

Essex County Environmental Center ~ Public Programs

WINTER 2024/2025



The Essex County Environmental Center is located at 621-B Eagle Rock Avenue in Roseland in Essex County West Essex Park and is a facility of the Essex County Parks System. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Essex County West Essex Park is open to the public every day from dawn until dusk. Pre-registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. **All programs require a minimum number of participants to run.** For more information, please call 973.228.8776.

The Essex County Environmental Center offers a variety of seasonal environmental education programming for individuals, groups and families. Pre-registration and payment are required for all programs unless otherwise noted, and all programs require a minimum number of participants to run. Pre-registration and payment can be made either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO REFUNDS GIVEN FOR MISSED CLASSES

For more information, please call the Center at 973.228.8776.

FIELD TRIP OFFERINGS FOR ORGANIZED GROUPS **(Schools, Scouts, Church/Community Organizations, Home Schools, Etc.)**

Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar.



VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

\$75 per program, 45 minutes

Choose from the Following Virtual Field Trip Topics

Seasonal Discovery Nature Tour / Backyard Birding / Animal Tracking / Lenape Learning Area Tour & Lenape Skills/ Camping 101 Swamp Tromp-Wetland Biodiversity/ Wild about Wildlife Recycling (*grant funded and free for Essex County institutions while funds last*) / Green Building Tour...and more!

IN-PERSON FIELD TRIPS

Organized Group Bookings

(Institutions, Scouts, Municipal Recreation Programs, Homeschoolers, Etc.)

All ages. Program length is 1.5 hours. Choose from a variety of topics offered by the Essex County Environmental Center. Inquire by calling the Center at 973.228.8776. Minimum of 10 person booking requirement (if less booked, minimum booking fee applied). **Fee: \$12 per participant (including leaders/chaperones)**

Small Groups/Pods and Families

All ages. Winter selections include Seasonal Nature Adventure, Lenape Village Tours, Backyard Birding, Animal Tracking, Owls the Night Hunter, Swamp Tromp/Wetland Biodiversity, *Fire Making and Hot Chocolate, *Camping 101 and MORE! One group at a time with a limit of 6 people. Schedule your 45-minute time slot by calling the Center at 973.228.8776. *Where noted, additional fees apply. Schedule your 45-minute time slot by calling the Center at 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$12 child, \$15 adult**

CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar.

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LITTLE EXPLORERS

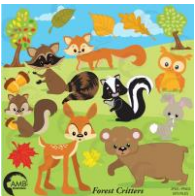
Mondays—December 9, 16; January 6, 13; February 3, 24
For ages 2 and 3 from 10am to 11am AND for ages 2 to 5 from 3pm to 4pm



Join us for explorations of nature as we study plants and animals and observe the colors, shapes, textures, and sounds in the Environmental Center's forest habitat. Please come dressed for the weather; all classes include an outdoor adventure. All children must be walking and accompanied by an adult. Paths cannot accommodate strollers. Maximum of two children per adult. All sessions are limited to 10 children. **Fee: \$15 per child per session**

FOREST FRIENDS CLUB

Thursdays—December 19; January 16; February 13; March 20
4pm to 5pm



For children ages 5 through 10. We'll explore the forest using nets, binoculars, magnifiers, and microscopes to investigate nature in our wooded wetland habitat. Together we hope to foster an ethic of stewardship and offer an opportunity to take part in hands-on conservation projects. This is a drop-off and pick-up class (children only). **Fee: \$15 per child per session**

RUTGERS COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION SERVICES OF ESSEX COUNTY

ESSEX COUNTY 4-H – Essex County 4-H invites Essex County youth to participate in programming for all ages. For more information, visit <http://essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h>.



Grinch is in Town! 4-H Holiday Fun for the Whole Family (Even Your Pet!)
December 7; 1pm to 3:30pm

Register Here: <https://go.rutgers.edu/uma718na>

Join the Essex County 4-H Leaders Association for a paw-sitively festive afternoon at the Essex County Environmental Center, Garibaldi Hall! Bring your holiday cheer and your furry, feathery, or scaly friend for:

- **Family Photos with the Grinch:** Capture a memorable moment with your loved ones and a special guest (craft framed photo included!).
- **Holiday Crafts:** Unleash your creativity with fun activities.
- **Hot Cocoa & Coffee Bar:** Warm up with delicious drinks and festive toppings.
- **Plus:** Meet the Grinch and support youth scholarships!

Don't miss out! All well-behaved pets are welcome! Pre-register for a discount at <https://essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/>. **Fee: \$15 per family or pay \$20 at the door.**

RUTGERS COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION SERVICES OF ESSEX COUNTY



4-H Dog Club: Discover the Paw-sitive World of Canine Companionship
Meeting dates: November 21; December 19; January 23 & February 20
5:30pm to 6:30pm

For youth in grades 4 through 12. Join the 4-H Dog Club and embark on a journey of learning and fun! Youth in grades 4-12 and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Whether you're a seasoned dog owner or a first-time pet parent, our 4-H Dog Club offers a welcoming and supportive environment for you and your furry friend. **Sign up here:** <https://essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/>

Participants gain valuable skills in:

- **Dog Training Basics:** Learn essential commands such as sit, stay and come.
- **Responsible Pet Ownership:** Understand the importance of proper care, nutrition and grooming.
- **Showmanship:** Develop your dog's show ring skills and learn how to present your canine companion with confidence.
- **Community Service:** Participate in community events and volunteer opportunities to give back.
- **Life Skills:** Build leadership, teamwork and communication skills through club activities.

Wellness Wednesdays with FCHS

Wellness Wednesday webinars with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Department of Family and Community Health Sciences (FCHS) focus on a variety of topics related to food, nutrition and healthy lifestyles. All sessions are free, last approximately 45 minutes, and provided via Zoom. For a full list of upcoming topics and to register, visit <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/wellness-wednesdays/>.

Rutgers Environmental Stewards

There are 16 weekly classes held on Tuesdays from 5:30pm to 8pm, with classes starting on January 12, 2025. The Rutgers Environmental Steward program trains volunteers on important environmental issues in New Jersey and how they can make a difference in their community. Stewards learn how to help advance sustainable climate change solutions, not just in their own lives, but in their communities. This program is virtual with some in-person field trips. **Fee: \$325 or \$300 if registering before December 31.**

MONTHLY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

HORTICULTURE FOR SENIORS

Meets monthly on the 3rd Monday
1pm to 3pm



For senior citizens. Join the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Essex County for this once-a-month horticulture class especially designed for senior citizens. Monthly topics vary. **Advanced registration is required one week prior to the program.** Call or email Anita and leave a message at 973-661-0520, or by email at anitagibaldi@gmail.com. **Free**

MONTHLY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

NEW JERSEY WOODTURNERS Meets Monthly on the 4th Monday 7pm to 9:30pm



For all ages. Learn to turn with the NJ Woodturners. Discover the wonders of creating art from found pieces of wood. Topics vary each month. For details, please email Bob Amarant at bobamarant@gmail.com and, to learn more about the organization, visit <https://www.njwoodturners.com>. Meet in Garibaldi Hall. **FREE**

ESSEX COUNTY BEEKEEPERS' SOCIETY Meets Monthly on the 2nd Tuesday 7pm to 9pm

For adults and children ages 12 and up. The Essex County Beekeepers' Society (ECBS), a chapter of the NJ Beekeepers Association, is dedicated to teaching new beekeepers how to manage their bees and helping experienced beekeepers to do it better. If you are interested in keeping honeybees and would like to explore what's involved, you're welcome to join. ECBS meets at Garibaldi Hall. For more details on monthly programs, visit www.njbeekeepers.org and www.ecbs.squarespace.com. **FREE**



GREAT SWAMP BONSAI SOCIETY Meets Monthly on the 2nd Tuesday 6pm to 9:30pm

For adults and children ages 12 and up. Attendees bring trees, pots and tools for display, discussion and problem-solving. Each meeting will focus on a different topic related to the care, maintenance and the art of bonsai. Open to the public, all are welcome. Join our Facebook group ([GreatSwampBonsaiSociety](https://www.facebook.com/GreatSwampBonsaiSociety)) for up-to-date information relating to each month's topics and other club news. Meet in the Main Center classroom. For more information, email John Michalski at huonia@aol.com or join our Facebook page, [greatswampbonsaisociety](https://www.facebook.com/GreatSwampBonsaiSociety). **PLEASE NOTE: NO DECEMBER MEETING. FREE**

December 2024 SEASONAL PROGRAMS

Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO REFUNDS GIVEN FOR MISSED CLASSES

HOLIDAY HERBAL SCRUB-MAKING

Thursday, December 5

5:30pm to 7pm



For all ages. Make-and-take a homemade herbal scrub. Visit our geodome to harvest lemon balm and lavender. Learn about the power of scent and how to care for your skin using nature to promote self-care. We will select our favorite scents from herbs and essential oils and then add them to create a sugar or salt scrub of your choice. All materials included. Participants will leave with a custom crafted scrub to try at home! This class has an outdoor component, so please come dressed for the weather. **Fee: \$15 per child and \$20 per adult**

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FOREST FRIENDS FEEDER CONTEST

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, December 11th

Project Drop-off: Friday, December 20th by 5pm

For all ages. Create an edible, festive and unique wetland wildlife feeder for our outdoor exhibit. The purpose of this contest is to provide participants with a fun and educational experience, evoking creativity, to make natural edible treats for the center's backyard forest friends. Add to a winter's bounty by registering for this contest and submitting a forest feeder for our forest friends to enjoy! All contest entries will be displayed for one week (or for as long as the wildlife will allow) during the winter holiday and will be voted on by a panel of eco-experts! Grand prizes are awarded to entries that place 1st in all categories; 2nd and 3rd place entries will be recognized with a plaque, certificate and a small gift from the Environmental Center. For contest rules and to register, please contact the Essex County Environmental Center at 973.228.8776 or email tcasella@parks.essexcountynj.org. **FREE**

S'MORES n' MORE

Saturday, December 14

2:30pm to 4pm

For all ages. Join an ECEC naturalist-guided short walk on the trails and experience forest life in wintertime. Afterward, practice fundamental fire skills and build a campfire in a safe and controlled environment. Once we get our fire burning, we'll roast marshmallows and make s'mores. **Fee: \$12 per child and \$15 per adult**



FOREST FRIENDS FEEDER WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 19

4pm to 6pm



For all ages. Join Center staff to create an edible, festive and unique wildlife feeder to be on display in an outdoor exhibit for ECEC's forest friends to enjoy! Some materials are provided, and it is encouraged to bring items, most especially – creativity! All participants will have the option for their project to be entered into our Forest Friends Feeder Contest. Prizes awarded. **Fee: \$12 per child, \$15 per adult**

WINTER WILDLIFE EXPLORERS CAMP

Monday, December 23; Thursday, December 26 & Friday, December 27

9:30am to 3:30pm

For children ages 6-10. Campers explore our wooded wetland forests in wintertime and enjoy stories, crafts, campfires and forest adventures. **Fee: \$300 per child for all three days OR \$110 per child per day**



January 2025 SEASONAL PROGRAMS

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S'MORES n' MORE

Saturday, January 4

11am to 12:30pm



For all ages. Join an ECEC naturalist-guided short walk on the trails and experience forest life in wintertime. Afterward, practice fundamental fire skills and build a campfire in a safe and controlled environment. Once we get our fire burning, we'll roast marshmallows and make s'mores. **Fee: \$12 per child and \$15 per adult**

WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE

Tuesday, January 14

6pm to 7:30pm

For ages 6 and up. Test your wildlife wisdom in a hands-on exploration as you play games of inquiry to examine a variety of skulls, tracks, furs, feathers, and scat! Compare and contrast form and function, then discuss with a naturalist. All participants make-and-take a clay animal track of their own. **Fee: \$12 per child and \$15 per adult**



MLK DAY: FOREST ANIMALS WINTER SURVIVAL – ONE DAY CAMP

Monday, January 20

9:30am to 3:30pm



For ages 6 to 10. Campers explore our wooded wetland forests in wintertime and enjoy stories, crafts, campfires and forest adventures. In honor of this day of service, they also will participate in stewardship activities on our outdoor campus, such as making wildflower seed balls for the pollinators, removing invasive vines to make winter wreaths, and caring for our bird feeders and bird houses. **Fee: \$95 per child**

GUIDING CHILDREN IN THE MODERN AGE –

The Origins of Stress, Disconnection, & The “Chronically Online” Generation

Saturday, January 25; 10:30am to 12pm

For adults. Join Dr. Daniel Atkins for a 90-minute workshop on the origins of stress in the body and how this is manifesting in the "chronically online" modern age. Parents, teachers, caregivers and all who are called to work with children are invited to share their struggles connecting to kids in an increasingly ungrounded and disconnected world. Dr. Atkins provides guidance to support the necessary healing for love to flow naturally, first to ourselves and then as caregivers. He explores topics of the mind-body connection, intimacy in relationships, and rediscovering authenticity beyond social conditioning. Following the discussion, he invites participants into an optional guided meditation to reconnect to the loving power within us, aligning our thoughts, emotions, and physical body to live in our highest Light and service to others. **FREE; participants are welcome to donate to the Essex County Parks Foundation, a 501-c3 non-profit organization directly supporting the Environmental Center's environmental education programs and stewardship efforts.**



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OWL PELLET DISSECTION

Monday, January 27

5:30pm to 7pm



For ages 6 to 11. Learn about these beautiful and mysterious silent hunters of the night. Discover what they are eating by carefully reconstructing the bones found inside owl pellets, while discussing predators and prey and food chain dynamics. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants required. **Fee: \$12 per child**

February 2025 SEASONAL PROGRAMS

ESSEX COUNTY BEEKEEPERS' SOCIETY: BASIC BEEKEEPING: 3-DAY SHORT COURSE; Saturdays, February 1 & 15, 8:30am to 4pm; Snow-day 3/15; Field Day TBA

For adults and children ages 12 and older.

This short course is appropriate for new beekeepers, as well as those who need a refresher. It is offered by the Essex County Beekeepers Society (<http://ecbs.njbeekeepers.org/index.htm>), a branch of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association, and overseen by EAS Certified Master Beekeeper Landi Simone. Successful completion of this class fulfills the education requirement necessary to legally keep bees in NJ. Classroom topics covered include: Honeybee Biology, Beekeeping Equipment, Getting Started with Bees, Keeping Bees in Populated Areas, Bee Plants, Seasonal Management, Honey Bee Pests and Diseases, Harvesting Your Honey Crop, Queens, Queen Problems and Re-Queening. Day 3, Field Day, takes place in apiaries in Montville Township and provides students with an introduction to working with the bees. Students will have the experience of opening and inspecting a beehive themselves and obtain hands-on lessons in recognizing the various components of a hive and colony as well as inspection basics such as smoker lighting, protective gear, and correct use of the hive tool. For information, contact registrar Justin Luna at Justin@GalacticGold.org.

Online registration is available at <https://njbeekeepers.org/Education.htm>. Meet in Garibaldi Hall. **Fee: \$130**, which includes all class materials, continental breakfast, and afternoon snack. *Scholarships are available for students ages 12-22. Click here for guidelines and application:* <https://www.njbeekeepers.org/Education.htm>



February 2025 SEASONAL PROGRAMS

WINTER NATURE JOURNALING

Saturday, February 1

10am to 11:30am



For all ages. Participants will experience winter discoveries through hiking and bird watching, and explore the joy of phenology, the cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena. From the outdoor explorations, make nature journals and in them write and draw the forest findings. Dress warmly for the weather. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants required. **Fee: \$12 per child and \$15 per adult**

VALENTINES FAMILY WALK & CAMPFIRE

Tuesday, February 11

5:30pm to 7pm

For all ages. Experience forest life at night and make birch bark hearts and necklaces that double as fire-starters. We'll build a campfire, make s'mores, and enjoy fire-popped popcorn and mint tea or hot chocolate. Dress warmly for the weather. **Fee: \$15 per child and \$20 per adult**



BUILD-A-BIRD HOUSE

Saturday, February 22

10:30am to 12pm



For all ages. Join us to build a home that encourages breeding birds and other wildlife to take residence. Putting out bird houses now improves the chances of having a nesting pair of songbirds in gardens by spring. **Fee: \$25 per birdhouse (2 people max per birdhouse)**

GUIDING CHILDREN IN THE MODERN AGE –

The Origins of Stress, Disconnection, & The “Chronically Online” Generation

Monday, February 24; 6pm to 7:30pm

For adults. Join Dr. Daniel Atkins for a 90-minute workshop on the origins of stress in the body and how this is manifesting in the "chronically online" modern age. Parents, teachers, caregivers and all who are called to work with children are invited to share their struggles connecting to kids in an increasingly ungrounded and disconnected world. Dr. Atkins provides guidance to support the necessary healing for love to flow naturally, first to ourselves and then as caregivers. He explores topics of the mind-body connection, intimacy in relationships, and rediscovering authenticity beyond social conditioning. Following the discussion, he invites participants into an optional guided meditation to reconnect to the loving power within us, aligning our thoughts, emotions, and physical body to live in our highest Light and service to others. **FREE; participants are welcome to donate to the Essex County Parks Foundation, a 501-c3 non-profit organization directly supporting the Environmental Center's environmental education programs and stewardship efforts.**



S'MORES n' MORE

Wednesday, February 26

5:30pm to 7pm

For all ages. Join an ECEC naturalist-guided short walk on the trails and experience forest life in wintertime. Afterward, practice fundamental fire skills and build a campfire in a safe and controlled environment. Once we get our fire burning, we'll roast marshmallows and make s'mores. **Fee: \$12 per child and \$15 per adult**



LOOKING AHEAD

gARTbage ART CONTEST: Register by Wednesday, April 9



Project Drop-Off, Saturday, April 12

10am to 1pm

This g'ART'bage contest takes a creative approach to protecting our planet from plastic pollution by pulling plastics out of the waste-stream and transforming them into works of public art. Contest participants are challenged to be thoughtful and creative in crafting art made from single-use plastic garbage (non-recyclable plastics). Team and individual projects are welcome. Projects must be crafted to withstand the elements, as they will be showcased in an outdoor setting on the grounds of the Essex County Environmental Center. Prizes awarded. Pre-registration required, contact 973.228.8776 or email tcasella@parks.essexcountynj.org.

gARTbage Art Workshop

Thursday, April 10

Join the Center staff to create an entry for our contest! Some materials will be provided; however, it is encouraged to bring personal items to add a unique artistic flair. All participants will have the option for their project to be entered into our gARTbage Art Contest. Prizes awarded. For more information, call 973-228-8776. **Fee: \$12 per child, \$15 per adult**

4pm to 6pm



SPRING CAMP

Tuesday, April 15; Wednesday, April 16; Thursday, April 17

9:30am to 3:30pm

For children ages 6-10. Restore the bond between children and nature. Children will have the opportunity to explore nature right here at the Essex County Environmental Center's varied habitats-forest, wetland, pond, and river. For more information, call 973.228.8776. **Fees: \$300 per child for all 3 days OR \$110 per child/per day**

SPRING FOREST EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19

9:30am to 10:30am OR 11am to 12pm

For families with children ages 1 to 6. Celebrate the beginning of spring with a reading of the "Little White Rabbit" and an egg hunt within the forest grounds of the Environmental Center. Children can bring their favorite basket to collect eggs and earn surprises! In the spirit of being "green," participants will exchange eggs for small prizes and meet a live rabbit from the Rutgers 4-H Small Animals Club. The eggs are sanitized and reused for future events and programs. Refreshments and a spring craft giveaway per child included. Held rain or shine. Limited space available. **Fee: \$20 per child**



EARTH DAY 2025

Sunday, April 27

All ages. Yay, it's EARTH DAY! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to our annual outdoor festival honoring beautiful planet EARTH, the sustainer of all life! On this special day, the Essex County Environmental Center will make extra efforts to share its wonder and appreciation of the natural world with patrons, partners, and friends. Enjoy a day filled with crafts, games, and recreational opportunities, such as canoeing and hiking. Enjoy demonstrations, information, and a local eco-vendors' sale. Environmental Center staff and partner groups will be on hand to guide you throughout this exciting Earth-centric day! Seeking eco-vendors with a sustainable mission. For more information, call 973-228-8776. **FREE EVENT (items may be for sale)**

11am to 3pm



ESSEX COUNTY PARKS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Submissions are due by Wednesday, September 10. Grab a camera and visit any Essex County Park! All are welcomed and encouraged to submit photos that capture a part of your visit to the County Parks System. For rules and regulations, please contact the Essex County Environmental Center at 973.228.8776.

LOOKING AHEAD

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION PACKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE MID-FEBRUARY 2025! FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE CENTER AT 973-228-8776 OR CHECK THE ONLINE CALENDAR AT www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar.

WILDERNESS SKILLS SUMMER CAMP

July 7 to July 11

1:30pm to 4:30pm

For grades 5 to 8. Join Senior Staff Naturalist David Alexander for some exciting lessons in outdoor skill building. Participants will identify wild plants, learn to track animals, create fires, go canoeing, make natural cordage, build shelters & much more! Call the Center at 973.228.8776 for details. Advance registration is required. **Fee: \$340 per child/per week**



NATURE EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

July 7 to July 18, Grades Pre-K and Kindergarten, 9:30pm to 12:30pm

July 21 to August 1, Grades 1 and 2, 9:30pm to 1:30pm

August 4 to August 15, Grades 3 and 4, 9:30pm to 1:30pm



Enjoy exploring and discovering woodland and river habitats for insects, birds, amphibians, Lenape life and much more. Sign up for one or two weeks per grade level. Call the Center at 973.228.8776 for details. Advance registration is required. **Fee: \$250**

per child/per week for Pre-K and K, \$270 per child/per week for Grades 1 and 2; \$290 per child/per week for Grades 3 and 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION—Meetings are held virtually on the first Monday of each month at 6pm. Some dates may change. This Board has openings, if you are interested in serving, please email a letter of interest and resume to tcasella@parks.essexcountynj.org. For an up-to-date listing of meeting dates or for more information, please contact Essex County Environmental Affairs Coordinator Tara M. Casella at 973.228.8776 or visit <https://www.essexcountyparks.org/facilities/environmental-center/partners>.

GARDENING—Do you have garden-related questions? Contact the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Essex County and a Master Gardener will gladly assist you on their FREE helpline service. Helpline hours are Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm. Call 973.228.2210 or e-mail mastergardener@essexcountyparks.org. **PLEASE NOTE: MG HELPLINE WILL BE ON WINTER BREAK FROM NOVEMBER 27, 2024, to FEBRUARY 28, 2025.**

OTHER OFFERINGS



EXTRA! EXTRA! Calling all Nature Enthusiasts....

Grades Pre-K through 7. Youth Eco-Activity Boxes are Available for Purchase! Looking for enrichment ideas? The Environmental Center educational staff has custom made boxes designed to excite and engage youth in nature exploration and active learning. The boxes are intended to keep children in pre-K through seventh grades excited and engaged in environmental science related outdoor activities. Box themes include: Seasonal Discovery— Winter/Spring/Summer/Fall, Butterfly Safari, Buzz Box (Bees), Flying Friends (Birds), Amphibians and Reptiles, Junior Naturalist, Wilderness Skills and more!

Fee: \$40/Box

ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER PARTNER AGENCIES

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Marissa Blodnik 973.353.1337

Rutgers Master Gardeners of Essex County Help Line

973.228.2210

The Essex County Environmental Center Staff

*Warmly Wishes Everyone a Very
Happy & Healthy Holiday Season!*

*Thank You for Supporting Our
2024 Programs.*

~Welcoming in a Prosperous 2025 for ALL~

ATTENTION:

If you are not already on our e-mail list and you would like to receive an electronic file of our brochure as well as other e-notices and alerts, please call the Center (973.228.8776) at your earliest convenience or e-mail tcasella@parks.essexcountynj.org with an e-mail address. Thank you!



Our Environmental Center has become the premiere location for environmental education and nature appreciation. With the help of our partner groups, our dynamic schedule of events and activities will captivate all ages. Walk in our woods, discover habitats, get pointers on gardening, learn about nature photography and much more. It's all about nature and it's all at our Environmental Center.

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive

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