

Nature Explorers Summer Camp
Environmental Examiner

Native American Living

This week Nature Explorers learned about the Native American tribes of New Jersey. Campers entering 1st and 2nd grade walked in the shoes of the Lenape Indians. Campers learned how the Lenape utilized their natural world for every day living. If you are curious to know how the Lenape lived without clothing stores, electricity, supermarkets, or running water ask your camper what he/she learned.



Mr. Danny learns to bow drill.

Tie Dye and Natural Dyes

Campers were given the opportunity to compare modern day dyes to natural dyes. Ms. Kelly worked with campers to tie dye camp tee shirts using modern day dyes. Mr. Dave taught campers about different natural materials that the Lenape used to dye their clothing. Ask your camper which natural materials can be used as dyes.



Ms. Kelly teaches Nature Explorers the bow drill technique.

Nature Explorers Interns

Join us each week as we feature one of our Nature Explorer Interns.

Daniel Dominguez

We continue our series with Daniel Dominguez. Danny joins Essex County Environmental Center (ECEC) from Newark, NJ. Danny brings to his internship experience working with kids through Stockton College where he worked with Atlantic City Public School students. He ends his summer with a month long vacation in Spain before heading to Rutgers University where he will be working on his Master of City and Regional Planning. Danny expresses how much he has enjoyed working with Nature Explorers and that he's learned more than he expected. Growing up in an urban setting he had very little interaction with the natural environment and appreciates the knowledge he has acquired at the Environmental Center.



Mr. Joe helps Nature Explorers tie dye their camp shirts.

Making Fire

Nature Explorers discovered that the Lenape were able to cook their food without stoves or grills. Campers explored the trails in order to find the materials necessary for our teepee campfire, traditionally used by the Lenape tribe. Campers also learned to ignite a flame using the bow drill method.

Booklist

This Week's *Hot Read*:

1. *When the Shadbush Blooms*
by Carla Messinger