

NEW YORK STATE PARKS NATURE PROGRAMS
THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE CENTER
JONES BEACH

**WINTER
EXPERIENCE 2012**

**TINY TOTS
FUN FOR KIDS
FAMILY ADVENTURES
ADULT ED-VENTURES**

NATURE CENTER HOURS:

**LABOR DAY TO
MEMORIAL DAY
WEEKENDS
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**MEMORIAL DAY TO
LABOR DAY
WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



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REGISTRATION

RESERVATIONS



Reservations are required for all programs and will be accepted two weeks prior to each program. Dates in (*) are starting dates for reservations. Call (516) 780-3295 to make reservations for each program. Space is limited.

Example:

Sunday → *April 20 (4/6)* ← *1:00 - 3:00 pm*

Actual date of program **Date we start to take reservations**

CANCELLATIONS

If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call and cancel so others may have the opportunity to attend. Failure to do so may result in loss of reservations for other programs.

FEES

\$4.00 per person, children under 3 free. (unless otherwise noted).
Vehicle use fees must be paid upon arrival.

MAILING LIST



If you would like to receive this quarterly brochure, send a post card with your name and address to: Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center, P.O. Box 1000, Wantagh, NY 11793 or call (516) 780-3295

All programs start at Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center unless otherwise noted.

* Please be prompt. Late comers will forfeit their reservation.

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Share nature with your family. These programs are delivered to general audiences.

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All programs conducted on an adult level. Not recommended for children under 12.

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SCHOOLS

Environmental education programs for preschool through college are conducted by state parks staff at Jones Beach State Park. Programs can be tailored to fulfill your special requirements. To make arrangements for your class, call the Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center: (516) 780-3295

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Scout groups, 4-H clubs and other youth organizations can not register for these programs, however, we offer programs that can be done for your particular group. Staff will also help your group to earn badges or certificates and assist you with other projects you are working on. Contact the Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center office for more information and to receive a brochure: (516) 780-3295

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Have your child's Birthday Party at Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center at Jones Beach. Parties are offered on Wednesday - Saturdays 3:00 - 5:00 pm or Sundays 10:00 - 12:00 noon. Parties include private room, nature program (45-60 minutes) and a craft. For more information, call: (516) 780-3295

** Birthday Parties are for children ages 5 and up.*

CALENDAR

Please call the Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center to make reservations. (516) 780-3295

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* Program accessible for physically challenged

Recommended Audiences

- tt Tiny Tots (ages 3-5)
- c Children (ages 6 - 12)
- f Families (all ages)
- a Adults (ages 13 & up)

ADULT ED-VENTURES

JANUARY

WINTER BIRD WALK



Jones Beach is the winter destination of many migrating birds. Our visitors includes shorebirds, songbirds and sometimes owls. Join us as we look for these seasonal visitors.

Saturday January 14 (12/31) 1:00 - 3:00 pm

MARCH

SEAL WALK POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP

Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr
& Jerry Ahern



Come to the Nature Center and join us for a walk along Jones Inlet while we observe winter seals. Afterwards, write about them with Nassau County's first Poet Laureate, Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr., and hear Long Island songs by guitarist-composer Jerry Ahern. **(Bring a brown bag lunch.)**

Saturday March 5 (2/19) 9:30 - 2:00 pm

Fun Fact: There are 3 different families in the Pinnipedia group. Phocidae (True seals), Otariidae (fur seals and sea lions) and Odobenidae (walrus).

NATIVE PLANTS & BACKYARD BUTTERFLY GARDENING

John Meyer Certified Nursey
Landscape Professional



Please join John Meyer, the Nursery and Perennial buyer for Atlantic Nursery & Garden Shop, Inc. for an engaging discussion on *Native Plants and Butterfly Gardening in your Long Island Backyard*. This seminar will provide opportunities to learn more about environmental sustainability, how to improve gardens and landscapes, and the importance of native vegetation to nursery and landscape professionals and homeowners. Native plantings provide needed habitat for wildlife.

Saturday March 31 (3/17) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

TINY TOTS

The "Let's Discover Nature" hour is a special time for both parent and child to discover the wonders of their natural world together. Each program's theme will use nature explorations and hands-on activities as a springboard for learning. (Ages 3 - 5)

Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 am or 1:30 - 2:30 pm



Jan. 17	(1/3)	Spikes and Shields
Jan. 31	(1/17)	Animal ABC's
Feb. 14	(1/31)	Heart 2 Heart
Feb. 28	(2/14)	Counting Critters
March 13	(2/28)	Goin' Green
March 27	(3/13)	Colorful Critters

FUN FOR KIDS

WINTER SURVIVAL

Fun Fact: Gray squirrels do not hibernate but instead rely on their fat reserves to survive the winter.

JANUARY

Come down to the Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center and explore how animals have adapted to get through the winter time. We will examine different animals that call the beach their year round home as well as animals that migrate. Meet some native species that live at the Nature Center and discover what these animals would do in the wild when the temperature drops.

Sunday January 15 (1/1) 1:30 - 3:00



FEBRUARY

Have you noticed animal tracks in the wild and wondered what animal made them? Become a nature detective by searching for clues that animals leave behind. Children will make their own journal of Jones Beach animal tracks to take home.

Sunday February 5 (1/22) 1:30 - 3:00



MARCH

MAD SCIENCE LAB



Calling all Jr. Scientists - this St. Patrick's Day we will be conducting experiments! Some may be messy, but all will be fun! We need your help to unlock and understand each test. Be ready to discover what it's like to be a scientist. (Recommended for ages 7 and up.)

Saturday March 17 (3/3) 10:30 - 12:00

Scientific Method- An orderly technique of investigation that is supposed to account for scientific progress.

FAMILY ADVENTURES

TELESCOPE 101



Fun Fact: A Planet falls into two categories. It is either a Terrestrial Planet or a Gas Giant. Planets that have a body composed mainly of rock (like the Earth) is called a terrestrial planet.

JANUARY

Take that telescope out of the attic or bring your new one down to the nature center. Members of the Amateur Observers Society will be here to help you set it up and learn how to use it, as we view the night sky.

Friday January 27 (1/13) 7:30 - 9:30 pm

FEBRUARY

Join us as we explore the myths and legends behind this creative activity. Each family will make their own dream catcher, then decorate it with feathers and natural materials. (One dream catcher per family.)

Saturday February 4 (1/21) 10:30 - 12:00 pm

JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH

Seals at Jones Beach? That's right! Join us for a 1 1/2 hour program about the seals that visit our area each winter. The program will begin at the nature center with an overview of the local seal species. We will then caravan to a nearby location and take a walk along the bay where seals are frequently viewed.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Jan. 1 (12/18)</i>	<i>10:30- 12:00 pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Jan. 7 (12/24)</i>	<i>1:30- 3:00 pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Jan. 28 (1/14)</i>	<i>1:30- 3:00 pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Feb. 11 (1/28)</i>	<i>1:30- 3:00 pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Feb. 19 (1/23)</i>	<i>10:30- 12:00 pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Feb. 25 (1/11)</i>	<i>1:30- 3:00 pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 4 (2/19)</i>	<i>10:30- 12:00 pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 11 (2/26)</i>	<i>10:30- 12:00 pm</i>

Fun Fact: Seals belong to the order Pinnipedia, which means "fin-footed". Pinnipeds have four flippers - one pair in front, and one pair in back.

FAMILY ADVENTURES

FEBRUARY - FAMILY FUN WEEK

MARINE MAMMALS



Come learn about marine mammals and the unique adaptations that help them to survive in the challenging ocean environment. Through a series of interactive games, discussions, and hands-on activities, we will explore the fascinating worlds of manatees, sea otters, seals, and whales.

Wednesday Feb. 22 (2/8) 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

IT'S A COLD BLOODED LIFE OUT THERE



Horseshoe crabs, snakes, frogs, and fish. What do all these animals have in common? They are all cold blooded. Come to the nature center to learn just what it means to be a cold blooded creature.

Thursday Feb. 23 (2/9) 10:30am - 12:00 noon

FEATHERED FRIENDS



It's time to learn about our feathered friends! Birds come in all shapes, sizes, and colors, but why? Come learn about these unique masters of flight.

Friday Feb. 24 (2/10) 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Endangered Species Volunteers Needed!

Each spring at Jones Beach volunteers help put up over 2 miles of symbolic fencing around the nesting areas of Piping Plovers and Least Terns.

Join Us!

Saturday March 24, 2012 Starting at 9 a.m.
If interested, please contact the Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center
516.780.3295

