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## GRANTS AVAILABLE

To help Ocean County teachers and schools develop outdoor classrooms, we will once again offer financial and technical assistance during this academic year. To date, 30 outdoor classroom grants totaling \$15,500 have been awarded for the development of outdoor classrooms at schools in Barnegat, Bay Head, Beachwood, Berkeley, Brick, Eagleswood, Jackson, Lacey, Lakewood, Little Egg Harbor, Manchester, New Egypt, Point Pleasant Beach, Stafford and Toms River.

Outdoor classrooms provide students with meaningful hands-on learning experiences that demonstrate how the subjects and skills taught in the classroom relate to the world around them. Outdoor classrooms also offer an opportunity for parents and the entire community to become involved in conservation efforts. They demonstrate to homeowners and residents how to take positive actions and make improvements to their home landscapes that will be beneficial to wildlife, promote water conservation and reduce the runoff of non-point sources of pollution, such as fertilizers and pesticides, from their yards. This in turn, helps to improve the water quality of area lakes, streams, and rivers that eventually flow into Barnegat Bay, thereby benefitting the bay itself.

### Financial Assistance

Funds will be available to classroom teachers in the form of a \$500 grant. Up to four grants will be awarded. The grant deadline is December 15, 2003, and all school projects must be completed by June 30, 2004. Additional information about the grant, including evaluation criteria and an application form, are available online at [www.ocscd.org](http://www.ocscd.org) or by contacting our office.

### Technical Assistance

We are sponsoring our annual WILD School Sites Workshop on Wednesday, October 29, 2003. Facilitators from the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife and USDA—Natural Resources Conservation Service will conduct the workshop. To date, more than 200 educators have attended these workshops. Information will also be available to assist teachers in preparing grant proposals. See the following article for additional information about the workshops.

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

In a continuing effort to assist teachers with developing outdoor classrooms, we will sponsor a PROJECT WILD/WILD School Sites Workshop on Wednesday, October 29, 2003. This innovative program provides information and material that enables teachers to create an outdoor classroom by improving wildlife habitat on their school grounds.

WILD school sites are places where teachers and students decide to take positive, constructive action to benefit wildlife. WILD teachers are those who use Project WILD activities in their curriculum. The school site that is developed for wildlife can be used in conjunction with WILD activities, or separately.

Teachers who attend the workshop can expect to go through activities that emphasize habitat and examine components of habitat on their school grounds. The workshop will provide background information on what is possible and will offer suggestions on projects. Teachers will be encouraged to develop plans for their schools with input from colleagues and students.

Teachers will receive valuable material, including a "Guide to Developing WILD School Sites" and the award-winning PROJECT WILD Curriculum Guide, as well as other information on outdoor classrooms and landscaping for wildlife. Information about the grants offered as part of the Outdoor Classroom Program will also be available.

The workshop, for teachers of Grades K-12, will be held at our office in Forked River and will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Attendees will earn six Professional Development Hours of credit. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please complete the registration form contained in this newsletter and mail it to us by October 22, 2003.

A confirmation letter, with directions to our office, will be sent to all participants approximately one week before the workshop. Attendees should bring their own lunch (brown bag) and dress for working outdoors, rain or shine. We will supply morning refreshments and beverages for lunch. For additional information contact Kerry Jennings at 609-971-7002.

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## Park Happenings

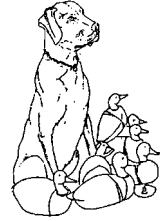
### 21st Annual Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show



Date: September 20 & 21, 2003

Time: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Rain or Shine



VISIT ALL FOUR LOCATIONS: Tip Seaman County Park, Lakeside Drive & Route 9  
Pinelands Regional High School & Junior High School • Tuckerton Seaport, Route 9

For further information call: 609-971-3085 Ocean County Parks & Recreation

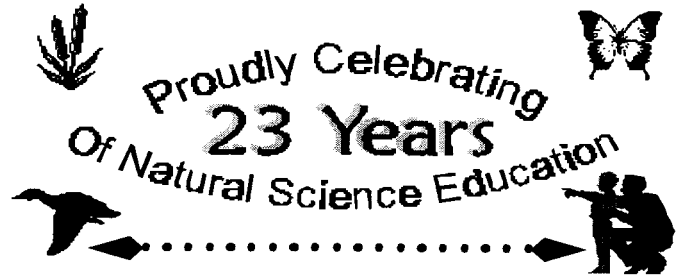
### CATTUS ISLAND NATURE FESTIVAL

Date: October 5th, 2003

Rain or Shine

Time: 7:00AM–4:00PM

Place: Cattus Island County  
Park, Toms River



• BOAT TOURS  
• VAN TOURS  
• EXHIBITORS

• KAYAK FLOATS  
• CHILDREN'S  
PROGRAMS

For further information call 732-270-6960

Ocean County Parks & Recreation

### 9th Annual Pine Barrens Jamboree

Down Home Melodies and Memories

Date: Saturday, October 11 • Rain or Shine • 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Wells Mills County Park • 905 Wells Mills Road (Route 532), Waretown, New Jersey

Sounds of the Jersey Pines

Nature & History Programs & Piney Vittles

Traditional Crafts of the Pines

Ride The Free Shuttle Buses

For further information or directions call: 609-971-3085

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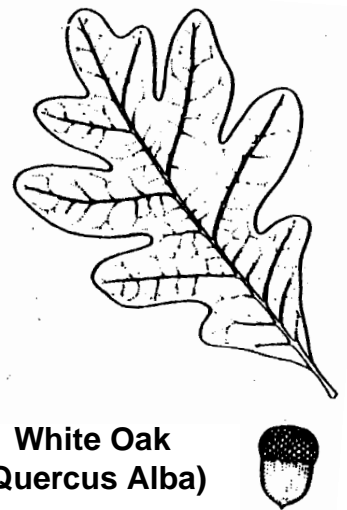
# TODAY'S ACORNS = TOMORROW'S TREES



**Red Oak**  
**(Quercus Rubra)**



**Pin Oak**  
**(Quercus Palustris)**



**White Oak**  
**(Quercus Alba)**

Each acorn has the potential to grow and become a tree that can clean the air and water, make homes for wildlife, and provide wood products. Trees prevent soil erosion, provide us with shade, and improve our quality of life. With all these great reasons, there's no reason not to get involved. Because trees are so valuable, the NJ Forest Service is asking you to help by collecting acorns for reforestation projects in New Jersey. Your acorns can make all the difference in the world!

**DIRECTIONS:** The pictures above show some common oak species found in New Jersey. Acorns from all oak species can be collected in a clean, dry one-gallon plastic milk or water jug. Use the above pictures as a guide to help identify trees and acorns. We will accept acorns until October 30th. Please store the acorns in a cool dry place (keep cap off jug) and take them to the Forest Resource Education Center located at 370 E. Veteran's Highway in Jackson. For more information, call 732-928-0029.

Please fill in the following information and tape it to the jug. Thank you for your help!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## FALL FORESTRY DAY

*FAMILIES, SCHOOL GROUPS, SCOUTS WELCOME!*

JOIN US AT THE  
**FOREST RESOURCE EDUCATION CENTER**

**Saturday, October 4, 2003**  
**10am to 3pm (Rain or Shine)**

*Meet Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl, and Treeture!*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Forest Resource Education Center, 370 East Veterans Highway, Route 527, Jackson, NJ 08527 (732) 928-0029

### PROJECT WILD / WILD SCHOOL SITES WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 22, 2003**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE LEVEL(S) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (SCHOOL) \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00** Payment must accompany registration form. No purchase orders or vouchers.

Make checks payable to: Ocean County SCD

Mail to: Ocean County SCD, 714 Lacey Rd., Forked River, NJ 08731

# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS ROUNDTABLE

The Sixth Annual Barnegat Bay Environmental Educators Roundtable was held on April 30, 2003 at the Beachwood Community Center. Approximately 100 educators attended the event. Once again, there was solid representation from Ocean County teachers of all grade levels.

Educators participated in a variety of field trips to nearby parks and a multitude of activities at the community center. All trips and activities were hands-on and interactive, designed to introduce teachers to the environmental education opportunities in their watershed.

Activities at the community center included such things as "Those Amazing Horseshoe Crabs," "Songs to Learn By," "A Little Piece of History" and "Does Barnegat Bay Affect Our Weather." Field trips included a wide variety of topics, such as watersheds, fire ecology, birds of the seashore and rain gardens at local schools.

A large resource tables was available, providing teachers with samples of current materials and resources. The resources included individual lessons and activities, and a variety of posters, coloring books and comic books. The Barnegat Bay Watershed Educational Resource Guide was also available.

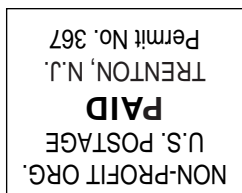
After all activities were concluded, everyone gathered to enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by the OCVTS's talented Culinary Arts Academy students.

All of the activities presented were part of the new Barnegat Bay Watershed Activity Guide. This guide will enable teachers to integrate and apply lessons and activities directly related to the watershed in which they teach. We are currently working to

secure funding to implement the activity guide by facilitating workshops at various locations throughout the watershed. The guide will be consistent with and correlate to the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards.

The Roundtable Steering Committee is comprised of representatives from the following organizations and agencies:

- Alliance for a Living Ocean
- American Littoral Society
- Barnegat Bay Estuary Program
- Barnegat Bay Watershed & Estuary Foundation
- Clean Ocean Action
- Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences
- Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Jenkinson's Aquarium
- Ocean County College
- Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation
- Ocean County Soil Conservation District
- Ocean County Vocational-Technical School
- New Jersey Audubon Society
- NJDEP Division of Fish & Wildlife
- NJDEP Division of Parks & Foresrty
- NJDEP Division of Watershed Management
- New Jersey Forest Resource Education Center
- New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County
- Stafford Township School District
- Tuckerton Seaport



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