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CELEBRATE EARTH DAY IN BURLINGTON COUNTY PARKS

Free Environmental Activities Offered To Residents of All Ages

A bounty of free Earth Day activities geared for the whole family will be offered in Burlington County's beautiful parks on Sunday, April 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Burlington County Freeholder Director Bruce Garganio announced today.

Sponsored by the freeholders through the Division of Parks, Earth Day celebrations will be held in Pennington Park in Delanco, Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area in Moorestown, Long Bridge Park in Hainesport, Amico Island Park in Delran, and Smith's Woods in Eastampton.

"Residents are encouraged to visit one or more of the parks to hike the trails, meet park rangers, enjoy guided nature walks, learn about recycling and composting, and also take advantage of activities targeted to children," said Garganio.

Looking forward, Garganio said that residents should also mark their calendar for Burlington County's own Earth Fair on Sunday, June 24th, at Historic Smithville Park in Eastampton. This popular event also features many environmental activities for children, displays, vendors and entertainment.

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Meantime, the schedule for the upcoming nationally-celebrated Earth Day

includes:

- Amico Island Park, Norman Avenue in Delran – Help Ranger Adam clean up the park's shoreline from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please register in advance by emailing the Division of Parks at parks@co.burlington.nj.us and providing your name, address, phone number, and email, or by calling (609) 265-5858.
- Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area, Creek Road in Moorestown – Park Naturalist Jen Bulava will take visitors on a guided nature walk at 10 a.m., and Rangers Bill and Sharon will get you started on a self-guided scavenger hunt for kids and their families throughout the day.
- Long Bridge Park, Deacon Road in Hainesport – The Rancocas Nature Center will present "Scales and Tails," a children's reptile program, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At 2 p.m., Rangers Mike and Kelly will conduct "Delightful Decomposers: Adventures Under a Log," a fun, hands-on program that lets children get dirty while exploring the amazing world of decomposers found inside a decaying log. The 90-minute program is geared for school-age children in grades two and up (who must be accompanied by an adult).
- Pennington Park, Creek Road in Delanco – Meet Rangers Jim and Garry, play a game of "Nature Bingo," and let the kids have fun making a craft piggy banks from recycled bottles with the Delanco Women's Community Civic Club. Representatives from the Burlington County Sheriff's Department will offer child safety seat tips and free bike inspections, and help seniors make sure their car mirrors and seats are adjusted correctly. There will also be a backyard composting information, do's and don'ts for recycling, information on community gardens and the Burlington County Animal Shelter will share information about pet care, pet etiquette, and animal adoption.
- Smith's Woods, East Railroad Avenue in Eastampton – At 10 a.m., Rangers Mike and Kelly will conduct "Delightful Decomposers: Adventures Under a Log," a fun, hands-on program that lets children get dirty while exploring the amazing world of decomposers found inside a decaying log. The 90-minute program is geared for school-age children in grades two and up (who must be accompanied by an adult). At noon, Ranger Chris will show visitors how to construct a butterfly garden, and at 2 p.m. Park Naturalist Jen Bulava will take visitors on a guided nature walk. There will also be an "envirospace demonstration" that will illustrate what happens to pollutants that come from your lawn, and youth volunteers will be overseeing ring toss and ball toss games for the kids. Kids will also enjoy making fun crafts out of recycling material throughout the day.

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For more information about Burlington County's Earth Day activities in the parks, go to www.co.burlington.nj.us/Parks or call (609) 265-5858.

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