

Nature Center of Cape May

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PUBLIC VISITATION HOURS:

June, July, and August: Daily, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Open other times for special programs.

FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING YEAR-ROUND

Staff:

Gretchen Ferrante, Sanctuary Director
Sue Slotterback, Program Director
Kim Hannum, Senior Naturalist
Susan Wilson, Nature Store Manager
Linda Horner, Public Relations Consultant
Charlotte Todd, Volunteer Coordinator and Curriculum Consultant
Betty Jean Webersinn, Rutgers Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program, 4-H Junior Intern Program Coordinator, and Children's Programs Curriculum Consultant

Backyard Habitat Advisors:

Carole Brown, Linda Dill, Gretchen Ferrante,
Kathy Flynn, Teresa Knipper, Evelyn Lovitz,
Irma McVey, Virginia Rettig, Sue Slotterback,
Pat Sutton, and Ro Wilson.

Associate Naturalists:

Fred Beyer, Audrey Conant,
Paige Cunningham, Linda Dill, Hal Miller,
Bill Rogers, Donna Walker, Phil Zimmerman.

A big "Thank you!" to all our volunteers!

Summer 2010 Programs

June through August

FREE ADMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

Observation Deck and tower provide a panoramic view of the harbor and surrounding area.

The Upstairs Lounge provides an indoor harbor observation area and a place to relax, play games with friends, or read.

Birding From the Deck on the second story of the welcome center provides the best viewing advantage for spotting birds in the harbor and around the meadow.

Aquaria with local marine life, natural history artifacts, and our busy songbird feeding station (seasonal).

Monthly Exhibits in the Trucksees Welcome Center, featuring special art and natural history displays.

NJ Audubon Nature Store, with the best in nature gifts, field guides, clothing, and children's discovery items.

Children's Hands-on Activities allow them to occupy their time while exploring nature.

Children's Garden full of fun, exploration, and sensory experiences.

Wildlife Habitat Meadows feature a Monarch milkweed and wildflower garden, a songbird grassland meadow, and a nature trail and bridge crossing a meandering stream.

Theme Gardens include butterfly, hummingbird, seaside, drought-tolerant, shade, and songbird gardens.

Beachcomb the Harbor during low tide and search for shells and other interesting treasures.

Picnic Tables for an enjoyable lunch overlooking scenic Cape May Harbor.

Spectacular Sunsets and magical twilight. Watch the changing colors of the sky from the Cape May Harbor waterfront.

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).

HARBOR FEST: A Celebration of Sea and Song Saturday, June 19

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Join the Nature Center of Cape May and its community partners for our third annual Harbor Fest, celebrating the sea along with its culture and ecology. The festival will take place along the shores of beautiful Cape May Harbor, on Delaware Avenue, and on the nature center's environmental education campus. Fresh seafood and other delicacies, live music, local arts and crafts vendors, and seafood cooking demonstrations from Cape May's finest chefs will fill the streets while marine educational programs, a blessing of the fleet, a kayak and canoe regatta, a summer solstice family campfire, and much more will fill your weekend. In case of rain, Harbor Fest will be held on Sunday, June 20. For more information, please contact the nature center at: 609.898.8848.

Program Registration

Most programs require preregistration with payment. You may register by phone at 609.898.8848 with a credit card. We reserve the right to cancel programs. Refunds are available only if we cancel the event. Walk-ins are welcome on a space-available basis. Become a member of NJ Audubon and receive discounts in the gift shop and on many programs!

An asterisk denotes that the program takes place at a location other than the nature center.

DAYTIME FAMILY PROGRAMS

SALT MARSH SAFARI*

Mondays,

May 31 through August 30

10:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M.

Welcome aboard the Jersey Cape's premier wildlife tour boat, the forty-foot *Skimmer*, and explore with us Cape May's beautiful coastal wetlands and wildlife. Fun and educational for all ages! To preregister, call 609.884.3100. *Boat leaves from Dolphin Cove Marina, across from the Two Mile Beach Unit of the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge on Ocean Drive between Cape May and Wildwood Crest.

Cost: \$26 adults, \$15 children.

FATHER'S DAY FISHING TRIP

Sunday, June 20

1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

A special Father's Day fishing trip... just for you and dad!

Join us on the *Cape May Lady* for a four-hour fishing trip. Sailing from South Jersey Marina, the trip includes all of the fishing rods, tackle, and bait to bring home the big one! Please call the boat directly at 609.780.7900 to make reservations.

Cost: adults \$35, children \$25.

FAMILY FISHING TRIPS

Thursdays,

June 3 to September 2

1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

A special Family Fishing Trip. Bring

the whole family! Join us on the *Cape May Lady* for a four-hour fishing trip. Sailing from South Jersey Marina, the trip includes all of the fishing rods, tackle, and bait to bring home the big one! Please call the boat directly at 609.780.7900 to make reservations.

Cost: adults \$35, children \$25.

CRABBING 101*

Tuesdays,

June 22 through August 31

Call for tour times.

Times vary due to tides.

Delicious and beautiful, Blue Crabs are abundant in saltwater bays and creeks. Come aboard the *Skimmer*, a comfortable forty-foot, flat-bottomed tour boat for a hands-on crabbing experience and demonstration. Learn methods for baiting lines and traps, the easiest methods of catching, and pinch-free ways to hold crabs. You can keep any legal-size crab you catch! All equipment and materials are supplied. Preregister by calling the *Skimmer* at 609.884.3100.

*Tours depart from Dolphin Cove Marina, across from the Two Mile Beach Unit of the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge, on Ocean Drive between Cape May and Wildwood Crest. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$28 adults, \$17 children.

HARBOR SAFARI

Saturdays, June 5 and 12

11:00 A.M.

Tuesdays and Thursdays,

June 22 through September 2

10:30 A.M.

Encounter an incredible diversity of marine life as you pull a forty-foot seine net through the shallows of Cape May Harbor. You will learn about the lives of the animals that inhabit our coastal waters, including the fascinating and ancient Horseshoe Crab. A great family outing! Walk-ins welcome; no preregistration necessary.

Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 3-12, children under 3 free.

CYCLING THE SOUTHERN CAPE

Wednesdays,

June 23 through September 1

9:30 A.M.

Hop on your bike and join associate naturalists Fred Beyer and Phil

Zimmerman for a leisurely twelve-mile tour of the most beautiful natural areas of Cape Island. Bring helmet, water, sunscreen, and bike. Call for list of local bike rental merchants. Please arrive by 9:20 A.M.; the tour leaves promptly at 9:30 A.M. Preregistration is recommended. Cost: members, \$8 adults, \$5 children ages 3 to 12; nonmembers, \$10 adults, \$7 children ages 3 to 12; children under 3 free.

THE BIRDS OF CAPE MAY:

**A BIRD WALK FOR ALL PEOPLE
Thursdays,**

June 3 through September 2

8:30 to 10:30 A.M.

Not watching birds when you're in Cape May is like not visiting the Grand Canyon when you're in Arizona! Whether you are a seasoned birder or have never really thought about watching birds on purpose before, meet the Cape May Bird Observatory's Don Freiday (or occasionally another Cape May expert) on the wildlife viewing platform, also known as the Hawkwatch, at Cape May Point State Park for a relaxed morning of birding. No binoculars? No problem – Don will have loaners and will show you how to use them if needed. You'll see at least twenty species of birds, or the walk is free! No preregistration necessary. Sponsored by Cape May Bird Observatory, 609.861.0700. Cost: NJ Audubon members \$6, nonmembers \$10.

BEACHCOMBING THE COVE*

Fridays,

July 2 through September 3

8:30 A.M.

Explore one of the area's ever-changing coastal habitats – the beach, ocean, and dunes of Cape May's "The Cove" beach. We'll search the shallows to see exactly what we've been swimming with, comb the shoreline for the sea's treasures, and walk along the dunes in search of wildlife. *Meet a nature center naturalist at the 2nd St. pavilion on the promenade on Beach Drive in Cape May. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 3 to 12, children under 3 free.

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download, print, and bring along (for ease of note taking) NJ Audubon's article, "How to Create a Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden" and the "Recommended Plantings to Attract Hummingbirds, Butterflies, and Moths" by Patricia Sutton, available online (see web site information on page 3). Limit: 25 people per tour. Cost per tour: \$30 members, \$40 nonmembers. Join all three tours at a discounted rate of \$75 for members, \$100 for nonmembers.

**MILKWEED FOR MONARCHS
with Pat Sutton**

Saturday, October 2

10:30 A.M. to noon

Monarch butterflies make the most amazing migration of any insect in the world. Join Pat Sutton, coauthor of *How to Spot Butterflies*, for this indoor presentation about the Monarch's fascinating life cycle and journey between Mexico and the U.S. and Canada. Monarch survival depends on healthy milkweed stands being available from spring through fall. Learn how to attract Monarchs and aid their survival as a species by planting a range of milkweed spe-

cies. Bring your lunch to eat at the nature center and join the afternoon Monarch walk (see below). Preregistration is highly recommended. Limited to 30 participants. Cost: members, \$8 adults, \$5 children ages 3 to 12; nonmembers, \$10 adults, \$7 children ages 3 to 12; children under 3 free.

**MONARCH WALK
with Pat Sutton
Saturday, October 2**

1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Join Pat Sutton, coauthor of *How to Spot Butterflies*, for a stroll through Cape May Point's public and private gardens and natural areas to spot migrating and nectaring Monarchs at the peak of their migration. Meet at the north end of Pavilion Circle Gardens in Cape May Point, where Cape Avenue meets Pavilion Circle. Park on any side street off the circle. (No parking allowed on the circle.) RAIN DATE: Sunday, October 3, 1:00-2:30 P.M. Preregistration is highly recommended. Limited to thirty participants.

Cost: members, \$8 adults, \$5 children ages 3 to 12; nonmembers, \$10

adults, \$7 children ages 3 to 12; children under 3 free.

Sign up for both Milkweed for Monarchs and the Monarch Walk, and save \$2 per person on the combined price.

KAYAK PROGRAMS

**TIDAL MARSH TOUR BY KAYAK
Mid-June through September 6**

Daily tours at 9:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.

Get ready for close encounters with nesting Ospreys, herons, egrets, and beautiful salt marsh flora and fauna. Explore historic and scenic Cape May Harbor and some of Cape May County's most beautiful and unspoiled salt marshes via kayak. No experience necessary! These tours are perfect for families looking to learn something meaningful while visiting the shore. All kayak tours are led by experienced Aqua Trails guides and naturalists. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, a towel, protective water shoes and appropriate clothing for getting wet/damp.

Cost: single kayak \$40, double kayak \$70.

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HARBOR FEST 2010

*A Celebration of Seafood and Song:
The Sea, Its Culture and Its Ecology*

Saturday, June 19



Join the Nature Center of Cape May and its community partners for the third annual Harbor Fest, which will take place along Delaware Avenue, Cape May Harbor beaches, and the nature center's environmental education campus. There will be lots of fresh seafood, live music, a blessing of the fleet, a kayak and canoe regatta, educational programs, and arts and crafts vendors. For more information, contact the center at 609.898.8848.

**Natural History Group Tours
with the Nature Center of Cape May**

Choose from a wide variety of experiences you won't forget:

- ✓ Cape May Natural Habitats Tour
- ✓ Amazing Migrations
- ✓ Harbor Safari
- ✓ Horseshoe Crabs Up-Close
- ✓ Shorebirds on the Delaware Beaches
- ✓ Nature Walks with a Naturalist
- ✓ And More!

Tours are customized to meet your group's interest and are senior and children friendly. Tours range from seasonal to year-round and last one to two hours, with moderate to no walking. Overnight accommodations can be arranged. Let us help you schedule your tour of the Jersey Shore!

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May 31 Salt Marsh Safari	June 30 Nature of Art for Families	July 14 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
June 3 Gear into Summer Sale	July 1 Summer Children's Science Classes	July 14 Nature of Art for Families
June 3 Birds of Cape May: A Bird Walk for All People	July 1 Birds of Cape May: A Bird Walk for All People	July 15 Summer Children's Science Classes
June 3 Family Fishing	July 1 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 15 Birds of Cape May: A Bird Walk for All People
June 4 Gear into Summer Sale	July 1 Harbor Safari	July 15 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
June 5 Bike Tour the Twin Capes	July 1 Family Fishing	July 15 Harbor Safari
June 5 Harbor Safari	July 2 Beachcombing the Cove	July 15 Family Fishing
June 5 Gear into Summer Sale	July 2 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 15 Cape May County 4-H Fair
June 5 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 2 Natural Arts	July 15 Nighttime on the Beach
June 6 Gear into Summer Sale	July 3 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 16 Beachcombing the Cove
June 7 Salt Marsh Safari	July 3 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun	July 16 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
June 10 Birds of Cape May: A Bird Walk for All People	July 3 Sunset Kayak Tour	July 16 Natural Arts
June 10 Family Fishing	July 4 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 16 Tours of Private Butterfly Gardens
June 12 Harbor Safari	July 3 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun	July 16 Cape May County 4-H Fair
June 12 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 3 Full Moon Kayak Tour	July 17 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
June 13 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 5 Summer Children's Science Classes	July 17 Kayak Clinic
June 14 Salt Marsh Safari	July 5 Salt Marsh Safari	July 17 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun
June 17 Birds of Cape May: A Bird Walk for All People	July 5 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 17 Tours of Private Butterfly Gardens
June 17 Family Fishing	July 5 Marine Life Discovery Cruise	July 17 Cape May County 4-H Fair
June 19 Harbor Fest	July 6 Summer Children's Science Classes	July 17 Sunset Kayak Tour
June 20 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 6 Aqua Trail Kayak Camp	July 18 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
June 20 Father's Day Fishing	July 6 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 18 Tours of Private Butterfly Gardens
June 21 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 6 Harbor Safari	July 18 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun
June 21 Salt Marsh Safari	July 6 Crabbing 101	July 19 Summer Children's Science Classes
June 21 Marine Life Discovery Cruise	July 6 Sunset Kayak Tour	July 19 Kayak Camp
June 22 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 7 Summer Children's Science Classes	July 19 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
June 22 Harbor Safari	July 7 Aqua Trail Kayak Camp	July 19 Salt Marsh Safari
June 22 Crabbing 101	July 7 Birds of Cape May: A Bird Walk for All People	July 19 Marine Life Discovery Cruise
June 22 Sunset Kayak Tour	July 7 Cycling the Southern Cape	July 20 Summer Children's Science Classes
June 23 Cycling the Southern Cape	July 7 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 20 Kayak Camp
June 23 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 7 Family Fishing	July 20 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
June 24 Birds of Cape May: A Bird Walk for All People	July 7 Nature of Art for Families	July 20 Harbor Safari
June 24 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 8 Summer Children's Science Classes	July 20 Crabbing 101
June 24 Harbor Safari	July 8 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 20 Sunset Kayak Tour
June 24 Family Fishing	July 8 Harbor Safari	July 21 Summer Children's Science Classes
June 24 Full Moon Kayak Tour	July 8 Nighttime on the Beach	July 21 Kayak Camp
June 25 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 9 Beachcombing the Cove	July 21 Cycling the Southern Cape
June 25 Full Moon Kayak Tour	July 9 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 21 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
June 26 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 9 Natural Arts	July 21 Nature of Art for Families
June 26 Kayak Clinic	July 10 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 22 Summer Children's Science Classes
June 26 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun	July 10 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun	July 22 Birds of Cape May: A Bird Walk for All People
June 26 Full Moon Kayak Tour	July 10 Sunset Kayak Tour	July 22 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
June 27 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 11 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 22 Harbor Safari
June 27 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun	July 11 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun	July 22 Family Fishing
June 28 Summer Children's Science Classes	July 12 Summer Children's Science Classes	July 22 Nighttime on the Beach
June 28 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 12 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 23 Beachcombing the Cove
June 28 Salt Marsh Safari	July 12 Salt Marsh Safari	July 23 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
June 28 Marine Life Discovery Cruise	July 12 Cove Beach to Higbee's Beach Sunset Kayak Tour	July 23 Natural Arts
June 29 Summer Children's Science Classes	July 12 Marine Life Discovery Cruise	July 24 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
June 29 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 13 Summer Children's Science Classes	July 24 Seaside Splendor – Gardening by the Sea
June 29 Harbor Safari	July 13 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 24 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun
June 29 Crabbing 101	July 13 Harbor Safari	
June 29 Sunset Kayak Tour	July 13 Crabbing 101	
June 30 Summer Children's Science Classes	July 13 Sunset Kayak Tour	
June 30 Cycling the Southern Cape	July 14 Summer Children's Science Classes	
June 30 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak	July 14 Cycling the Southern Cape	
June 30 Belleplain Pine Barrens Ecology Kayak Tour		

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Summer 2010 Events at a Glance

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 July 25 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun
 July 26 Summer Children's Science Classes
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 July 26 Salt Marsh Safari
 July 26 Marine Life Discovery Cruise
 July 27 Summer Children's Science Classes
 July 27 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
 July 27 Harbor Safari
 July 27 Crabbing 101
 July 27 Sunset Kayak Tour
 July 28 Summer Children's Science Classes
 July 28 Belleplaine Pine Barrens Ecology Kayak Tour
 July 28 Cycling the Southern Cape
 July 28 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
 July 28 Cove Beach to Higbee's Beach Sunset Kayak Tour
 July 28 Nature of Art for Families
 July 29 Summer Children's Science Classes
 July 29 Birds of Cape May: A Bird Walk for All People
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 July 31 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun
 July 31 Sunset Kayak Tour
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 August 2 Summer Children's Science Classes
 August 2 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
 August 2 Salt Marsh Safari
 August 2 Marine Life Discovery Cruise
 August 3 Summer Children's Science Classes
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 August 3 Harbor Safari
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 August 9 Summer Children's Science Classes
 August 9 Kayak Camp
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 August 9 Salt Marsh Safari
 August 9 Cove to Higbee's Beach Kayak tour
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 August 21 Butterfly ID Workshop
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 August 21 Sunset Kayak Tour
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 August 22 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun
 August 22 Full Moon Kayak Tour
 August 23 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
 August 23 Salt Marsh Safari
 August 23 Explore the Shore
 August 23 Marine Life Discovery Cruise
 August 23 Full Moon Kayak Tour
 August 24 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
 August 24 Harbor Safari
 August 24 Crabbing 101
 August 24 Full Moon Kayak Tour
 August 25 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
 August 25 Cycling the Southern Cape
 August 25 Cove to Higbee's Beach Kayak tour
 August 26 Birds of Cape May: A Bird Walk for All People
 August 26 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
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 August 26 Family Fishing
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 August 27 Beachcombing the Cove
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 August 29 Scavenger Hunt Family Fun
 August 30 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
 August 30 Salt Marsh Safari
 August 30 Explore the Shore
 August 30 Marine Life Discovery Cruise
 August 31 Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
 August 31 Harbor Safari
 August 31 Crabbing 101
 August 31 Sunset Kayak Tour
 September 1 ... What's Yum about Beach Plums
 September 1 ... Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
 September 1 ... Harbor Safari
 September 2 ... Beachcombing the Cove
 September 2 ... Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
 September 3 ... Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak
 September 3 ... Sunset Kayak Tour
 September 6 ... Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak</p> |
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SUNSET KAYAK TOUR
Tuesdays and Saturdays,
Mid-June through September

Times vary.

The Sunset Kayak Tour is our Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak, with the added bonus of a beautiful sunset over the marshes and harbor. See description above for details and suggestions.

Cost: single kayak \$40,
double kayak \$70.

FULL MOON KAYAK TOURS
June 24, 25, and 26
July 24, 25, and 26
August 22, 23, and 24
September 21, 22, and 23

Times vary.

The Full Moon Kayak Tour has become one of our most unique and special offerings, as well as our most popular kayak tour. This is the tidal marsh tour by kayak with the extra attraction of seeing a sunset over the water and the ascent of a full moon, while an exceptionally high tide rises. Specific departure times vary, please call ahead.

Cost: single kayak \$40,
double kayak \$70.

KAYAK CLINIC
June 26, July 17, and August 21
9:00 A.M. to noon

This informative program is designed to teach adults the basics of sea kayaking. Only sit-inside (sea) kayaks will be used for this program. This class will introduce the paddler to kayak equipment, water conditions, as well as self- and aided rescues. The Eskimo Roll will be demonstrated, but not taught.

Cost: \$50 NJ Audubon members with own kayak, \$75 NJ Audubon members renting a kayak, \$60 nonmembers with own kayak, \$85 nonmembers renting a kayak.

BELLEPLAIN PINE BARRENS
ECOLOGY KAYAK TOUR
Wednesdays, June 30, July 28,
and August 18

Saturdays, September 25 and
October 9 (Fall Foliage Tour).

Tours meet at NCCM and depart at 8:30 A.M. and return at approximately 2:00 P.M.

This is a terrific opportunity to experience the serene beauty of one of Belleplain Forest's beautiful lakes. The placid, naturally tea-colored

waters invite persons of all ages to enjoy a natural treasure. Be prepared for sightings of eagles, warblers, beavers, and rare carnivorous plants! Come and see why the United Nations has named the Pine Barrens of New Jersey as an International Biosphere Reserve. All equipment, instruction, guide services, water, and snacks are provided by Aqua Trails staff. Space is limited; reservations are required. Bring a lunch if snacks aren't enough.

Cost: single kayak \$60,
double kayak \$95.

COVE BEACH TO HIGBEE'S
BEACH SUNSET KAYAK TOUR

Monday, July 12, 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday, July 28, 5:30 P.M.

Monday, August 9, 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 25, 5:00 P.M.

Meets at the Nature Center of Cape May.

This thrilling kayak tour is designed for the more adventurous paddlers. Enjoy the natural vistas of the Cove Beach in Cape May while paddling the gentle ocean swells around Cape May Point and into Delaware Bay.

Once in the bay, we will paddle north along the Higbee Beach WMA, where over 1,000 acres of maritime forest still grace the coastline. Skilled Aqua Trails guides will ensure a safe and fantastic experience while seeking out dolphins, seabirds, and other fantastic marine life. See the historic Cape May Lighthouse from a totally new perspective! All equipment, instruction and guide services are provided. We also throw in a snack and bottle of water. Space is limited, so reserve ASAP.

Cost: single kayak \$50,
double kayak \$90.

EVENING
FAMILY TOURS

MARINE LIFE
DISCOVERY CRUISE*

Mondays,
June 21 through August 30

6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come aboard a voyage of discovery into the Cape's greatest wilderness, the Atlantic coastal tidal marshes, aboard the forty-foot tour boat the *Skimmer*. Watch as a nature center naturalist pulls a trawl net through

the water, and then examine the wriggling catch. To make reservations, call the *Skimmer* at 609.884.3100. *Tours depart from Dolphin Cove Marina, across from the Two Mile Beach Unit of the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge on Ocean Drive between Cape May and Wildwood Crest. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Cost: adults \$26, children \$15.

THE NATURE OF ART
FOR FAMILIES
Wednesdays,
June 30 to August 18

6:00 to 7:30 P.M.

Create art inspired by nature in this family-oriented art class while learning a little art history with local artist/teacher Janet Payne. Throughout the eight weeks you will create sculptures from sand, driftwood, and stone; explore seascapes with watercolors; capture clouds and sky in pastel; create jewelry with nature's "gems;" print from nature's wonderful designs; and try weaving with natural materials. Enjoy a fun family evening creating from nature.

Sand Casting: **June 30**

Seascapes in Watercolor: **July 7**

Clouds in Pastels: **July 14**

Natural Jewelry: **July 21**

Printing from Nature: **July 28**

Driftwood Sculptures: **August 4**

Natural Weaving: **August 11**

Stone Creatures: **August 18**

NIGHTTIME ON THE BEACH –
SEARCHING FOR GHOST CRABS*
Thursdays, July 8 to 29

8:30 to 9:30 P.M.

Thursdays, August 5 to 26

8:00 to 9:00 P.M.

What can run sideways, dig a hole without a shovel, and has ten legs? Join us for an evening stroll on the beach at "The Cove" to look for these "ghosts" of the night and other nocturnal creatures. Bring a flashlight. *Meet at "The Cove" at the end of Beach Drive. Call the Nature Center of Cape May at 609.898.8848 for directions and reservations.

Cost: members, \$8 adults, \$5 children ages 3 to 12; nonmembers, \$10 adults, \$7 children ages 3 to 12; children under 3 free.

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CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS

MOMMY AND ME CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

For ages 2- to 3-years-old and parent, grandparent, or guardian.

Tuesdays and Thursdays,

June 29 to August 19

10:00 to 11:30 A.M.

For curious naturalists-to-be and a parent, guardian, or grandparent. We'll focus on a different aspect of nature with stories, song, critter encounters, outdoor experience, and lots of fun! We encourage children and parents to explore the natural world together. When class is over, join our Harbor Safari while you wait for older campers. Adult participation is required. Preregistration is necessary.

Cost: \$10 per child for members,
\$15 per child for nonmembers.

LITTLE HANDS EARTH PROGRAM

For children age 3.

Mondays and Wednesdays,

June 28 to August 18

10:00 A.M. to noon

A drop-off program designed for our youngest campers! Stories of Mother Earth and her fascinating creatures will inspire your "little hands" to create wonderful works of art. We'll focus on a different aspect of nature with stories, songs, critter encounters, outdoor experiences and lots of fun! Class sizes are small and fill quickly. Preregistration is strongly recommended.

Cost: \$20 per child for members,
\$30 per child for nonmembers.

WONDER KIDS

For children age 4 through kindergarten.

Mondays through Thursdays,

June 28 through August 19

10:00 A.M. to noon

Are you ready for the summer? We'll explore and learn about nature through wild adventures in the great outdoors. Topics will be introduced through outdoor games, stories, arts and crafts, experiments, critter encounters and so much more. Class sizes are small and fill quickly. Preregistration is strongly recommended.

Cost: members \$60 per week,
nonmembers \$80 per week.

Join us for these exciting topics:

June 28 to July 1: Bug Bonanza

This week is a bug lover's dream come true. Join us as we get up close and personal with these crazy insect critters!

July 5 to 8: Get Crabby!

Did you know beach buddies can crawl, climb, burrow, and splash? We'll head to the harbor and discover the creatures that call the sand and sea their homes.

July 12 to 15:

Dolphin Detectives

Dolphins and whales are the mighty mammals of the sea. Prepare for a dive expedition in a pollution-free ocean to help answer everyone's questions about how dolphins live and feed.

July 19 to 22:

Turtle-rific Reptiles

Summer's here! It's time to come out of your shell and learn about terrific turtles and other scaly critters.

July 26 to 29:

Things with Wings

Let's look closely at things with wings. Bees and butterflies and other creatures that live life "on the wing" are waiting to be discovered.

August 2 to 5: Clam Up!

Here comes the tide! We'll head to the harbor and discover the clams, oysters and other sea life that call the sand and sea their home.

August 9 to 12: Rain or Shine, Weather Happenings!

Fun in the sun or singing in the rain...this week is all about weather. Join us as we create awesome sun prints and paint with rain.

August 16 to 19: Fishy Fun

"Water" we up to this week? Fishy friends and cool tide pools filled with amazing critters. Discover the creatures that live in our trash-free harbor.

NATURE RANGERS

For children entering grades 1 and 2.

Mondays through Thursdays,

June 28 through August 19

10:00 A.M. to noon

Hey, Nature Rangers, let's get going! We're interested in the world around us, and we're ready to explore. Each week, we'll investigate our environment through experiments, games, arts and crafts and hands-on activities. Also, each week topics like solar power, wind energy, and marine

debris cleanup will be explored. Class sizes are small and fill quickly. Preregistration is strongly recommended.

Cost: members \$60 per week,
nonmembers \$80 per week.

Don't miss these exciting topics:

June 28 to July 1:

Backyard Beasties

Up close and personal; that's how we like our critters. We'll investigate the world of insects and spiders when we get down and dirty in their world.

July 5 to 8:

Horseshoe Crab Crazy

We're heading to the Harbor! Horseshoe Crabs are the true "blue bloods" of the deep. We'll learn all about them and other aquatic animals as we seine the deep for crazy crabby critters.

July 12 to 15:

Amazing Marine Mammals

Do you know how our marine mammal cousins live? Prepare for a deep sea dive expedition in a pollution-free ocean to help answer questions about how they live and feed.

July 19 to 22: Terrapins, Turtles, and Reptile Relatives

Let's learn about the reptiles of today and yesterday. Join us at the nature center for a wild week of terrific turtles and other reptilian adventures.

July 26 to 29:

Things with Wings

Bees, birds, dragonflies, and more – all things with wings! How do they fly? We'll learn about the power of flight and wind this week. Lift off!

August 2 to 5:

Magnificent Mollusks

We're diggin' down deep this week as we search the shore for clammy critters. We'll head to the harbor and discover the clams, oysters, and other wildlife that call the sand and sea their home.

August 9 to 12:

Sunny Days and Fair Winds

Sunshine, sun shine on me! Or rain on me – it's all about the weather this week as we create weather instruments and cook with the power of the sun.

August 16 to 19:

"Fin"tastic Fish and Sharks

Hey, chum! Let's visit with the sharks and fish. We're heading to the harbor

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with a seine net and our own scientific collecting equipment to explore sea and shore.

NATURE WIZARDS

For children entering grades 3 thru 5.

**Mondays through Thursdays,
June 28 through August 19**

10:00 A.M. to noon

Come one, come all, and join us for a summer of fun and discovery! Each week we'll investigate our environment and examine science through experiments, games and hands-on activities. We'll learn "green living" concepts throughout the summer. Topics like solar power, wind energy, and marine debris clean up will be explored. Class sizes are small and fill quickly. Preregistration is strongly recommended.

Cost: members \$60 per week,
nonmembers \$80 per week.

Don't miss these exciting topics:

**June 28 to July 1: Entomology –
The Passionate Study of Bugs**

Come take a closer look at insects and spiders that spin a web, fly through the air, live in the water, or burrow underground. We'll learn how they live, what they eat, and why they are so important.

July 5 to 8:

Horseshoes on the Harbor

Pull on your boots and grab your nets...we're heading to the harbor! Horseshoe Crabs are true "blue bloods" and we'll learn all about them and other aquatic critters as we seine the deep for marine species.

July 12 to 15:

Marine Mammal Conservation

Get ready for a deep sea dive expedition! It's everyone's favorite ocean adventure. This week we'll learn about our cousins from the deep and the conservation efforts that are helping us keep our oceans clean.

July 19 to 22: Turtles, Terrapins, and Raging Reptiles

Become a science investigator and search for signs of reptile wildlife. This week we'll learn about turtles, terrapins, and other reptiles. We'll meet live reptiles and investigate bones and fossils from ancient creatures.

July 26 to 29: Life on the Wing

Lift off with aerodynamics! Learn about the awesome power of wind and its many uses as an alternative form of energy. Also, investigate the

life of birds, butterflies, and other "things with wings."

August 2 to 5: Life Aquatic

A beautiful, healthy harbor begins with us. You can make a difference and turn the tide on trash when you help to clean up our beach. Be amazed by our scavenger hunt for reusable treasures. Then meet some of the critters that benefit from our clean beaches.

August 9 to 12: Got Solar?

"Weather" it's sunny or not, we're exploring the world of weather. Wind, solar, and water will be our scientific focus during this wacky weather week.

August 16 to 19: Gone Fishin'

Become a marine scientist this week as we learn about fish, sharks and other marine animals. Create scientific tools from recycled beach debris and discover the life aquatic.

HARBORSIDE EXPLORERS

For children entering grades 4 thru 9.

**Mondays through Thursdays,
June 28 through August 19**

9:30 A.M. to noon

It's time to get wet as we explore the wild side of Cape May. During every two-week interval, we'll explore another coastal-related theme as we set up our fish tanks, explore the shore, and drum up some fun in the sun. Dive into adventure. Come on in, the water's fine!

Class size is limited and fills quickly. Preregistration is highly recommended. Daily walk-in registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Cost: members, \$120 per two-week session, nonmembers, \$160 per two-week session.

Don't miss these exciting topics.

If You Were a Fish...

Week 1: **June 28 to July 1**

Week 2: **July 5 to 8**

...Just swimming in the sea, you'd reach out and grab...a big blue crab. Munch, munch, munch. The chain of life, from the tiniest copepod to the largest living thing we can find in the harbor, will be on our learning menu these two weeks.

**Soakin' in the Sun, the Sand,
and the Surf**

Week 3: **July 12 to 15**

Week 4: **July 19 to 22**

Yo, dude! There's so much more to do than just hangin' out this sum-

mer. Let's have some rippin' good fun learnin' about kayakin', surfin', divin' and boatin'. We'll also be lookin' at actual jobs where people really get paid for havin' fun in the sun! Way too cool!!

Have to Have a Habitat

Week 5: **July 26 to 29**

Week 6: **August 2 to 5**

Have you ever walked the trails of a maritime forest? How about a dip into a salt pan? Where's the closest reef? What is one the largest undeveloped tracts of land on the island? We will be out and about scoping these and other wild places around the island.

Cape Isle Castaways

Week 7: **August 9 to 12**

Week 8: **August 16 to 19**

Our ship has gone down and we've survived long enough to drift onto the shores of Cape Island. "No food, no shelter, no fresh water...." just our camera equipment. Will we be able to make it through these last two weeks of summer? Join us. It'll be tough, but by learning the Seven Steps to Survival we just might live to see September.

RECYCLED ART AFTERNOONS

Thursdays, July 1 to August 19

For children entering grades 3 thru 6.

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Create art with recycled materials in very unusual ways with local artist/teacher Janet Payne. We will be reusing all kinds of materials: earrings made out of old credit cards, bottle cap bracelets, "painting" with junk mail, pierced metal candle holders, beautiful-sounding metal chimes, and a bouquet of flowers from plastic milk cartons are just some of the creative things we will make this summer. Look for a list of items we will be using at the nature center if you would like to donate some of your recyclables. Class sizes are small and fill quickly. Preregistration is strongly recommended.

Recycled Jewelry: **July 1**

Recycled Paper Pulp Painting: **July 8**

Recycled Weaving: **July 15**

Recycled Paper Bowl: **July 22**

Recycled Tin Can Candle Holders:
July 29

Recycled Wind Chimes: **August 5**

Recycled Woven Newspaper Frame:
August 12

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Recycled Plastic Flowers: **August 19**
Cost: \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers per child per class.

NATURE'S ART

Fridays, July 2 to August 20

For children in kindergarten through second grades.

10:00 A.M. to noon

Are you ready to craft "wild" works of art? Join us as we let our creative juices flow using natural materials we find around us: shells, sand, twigs and more. All materials are provided. Class sizes are small and fill quickly. Preregistration is strongly recommended.

Cost: \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers per child per class.

"LET THE SUN SHINE IN"

NATURAL ARTS

Fridays, July 2 to August 20

For children entering grades 3 thru 6.

10:00 A.M. to noon

Create fun, imaginative art projects inspired by the sun with local artist/teacher Janet Payne. We will make sun catchers, sundials, rainbows, kaleidoscopes, shadow puppets, sunsets and more, using watercolors, pastels, paint, paper, and a variety of other art supplies. Class sizes are small and fill quickly. Preregistration is strongly recommended.

Cost: \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers per child per class.

AQUA TRAILS KAYAK CAMP

For children ages 12 to 16

July 19, 20, 21

August 9, 10, 11

8:30 A.M. to noon

Aqua Trails Kayaking Camp is kayaking fun for adventurers between the ages of twelve and sixteen. Young enthusiasts will be introduced to the sport of sea kayaking through hands-on activities and lessons. Experienced instructors from Aqua Trails Kayaking will cover topics including safety, basic paddling skills, the wet exit, and several self and aided rescues. Tours of the beautiful and historic harbor and wetlands are included. No kayaking experience is necessary, and all equipment is provided. Students must be able to swim. Please pack lunch and bring plenty of water each day. Students should also bring sunscreen, water shoes, sunglasses

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(with retainer), a towel, a wind-breaker and a bathing suit, as everyone will get totally wet every day. The camp is held at the NCCM and in adjacent Cape May Harbor. Classes are limited to eight students and fill up quickly, so please preregister. Cost: \$150.00 for the three-day session.

EXPLORE THE SHORE

For children ages 6 and up.

Mondays, August 23 and 30

10:30 A.M.

How about some end-of-summer fun? One of our most popular programs is now just for kids! Join our marine biologists as they pull a forty-foot seine net through the waters of Cape May Harbor. We'll get up close and personal with a large variety of fish, crabs, and other aquatic wildlife. Then we'll head into the lab and learn more about this wild and watery world. Preregistration is strongly recommended. Limited to twenty children.

Cost: members \$6, nonmembers \$8.

FREE FAMILY PROGRAMS

SCAVENGER HUNT FAMILY FUN

Saturdays and Sundays,

June 26 through August 29

10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Want to try a challenge or two with every walk you take? Can you spy an aster or a milkweed bug? With every successful discovery, you will learn more about the fascinating plants and animals living here. We offer a variety of scavenger hunts for your sensory awareness. See how many of the treasures you can find!

Cost: Free!

CAPE MAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR

July 15, 16, and 17

Noon to 9:00 P.M.

Stop by the annual Cape May County 4-H Fair in Cape May Court House for some inexpensive family fun. Many of the environmental education exhibits on display are created by participants of the Nature Center of Cape May's summer children's classes. The fair includes midway rides, animal exhibits and shows, great food, 4-H projects and exhibits, special attractions, and fun

Birthday Parties at the Nature Center of Cape May

September through April

Looking for something different for an upcoming birthday event? Celebrate your child's next birthday party with us.

What about a nature theme? Possible party themes include Dinosaur Dynamo, Under the Sea Beach Party, Dolphins and Whales, Pirate's Treasure Hunt, Flower Power, Backyard Wildlife Safari, Let's Rock...or... You Name It! An outdoor experience (weather permitting) allows for even more hands-on fun!

Each program includes a one-hour nature program with an NJ Audubon naturalist engaging the children with age-appropriate games and activities and one hour of free time and room use for your cake, ice cream, and gift-giving.

The fee of \$75 for NJ Audubon members and \$100 for nonmembers covers up to ten children. Additional participants are \$5 per child. Additional time can be added to the two-hour program for \$50 per half-hour. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit is required to hold your date. Parties must be booked two weeks in advance.

To book a

Birthday Party

**September through April
call 609.898.8848**

Check out our nature store for a great selection of birthday presents and party favors!

for the whole family. The fair's famous chicken BBQ begins at 5:00 P.M. each evening. The 4-H fairgrounds is located at 355 Court House - South Dennis Rd., in Cape May Court House. For more information on the 4-H fair, call 609.465.5115.

Special Activities for Teens: JUNIOR INTERNSHIPS

The 4-H Junior Intern Program provides opportunities for junior and senior high school students to work as assistants during the eight-week Children's Summer Programs at the nature center. Junior interns receive specialized educational training and

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guidance from the teacher-naturalists who mentor them. Daily assignments are flexible and take place each day between 9:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. A mandatory intern training session is held every Friday from 10:00 A.M. to noon. The internship also includes a community service project, providing opportunities for participants to share what they have learned and to make a lasting contribution to the Nature Center of Cape May. Interested students should contact B.J. Webersinn, County 4-H Agent, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 4 Moore Road, Cape May Court House, NJ, 08210, phone 609.465.5115 x605, fax 609.465.5953, or e-mail webersinn@aesop.rutgers.edu for more information and an application.

Sanctuary Notes

The Nature Center of Cape May invites you to come meet new people, have a lot of fun, and help our organization grow. Consider helping the nature center by volunteering three hours a week. We can use your help, whether it's one day a week or one day a month. Come join our volunteer team!

As a volunteer here at the Nature Center of Cape May, you will have the opportunity to share your skills in leading program participants to discover the wonders of the natural world, assisting visitors in the education center, maintaining and developing our facility, assisting with data entry, sales in the nature store, and with many more opportunities.

As New Jersey Audubon and the Nature Center of Cape May continue to grow, we need the hard work and dedication that you as a volunteer provide!

Call us now, or better yet, just stop in! See you soon.

GEAR INTO SUMMER SALE

NJ Audubon Nature Stores June 3 through 6

Take \$5 off a \$25 purchase, \$10 off of a \$50 purchase, and \$25 off of a \$100, plus 10% member discount! *

**Excludes optics, tripods and plants.*

Participating Centers:

- ✓ Cape May Bird Observatory
- ✓ Lorrimer Sanctuary
- ✓ Nature Center of Cape May
- ✓ Plainsboro Preserve
- ✓ Rancocas Nature Center
- ✓ Sandy Hook Bird Observatory
- ✓ Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary
- ✓ Weis Ecology Center

DON'T MISS IT!

Going Green

The nature center is now harnessing the power of the sun through solar panels on the roof of our welcome center. Stop by to see how easy it is to get free electricity from the sun and the other ways we are working to conserve energy. ■