



## FEES

50102-17: H meets O: \$648 (no program 7/4)

50102-18: Animal House: \$720

50102-19: Field Forest Farm: \$720

50102-20: Wild Planet: \$360

50102-21: Crazy Climate: \$360

## DATES

See session descriptions.

## REGISTRATION

On-line at [www.somersetcountyparks.org](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org) and walk-in registrations begin **Saturday, January 21 at 9am**. Phone/mail registration begins Sunday, January 22 at 9am. Enrollment is on a first come first served basis. **A minimum deposit payment of 50% per session is due at registration; deposit or full payment is non-refundable and non-transferable.** All sessions must be paid in full by Monday, May 7, 2012. VISA, MasterCard, Discover, Amex or cash/check are accepted.

## ELIGIBILITY

This program is age-specific. Participants must be 10 years of age by the start date of the selected session(s), not have turned 13 years of age prior to the session in which s/he is enrolled, and have an interest in the natural world.

## WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING

Wear comfortable summer clothing, sturdy footwear that can get wet/dirty, and a hat. Bring a day bag with a complete change of clothes.

### Lunch

Participants should bring one snack, lunch, and two drinks each day. There is no refrigeration available, so please send food in an insulated bag. Participants are encouraged to participate in our waste free lunch program. Items such as reusable sandwich/snack containers, drink bottles, and cloth napkins are encouraged.

### Field Trips

Each week we will be taking a trip off-site. We will travel by van, leaving about 9am and returning by about 4:30pm. All trips are related to session theme.

### Overnights at the EEC

There will be an optional overnight (sleepover) on the first Thursday of each of the two-week sessions. Pizza dinner, healthy snacks, and drinks provided. Evening activities will include night hike, star gazing, and other evening activities as weather permits. Participants get picked up the following morning, Friday, between 7:30am –9:00am.

### Communication

When registering, please provide an email you check regularly as most communication in via e-mail. Please add [kawesim@scparcs.org](mailto:kawesim@scparcs.org) to your contact list.

Somerset County Park Commission welcomes everyone to participate in its programs and facilities regardless of race, color, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or religious or political affiliation. If you have individualized needs due to a disability, please call 908 526-5650 and we will be happy to arrange reasonable accommodations. Three weeks notice is required to ensure that appropriate accommodations can be provided.

**For more information, call, write or e-mail:**

AWESIM KIDS

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SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

# AWESIM KIDS

*Ages 10-12.*



**June 25 - August 17, 2012**



*Somerset County  
Park Commission*

## Program Description

AWESIM KIDS is a summertime adventure focusing on the environment and outdoor activities. Kids who enjoy hiking, birding, pond life, boating, and exploring new places will enjoy our safe, educational, inspiring, and fun sessions.

AWESIM KIDS offers hands-on learning and peer leadership opportunities; examining our natural history collection, exploring the 450 acre park, working together daily in both small and large groups.

Each of the five sessions are individually themed. Favorite activities like berry picking, canoeing, and swimming repeat throughout the summer.

Naturalists Rich Hoffman and Christa Wood work with two seasonal Naturalists to provide daily programs. Other staff Naturalists join us for trip days and specialized activities, increasing opportunities for individualized attention and instruction. Typically, it is a six participant to one Naturalist ratio.

## Program Hours

Monday—Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Post-program *Extended Care* option is available for all sessions. Children may stay as late as 5:30pm for an additional fee per session. Daily rates are not available.

Fee for session 1	<b>H meets O</b>	\$77
Fee for session 2	<b>Animal Planet</b>	\$85
Fee for session 3	<b>Field Forest Farm</b>	\$85
Fee for session 4	<b>Wild Planet</b>	\$42.50
Fee for session 5	<b>Crazy Climate</b>	\$42.50

*Enrollment in the extended care option by June 1 is necessary in order to schedule adequate staffing. To enroll in the extended care please contact the Environmental Education Center, 908 766-2489X0.*

## Two Week Sessions

### H Meets O

Course Code: 50102-17

June 25-July 6 \*

Session 1: \$648

Every living thing on Earth depends upon water. Join us as we learn about our amazing blue planet, both salt and fresh water habitats will be explored. Plan on getting wet and dirty as we paddle on ponds, explore streams, and spend time in kayaks. Our experts will teach you the strokes as well as how to stay safe while having a good time with friends. Trips to both Island Beach State Park and the Poconos at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

Overnight Thursday, June 28.

### Animal House

Course Code: 50102-18

July 9-July 20

Session 2: \$720

This session is all about animals, the places they live, and their special adaptations that help them survive! Whether you are interested in slithery snakes, sly foxes, graceful gliders or slimy sliders, this is the session for you! We will be taking trips to both the Bronx Zoo and the Appalachian Trail in search of animals big and small.

Overnight Thursday, July 12

### Field Forest Farm

Course Code: 50102-19

July 23-August 3

Session 3: \$720

The forest an nature have an abundance of natural foods, some very tasty and some quite sweet. This session is all about nature's food from berries to lichen to honey for your tea. Be prepared to get dirty in our organic gardens as we take care of the plants, weed and harvest some delicious treats to eat! At Island Beach State Park we will learn about all the edible goodies in Barnegat Bay, we will also be visiting a farm to learn more about from where our food comes.

Overnight Thursday, July 26

## One Week Sessions

### Wild Planet

Course Code: 50102-20

August 6—August 10

Session 4: \$360

The planet is covered in amazing habitats; from mountain tops to coral reefs and from deserts to swamps! This will be a very busy week with hikes, swimming, gardening, caring for butterflies, and a day trip to the American Museum of Natural History in NYC. We will spend a whirl wind week exploring all the places that life on Earth can be found!

### Crazy Climate

Course Code: 50102-21

August 13—August 17

Session 5: \$360

From El Nino to La Nina, from droughts to disappearing glaciers and ice caps this session is all about our ever changing climate. We will spend time exploring and hiking in our own changing Great Swamp as well as spending a day at the Jersey shore's Island Beach State Park. At Island Beach we will use seine nets to get an up close look at some of the organisms that call Barnegat Bay home. To conclude the week, we will make some educated guesses as to what planet Earth and New Jersey will be like in the future.

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