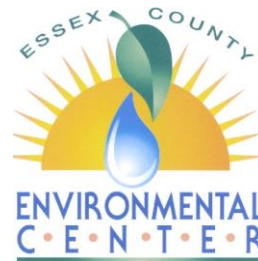




"Our Forest Friends Feeder Contest is a wonderful activity that incorporates our mission to raise awareness about nature and environmental issues with a winter theme. This hands-on, family-oriented contest lets people of all ages learn about our wetland forest friends and their environment in a fun educational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

~ Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



**Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive**  
**And the Board of County Commissioners**  
**Invite you to participate in:**

# Essex County Environmental Center's Forest Friends Feeder Contest

Create an edible, festive and unique wetland wildlife feeder for our outdoor exhibit



**Registration Deadline: Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Project Drop-off: Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> by 5pm**

**@ Essex County Environmental Center**

**621b Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey 07068**

**Register Online: <https://forms.gle/YvuPixNeUi5j9pDB9>**

## CONTEST CATEGORIES

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

**Maximum 5 participants per project entry.**

**Judging is based on construction, creativity and  
best design for feeding local wildlife species.**



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## 2025 EXHIBIT & CONTEST RULES

- The purpose of this free contest is to provide participants with a fun and educational experience, engaging creativity to make natural edible treats for the Center's backyard forest friends.
- The contest is open to individuals and organized groups, such as families, homeschoolers, faith-based organizations, clubs, scout troops, bakers, culinary students, and any other nature lovers.
- All contest entries will be immediately displayed on our trail and voted on by a panel of eco-experts!
- All entries must be 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.**
- **No plastic is allowed.** Construction with biodegradable compostable materials is encouraged (sticks, paper rolls, jute, cardboard).
- 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 welcome.
- Materials should withstand the elements and provide feed for multiple days. Intended species include squirrels, chipmunks, blue jays, cardinals, chickadees, other winter birds and forest wildlife.
- We reserve the right to disallow submissions deemed objectionable or unsafe.
- ECEC is not responsible for any damage to or disappearance of the project.
- A "people's choice" voting option will be posted on our social media for visitor participation once all the entries are received.
- Winners will be announced once judging is completed and prizes will be awarded at a scheduled ceremony.

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