

Eco-Explorers 2011 four two-week sessions...

Swamp Scientists

June 27-July 8 (No program 7/4) Course Code: 50101-13 \$648

Put on your lab coat and some goggles for the swamp has a lot of mysteries to solve! Join us as we conduct some fun and wacky experiments and find out more about the science behind nature. Use your new found science skills as we hike, swim, and play to discover how things work. Magical things might happen, so join us on our scientific adventure! There will be a Science Show at the end of this session to display your neat experiments!

E is for Earth

July 11-July 22 Course Code: 50101-14 \$720

Take a journey through time, starting all the way back at the Earth's beginnings! We will talk about geology, dinosaurs, and early mammals. Then explore Earth's amazing natural resources and see how humans affect the planet. By the end of the session you will know what you can do to help our planet and keep it looking and working great for generations to come! At the end of this session come to our Earth Fair to see what your child has learned.

Creature Feature

July 25-August 5 Course Code: 50101-15 \$720

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! Get your gear set, for we are off to discover some very interesting beasts! Part of the fun will be a project fair at the end of the session to show off all you've learned!

Forest Fanatics

August 8-August 19 Course Code: 50101-16 \$720

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 Great Swamp and discover what it is like to live there and how the plants and animals adapted to live in that habitat. Activities for this session include hiking, playing educational games, exploring our ponds, tree and plant I.D. and art. There will be an opportunity to hike with your child on the last day of the session.

Fees

50101-13	Swamp Scientists	\$ 648
50101-14	E is for Earth	\$ 720
50101-15	Creature Feature	\$ 720
50101-16	Forest Fanatics	\$ 720

Eligibility

This program is designed for children ages 7-9 years old with an interest in nature, science, and the outdoors. Participants must be 7 years of age by the start date of the selected session(s).

The Hours

Regular program hours are between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

We offer an *extended care hour* for an additional fee; participants can be picked up as late as 5:30pm. Extended care fees are: Session 1 \$77, session 2,3,4 \$85 per.

Registration

On-line at www.somersetcountyparks.org and *walk-in* registrations begin **Saturday, January 22 at 9am.**

Phone/mail registration begins Sunday, January 23 at 9am.

Enrollment is on a first come first served basis.

Payment in-full is required at the time of registration via VISA, Master Card, Discover or AMEX, or cash/check if registering in-person.

Payment is non-refundable, non-transferable.

Somerset County Park Commission welcomes everyone to participate in its programs and facilities regardless of race, color, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or religious or political affiliation. If you have individualized needs due to a disability, please call 908 526-5650 and we will be happy to arrange reasonable accommodations. Three-weeks notice is required to ensure that appropriate accommodations can be provided.

For more information, call, write or e-mail

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ECO-EXPLORERS

four different two-week sessions Summer 2011

A summertime adventure focusing on field study, the environment, and outdoor pursuits for participants ages 7-9.

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

ECO-EXPLORERS takes a hands-on approach and encourages learning through creative expression, educational games, imagination, nature exploration, and physical skill development.

The *Environmental Education Center* at Lord Stirling Park is located in the Great Swamp Basin. These 450+ acres of protected wetland are the ideal setting for children to gain skills and have fun as they explore the natural environment.

Each session of programming offers educational field trips, professional guest speakers, nature walks, canoeing, swimming, educational games, arts and crafts, and more.

ECO-EXPLORERS is directed by a Naturalist from the Environmental Education Center. The other Eco-Explorers staff members have backgrounds in science or other related fields and have experience working with children. Each session has its own theme; however, some activities overlap. It is strongly recommended that for a child's highest level of enjoyment and experience, that individual participation be limited to two sessions.



What to Wear and Bring

Wear comfortable summer clothing, sturdy footwear (NO FLIP-FLOPS PLEASE!) that can get wet, and a hat. Bring lunch and plenty of water every day! Bring raingear, an extra set of clothing, and footwear to leave in your cubby for the two week session.

Lunch

Participants should bring one snack, lunch, and two drinks each day. There is no refrigeration available, so please send food in an insulated bag.

Waste Free Lunch

Participants are encouraged to participate in our waste free lunch program. Items such as plastic sandwich containers, reusable drink bottles, and cloth napkins are welcome.

Communication

When registering, please provide an email you check frequently as most communication is via e-mail. Please add vdarras@scparks.org to your contact list.



Open House

A free informational session will be held to meet with some of the Eco-Explorers staff and discuss information regarding your child's Eco-Explorers experience. It will be held on **Wednesday June 22, 2011** from **6-7pm**. Of course, you are always welcome to call or visit the EEC to speak with Vanessa anytime!



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