lorrimer Sanctuary.

#### **BIRDING FIELD TRIPS**

Join us for any one of the field trips listed below led by Lorrimer's senior naturalist, Patrick Scheuer. Preregistration is required by mailing your registration fee, along with your name, address, and daytime phone number, at least one week prior to each trip. Directions to meeting place will be phoned or mailed upon receipt of registration.

#### **WOODCOCK WONDER VAN TRIP Sunday, April 1**

Van departs Lorrimer Sanctuary at 4:00 P.M. and returns around 9:00 P.M.

Also called timberdoodle, googly-eyes, and bogsucker, the American Woodcock has a wonderful and somewhat humorous courtship display. Quite the "April Fool!" For this van trip we'll travel to a woodcock hotspot in the Delaware Water Gap National Park to witness the nuptial dance of this unusual bird. Along the way, we'll scan the Delaware River for Bald Eagles and stop at the Pocono Environmental Education Center for a BYO dinner. The woodcock show begins after dinner, just as the sun sets. Limited to 12 participants, so register early!

Cost: \$27 members,  
\$35 nonmembers.

#### **BIRDING AT THE CELERY FARM**

##### **Wednesdays:**

##### **May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30**

7:30 to 10:00 A.M.

Join Patrick Scheuer and a cadre of other naturalists for these Wednesday morning walks at the Celery Farm in Allendale. This distinctive area along Franklin Turnpike is a remnant farm and freshwater marsh, and has been preserved as open space with Green Acres funding. Join us as we search for the avian and botanical specialties of this remaining natural bit of "Old Bergen County." Meet in the parking lot of the Celery Farm on Franklin Turn-

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## Lorrimer Sanctuary Spring 2012 Events at a Glance

Saturday, March 10 .....	Birdseed Sale Day
Sunday, March 25 .....	Skunk Cabbage Safari
Sunday, April 1 .....	Woodcock Wonder Van Trip
Tuesday thru Friday, April 10 to 13 .....	Spring Break Fishing Camp
Wednesday, May 2 .....	Celery Farm
Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6 .....	Plant Sale
Wednesday, May 9, 16 .....	Celery Farm
Sunday, May 20 .....	Herpin' at the 'Po
Wednesday, May 23, 30 .....	Celery Farm

pike, one-quarter mile north of the intersection of Franklin Turnpike and East Allendale Avenue in Allendale. Cost: \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

### Spring Plant Sale Saturday, May 5, and Sunday, May 6

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Lorrimer Nature Sanctuary will be holding a spring plant sale to raise money for our butterfly garden and backyard habitat projects. We will be selling high-quality garden plants that are specially chosen to attract birds, butterflies, and hummingbirds to your backyard. Some perennial favorites include monarda, phlox, aster, salvia, honeysuckle, and native trees and shrubs.

And remember, plants make great gifts for Mother's Day! Come out and show your support by buying a plant. Your contributions help support education, conservation, and research.

### FAMILY NATURE PROGRAMS

The Lorrimer Sanctuary invites families, friends, and nature lovers of all ages to join us for an exploration of the winter world. Educational and fun, these Family Nature Programs are perfect for beginning naturalists and their families. Preregistration is required for all programs.

Cost: members: \$12 per family,  
nonmembers: \$15 per family  
(unless noted otherwise).

#### SKUNK CABBAGE SAFARI Sunday, March 25

Noon to 1:00 P.M.

What better way to celebrate the first

day of spring than to look for the first flower? The unusual skunk cabbage flower actually produces its own heat to melt through snow and ice! Discover more fascinating facts about this flower as we set out in search of this and other signs of spring.

#### SPRING BREAK FISHING CAMP April 10 to 13

9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Open to students ages 8 to 2. Join our sanctuary director, Patrick Scheuer, for three days of fishing fun and instruction. We'll cover all the basics from gear, bait, and lures to proper fish handling and conservation ethics. Fishing is a great way to enjoy nature and you could catch a whopper!

All fishing will be done at safe, publicly accessible ponds and streams in the local area, like Zabriskie Pond and the Ridgewood Duck Pond – no boats and no wading!

- ✓ Van transportation provided daily.
- ✓ Bring your own gear – rod, reel, and a tackle box (if you don't have your own gear ask us about loaners).

Cost: members \$250,  
nonmembers \$300.

#### HERPIN' AT THE 'PO Sunday, May 20

9:00 A.M. to noon

The Ramapo Reservation in Mahwah is home to a number of different species of reptiles and amphibians. Join us as we search high and low (mostly low) for these elusive ani-

Become a New Jersey Audubon member and enjoy discounts on tours, events, and field trips at all NJ Audubon centers. Members also get a 10% discount at our Nature Stores (greater discount on optics).

## BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATIONS

### at Lorrimer Sanctuary

Parents, are you looking for a fun AND educational way to celebrate your child's upcoming birthday? How about a party with a nature theme at the Lorrimer Sanctuary?

The birthday celebration includes:

- Two-hour rental of our classroom, including a one-hour program conducted by one of our expert naturalists. Call Lorrimer for seasonally available program choices and birthday activities.
- Setup/Cleanup: We will provide the tables, chairs, garbage and recycling cans. Parents are responsible for tablecloths (optional), plates, cups, flatware, napkins, food, and beverages.

Lorrimer Sanctuary is available for birthday parties on both Saturdays and Sundays after 1:00 P.M. and can be scheduled as late as 4:00 P.M.

Birthday celebrations last for two hours, and additional time can be scheduled in half-hour increments for an additional \$50 per half-hour. Limit: 20 children.

Cost: \$150 for members,  
\$200 for nonmembers.

A \$50 nonrefundable deposit is required to hold your space. Spaces fill up quickly, so register in advance!

mals- we'll leave no stone unturned. With a little luck we could see Northern Water Snake, Ringneck Snake, Painted Turtle, Common Snapping Turtle, Green Frog, Wood Frog, Red-backed Salamander, Slimy Salamander, and the very quick Five-lined Skink. A great walk for any young naturalist! Walk meets at Ramapo Reservation. *Continued*

Don't forget the Lorrimer Sanctuary Nature Store, where you can get everything on your holiday shopping list. We carry books, field guides, binoculars, videos, CDs and tapes, birdfeeders, T-shirts, puppets, nature gift items, and more.

## BADGES AND MORE

### Scout Programs at the Lorrimer Nature Sanctuary

Scouts! Get on track with nature this spring at the Lorrimer Nature Sanctuary. We're offering these special programs to all scout groups now through June 2012. All programs are taught by professional naturalist Pat "The Nat" Scheuer on our 14-acre nature sanctuary.

**Wilderness Survival.** A scout favorite! Learn what it takes to survive in the wilderness. Students will learn how to prepare for a hike, use a map and compass, build a survival shelter, collect water, and make fire the primitive way. What you learn could save your life!

**Radical Reptiles.** Often feared and misunderstood, reptiles are among the most incredible and fascinating animals on the planet. Through demonstrations, discussion, and class participation, this program will allow your troop an up-close look at live turtles and snakes in a safe and respectful environment.

**Incredible Insects.** Your scouts will really 'bug out' over this program! Learn what makes an insect an insect and discover the ecological roles they play, their habitats, and their adaptations. Using nets and bug boxes we'll venture into insect habitats to collect and observe some insect specimens.

**Animal Tracking and Observation.** Native Americans relied on their ability to track and find animals for survival. Today, learning to track animals is a skill anyone can learn – even in their own backyard. Find out what animals do when we're not looking by searching the sanctuary for clues like tracks, scats, nests, and homes.

**Orienteering 101.** Have you ever been lost in the woods? Learn the basics of using a map and compass to find your way through the outdoors. After a brief indoor lesson, we'll head outside to put your skills to the test on our orienteering course.

Scout programs are 1 to 1½ hours long and cost \$5 per participant or \$75 for groups of less than 15. A \$75 deposit per program is required to hold your reservation. Payment of any remaining balance is due upon arrival on the date of the program. To schedule a visit, please contact us at 201.891.2185. To facilitate scheduling, please call with several possible program dates and times. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

Supervision and discipline of participants is the responsibility of the chaperones at all times. Please make sure all students are dressed for the weather. 