

**We encourage you to visit
our facility to make sure it
meets your needs!**



**To book your Nature
Birthday Party
contact the Center at
973-228-8776 or
email David
dalexander@
parks.essexcountynj.org**



The Environmental Center is an especially great place to host your child's next birthday celebration. The atmosphere is full of adventure, and there is always something new to learn and fun to do when you visit. We welcome you and your family to our Essex County backyard.

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
Essex County Executive



The Essex County Environmental Center is a local wooded wetland habitat with access to the upper Passaic River. It is an interesting and affordable site for school groups, scouts, and others to take a naturalist-led field trip. Save gas, stay local and explore nature in your own Essex "backyard!"

Birthday Parties



Essex County Environmental Center

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*Essex County Executive &
The Board of County Commissioners*



~Putting

Essex County First~

Happy Birthday!

Choose the following topic for age 3:

- ◆ **Nature Stroll:** Search the trails, forest, pond and sky with a naturalist guide (max of 12 children).

Choose one of the following topics for age 4+

- ◆ **Nature Scavenger Hunt:** Explore our trail with a naturalist. Each season promises a fun adventure!
- ◆ **Creature Feature:** Choose “Birds,” “Insects” or “Frogs” and discover what makes them unique.
- ◆ **Lenape Life:** Explore how the Lenape hunted, fished, foraged and farmed using sticks, stones and bones. Make and take a clay pot craft.
- ◆ **Fossil Dig:** Become a paleontologist and explore buried fossils and artifacts from the past with a ‘dig’ and make your own fossil. **Includes \$2 per child additional craft material fee.**
- ◆ **Grow and Glow: Herbs for Self Care:** Explore our trails and gardens to learn about herbs that can be used to reduce stress, boost confidence and promote radiant skin and hair. Create your own herbal product to take home—you choose: bath salts or sugar scrub. ***Includes \$5 per child additional material fee.**
- ◆ **Campfire Party:** Build a campfire and make S’mores! ***Ages 7 and up only. Maximum of 20 participating children. Waivers required. Includes \$5 per child additional fee for S’mores & hot cocoa**

Example Party Agenda

Total 3-hour room rental
Guests participate 2-hours

10:30-11:00.....Set up
11:00Children arrive
11:00-12:00Nature Program
12:00-1:00Food, cake, presents
1:00.....Children depart
1:00-1:30Clean up

*Please arrange for parents to drop off
and pick up children promptly.*

Party Details

- ◆ For parties of children age 3 there is a maximum of 12 participating children and a minimum of 6 adult chaperones.
- ◆ For parties of children age 4 and up we encourage a limit of 20 participating children and a minimum of 2 adult chaperones but allow up to 25 with a \$5 additional per child fee for 21-25 (only for parties ages 4 and up).
- ◆ **All programs include a nature walk, please make sure guests come dressed to be outdoors.** Be prepared for hot/cold/wet/muddy conditions, apply bug repellent, if preferred.
- ◆ In case of rain or severe cold, indoor nature activities are substituted for outdoor activities.
- ◆ County Park rules prohibit Piñatas & Balloons
- ◆ Parties held outside our general operating hours of M-F 9-5pm or Saturday 10-2 incur a \$50 per hour building attendant fee.

We Provide:

- ◆ One-hour nature program
- ◆ Classroom space, tables, chairs
- ◆ Kitchen with sink, microwave, fridge, freezer

You Provide:

- ◆ Food, drinks, and ice
- ◆ Tablecloths, napkins, cups, plates and utensils (consider compostable / paper party packs)
- ◆ Decorations and party favors
- ◆ Supervision of your guests
- ◆ Set up and cleanup

Birthday Party Fee Ordinance

\$350

Additional Fees May Apply

\$5 additional per child fee for 21-25 participants (only for ages 3 and up). Absolute maximum 25.

\$50 per hour for After Hours Building Attendant

Cancellations must be made in writing two business days prior to your visit to avoid being billed the full fee.

Reservation and Payment Information

1. Contact the Environmental Center to request a party date.
2. Review and fill out the Rental Agreement including the Room Rental Form and Liability Waiver.
3. *Return the completed Rental Agreement along with a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit.* You may pay by cash, credit card, check or money order made out to “Essex County Parks System.”
4. *The balance must be paid before or at the time of the party.*
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Liability

Renter/Sponsor assumes full responsibility for the behavior and conduct of all party/program package guests/participants at the Essex County Environmental Center (hereinafter “Center”). Renter/Sponsor assumes full legal liability for any and all personal injury, including death, to his or her guests/participants and for any and all property damage directly or indirectly associated with the actions or activities of the guests/participants. Non-compliance by any guests/participants with any policies, terms and conditions of the Center or verbal directions/instructions from Center staff may result in the termination of the party/program package at any time, without a refund.