

The Department of Recreation presents:



# Nature Explorers

GRADES 3-8TH

5 SESSIONS 4-6PM

\$50 HP RESIDENT, \$70 NON RESIDENT

EACH SESSION STARTS AT THE HP SENIOR/YOUTH CENTER AND WILL CONCLUDE AFTER A WALK TO THE HIGHLAND PARK MEADOWS OR DONALDSON PARK WHERE PICKUP WILL TAKE PLACE. PLEASE WEAR SUITABLE OUTDOOR ATTIRE.



## April 10th Habitat Hunters

We will learn all about the needs of animals, different types of habitats and ecosystems. Outdoor exploration of Highland Park Meadows and the banks of the Raritan River will follow, where we will observe and record abiotic factors such as temperature, wind and soil properties.

## April 17th Insects Everywhere

We will explore the lives of insects, looking at their identifiable characteristics and their development stages. Building on our previous knowledge, we will investigate different habitats where the insects are found.

## April 24th Macroinvertebrate Mayhem

We will learn how monitoring macroinvertebrates can tell us about the quality of the water. We will learn how to identify and classify macros before we head outside. At the feeder stream beside the Highland Park Meadows, we will survey the stream before collecting macroinvertebrates.

## May 1st Reptiles and Amphibians

We will meet a reptile and an amphibian and learn about different characteristics of each class of animal. We will review habitats and how each animal fits into the ecosystem.

## May 8th Birds of a Feather

We will learn about our native feathered friends, focusing on bird behavior and identification techniques. We will learn how to use a field guide and binoculars and record in a field journal. Using our new skills we will head to the Highland Park Meadows with our binoculars, field guides and notebooks and try to identify and record species of birds.

**20 MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS!!**

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