



“Our *Forest Friends Feeder Contest* is a wonderful activity that incorporates our mission to raise awareness about nature and environmental issues with a winter theme. This hands-on, family-oriented contest lets people of all ages learn about our forest friends and their environment in a fun educational way.”

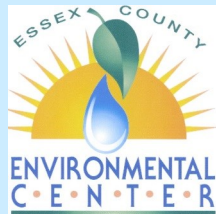
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2023 Forest Friends Feeder Contest!



Registration Deadline:
December 13th
Project Drop-off:
December 15th
On Outdoor Exhibit:
December 16 - 23, 2023



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VOTING

The Forest Friends Feeders will be displayed on the forest trail directly behind the Environmental Center’s main building and in online photographs from Saturday, December 16th through the 23rd, 2023, or until nature allows.

A “people’s choice” voting option is available for visitor participation by using this QR Code once all entries are received:



Or by web-link at :
<https://forms.gle/eUkPCHXot7Jr3E5j9>

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration Deadline:
December 13, 2023

To register, call the Center at
973-228-8776 or by e-mail
mrobinson@parks.essexcountynj.org

Exhibit & Contest Rules

Do you know what forest friends enjoy during the winter months?

The purpose of this contest is provide participants with a fun and educational experience, engaging 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 them to enjoy!

All contest entries will be displayed for one week (or as long as wildlife will allow) during the winter holiday and will be voted on by a panel of eco-experts!

HOW TO ENTER

To register, call or email the Center at 973-228-8776 or mrobinson@parks.essexcountynj.org

Be sure to include in the e-mail, your name, group or organization name, phone number, email, home town and category entering.

Register by:

Friday, December 13th

Entry Drop-off:

Friday, December 15th

Space is limited, so please register early.

PRIZE CATEGORIES

Individual Youth (17 and younger)

Individual Adult (18 and older)

Group/Family

Professional

(Includes Artists, Bakers, Chefs & Culinary Students)

~People's Choice~

Judging will be based on construction, creativity and best design for feeding intended wildlife species.

Eligibility: The contest is open to individuals—children and adults—and organized groups, such as families, home-schoolers, faith-based organizations, clubs, scout troops, bakers, culinary students, nature/outdoor enthusiasts, etc. Pre-registration required.

Submissions: Must be delivered no later than 5pm Friday, Dec 15, 2023. Late entries will not be considered for a prize, but will be enjoyed and appreciated by the animals!

Drop-off: To the Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068. Drop-off details will be given by email to each participating entrant.

Awards: Winners will be announced once judging is completed. *Grand prizes 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 Essex County Environmental Center.

RULES

• Each entry **must include an index card with the following information: name, category entered under and a detailed project description.**

• All entries must be an original construction and include wildlife friendly edible ingredients either collected outside or purchased from a store (example: corncobs, gourds, pumpkins, bird seed, fruit, acorns, sticks). **Please NO meat, chocolate or candy; these are NOT animal friendly products.**

• **No plastic allowed.** Construction with biodegradable compostable materials is encouraged (sticks, paper roll tubes, jute, cardboard, newspaper); the use of screws and nails is acceptable to hold the project together.

• Each entry must fit on top of a flat tree stump no larger than 14" x 14". The stump will be provided—please do not bring your own. You may use nails or screws to stabilize the structure. Ramps or other design features that help the animals access the food are acceptable.

• Materials should withstand the elements and provide feed for multiple days. Intended animal species to feed include squirrels, chipmunks, blue jays, cardinals, chickadees, other winter birds and forest wildlife.

• ECEC reserves the right to disallow any submission deemed objectionable or unsafe.

• ECEC is not responsible for any damage to or disappearance of the project.