

HOW TO REGISTER

To register, email the
Essex County Environmental Center at
tcasella@parks.essexcountynj.org

*Be sure to include in the email the full
name of each participant, group or
organization name, phone number,
address and category entering.*

On delivery, your project must include
the following information to be accepted:

ENTRY FORM

Full Name(s) of Participants: (max 5 per entry)

Group Name if applicable:

Circle Your Grade Category:

PreK-2nd | 3rd-5th | 6th-8th | 9th-12th

Project Description:

Essex County Environmental Center 2024 Forest Friends Feeder Contest!



Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, December 11th
Project Drop-off:
Friday, December 20th
On Outdoor Exhibit:
Beginning December 21st
Dawn to Dusk



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
& the Board of County Commissioners



~ Putting Essex County First ~



“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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VOTING

The Forest Friends Feeders will be displayed on the forest trail directly behind the Environmental Center’s main building starting Saturday, December 21st until nature allows.

A “people’s choice” voting option will be posted on our social media for visitor participation once all the entries are received.

Essex County Environmental Center
621- B Eagle Rock Avenue
Roseland, NJ 07068
973-228-8776

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!

CONTEST CATEGORIES

PreK-2nd | 3rd-5th | 6th-8th | 9th-12th

Maximum 5 participants per project entry.

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

Eligibility: The contest is open to individuals—children—and organized groups, such as families, home-schoolers, faith-based organizations, clubs, scout troops, bakers, culinary students, nature/outdoor enthusiasts, etc. There is a maximum of five participants allowed per project entry.

Submissions: Must be delivered no later than 5pm on Friday, December 20, 2024.

Late entries will not be considered for a prize, but will be enjoyed and appreciated by the animals!

Drop-off: At the Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068.

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.

CONTEST RULES

- *On delivery each entry must include an entry form.*
- All entries must be an original construction and include wildlife friendly edible ingredients (example: corncobs, gourds, pumpkins, bird seed, fruit, acorns, sticks). **Please NO meat, chocolate or candy; these are NOT animal friendly products.**
- **No plastic is allowed.** Construction with biodegradable compostable materials is encouraged (sticks, paper rolls, jute, cardboard); 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.

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