

UPCOMING
EVENTS IN
JULY:

July 1st

Public Program:
"Insect Invasion"

July 6th

Creature Feature:
"Fabulous Frogs"

July 7th

Creature Feature:
Critter Catch

July 13th

Creature Feature:
"Flounder Frenzy"

Mid-July

Otter Trawl: Field
Work and Sorting at Sta-
tion

July 20th

Creature Feature:
"Dragons, Slugs, Other Sea
Stuff"

July 27th

Creature Feature:
"Stellar Seals"

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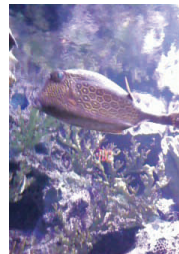
This Month at JC NERR

Greetings Volunteers!

Welcome to the first issue of the JC NERR Volunteer Newsletter. This will be a monthly occurrence explaining the events that have been taking place and what events will be happening in the month(s) ahead. Catch up with what's been going on here at the Reserve and see what else you may want to get involved with in the future!

This month two major festivals took place, the Barnegat Bay Festival in Island Heights and Harborfest in Cape May. The Barnegat Bay Festival introduced our new "Sea Grass Diorama" which was a successful interactive display to teach kids about local species in the Bay. Harborfest was also greeted by a host of the six and

under (and twenty- some) crowd who enjoyed painting sea scallop shells for Father's Day. Thanks to Rose and Captain Ken at the Field Station for providing the shells!



World Ocean's Day:
Cowfish at Adventure
Aquarium

New happenings this month included the JC NERR making its first trip to the Adventure Aquarium on June 8th for World Ocean's Day, where different organizations put up displays to educate school groups and the public about their missions and the importance of keeping our oceans and estuaries clean.

Closer to home, our volunteers interested in research had the chance to attend an orientation at the Field Station on June 23rd. Volunteers can look forward to helping with the RUMFS Otter



Trainer and Penguin at the Reserve for its Penguin Summer Kick-off

Trawl field work this July. Lastly, The Reserve experienced great success with its ecological evenings and its Penguin Summer Kick-off! Many thanks to our volunteers who helped make a great start to the summer!

Reserve Current Events

For volunteers who have always enjoyed interacting with the public, learning new things, and helping to educate their community - a great opportunity has opened up at the Tuckerton Seaport!

Our interactive Life on the Edge Exhibit allows visitors to take a journey from the headwaters of

the Mullica River through the forested Pinelands and into the open marshes and wetlands of Great Bay without even getting their feet wet.

Volunteers are needed to help with the exhibit, answering questions, interacting with visitors, and enhancing the experience. An

orientation will be announced in July for all who are interested. Please contact Jen Smith (609-812-0649 x203) or Ida Scott (609-812-0649 x205) for more details. You can also access the Courier-Post online from Friday June 18th which showcased a nice article on the exhibit at: courierpostonline.com

New Community Partners



Lakewood BlueClaws, Barnegat Bay Partnership & JC NERR new community partners.

JC NERR is proud to announce that we and the Barnegat Bay Partnership (BBP) have become joint community partners with the Lakewood BlueClaws!

Some of you may remember taking a survey about a month ago asking what your interest would be attending and participating in events related to the BlueClaws. With the majority of the results indicating strong positive feedback, the Reserve has now officially become a community partner.

As community partners, JC NERR and the BBP are participating in the BlueClaws "Green Day" - 9 Innings for Nature on August 15th. Festivities will be occurring outside the stadium including inflatable rides, free ice cream, kids games and festival tables set up from vendors such as NJ Natural Gas, Renewal By Anderson, a handful of solar companies, Ocean County Recycles and our organizations to name a few.

Tickets are on sale for \$10 - come out to the August 15th

game and you will receive special JC NERR & BBP reserved seating, and all children will get one free drink and food item. If you can't make the 15th, your tickets will still be good for any general admission ticket during a regular season game. This new partnership is a very exciting endeavor and we hope everyone comes out to enjoy it! You can inquire about ticket purchases by calling Jen Smith (609-812-0649x203) or Mary Judge at BBP (732-255-0472x1).

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Latest on the Gulf

On April 20, 2010 an explosion occurred on the BP drilling rig, Deepwater Horizon, leaving 11 workers missing and presumed dead. The rig sank two days later and it is believed the explosion has led to what is now being considered the largest environmental disaster in our history.

The oil leak now spanning 160 surface miles keeps gushing thousands of barrels of oil a

day off the coast of Louisiana, with no clear sign of stopping.

Now nearly 70 some odd days after the initial leak, it still remains to be seen when the leak will be closed. BP is continuing its technique of capturing and burning off surface oil, while NOAA and other institutions and universities such as Woods Hole and Rutgers help aid in tracking and controlling the spill. An excellent article

has been provided on Rutgers research and how it is helping in the crisis: <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20100618/OPINION01/6180311/1060>

Another excellent daily updated resource for more information is the NOAA site itself: http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/dwh.php?entry_id=809

Looking Ahead

Education:

July will have a lot of fun activities to attend with Public Programs and Creature Features.

Help Wanted:

Also now is the time to contact JC NERR about getting involved with the

Life on the Edge exhibit!

Field Work:

The Otter Trawl at RUMFS will involve sampling for species such as burrfish, stingrays, summer flounder, blue crabs, (the list goes on!) and categorizing them for the Station's extensive dataset of populations in the Bay. The dates to

help for those interested will be announced soon.

Till Next Month...

Hope all of you are excited for the summer to come. Until next month!

- Jen Smith,
Volunteer Coordinator

Egret in the Boat Basin of the Rutgers University Marine Field Station

