

GLOUCESTER COUNTY TODAY

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The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners and Parks and Recreation liaison Commissioner Jim Jefferson are proud to present this issue of *Gloucester County Today*, which details the many programs being presented this summer by the Department of Parks and Recreation! **Please note that programs marked with ☀ require pre-registration.** Registration will open Monday, June 5, at 9:00am. Register online by visiting <https://gloucestercountynj.gov/738/Programs-Family-Fun> or scanning the QR code. For questions, please visit the website, email gcparksandrec@co.gloucester.nj.us, or call (856) 251-6710.

LEARN TENNIS THIS SUMMER AT ATKINSON PARK ☀



Gloucester County residents of all ages can learn tennis this summer by taking lessons offered at James G. Atkinson Memorial Park in Partnership with RiverWinds Golf & Tennis Club. Tennis lesson fees are \$185 for eight junior classes and \$95 for four adult classes.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
June 26 - 29 & July 10 - 13	July 17 - 27	July 31 - August 10	August 14 - 24
6 - 10 years old (T-1) 9:00am - 10:30am	6 - 10 years old (T-6) 9:00am - 10:30am	6 - 10 years old (T-11) 9:00am - 10:30am	6 - 10 years old (T-16) 9:00am - 10:30am
11 - 15 years old (T-2) 10:30am - 12:00pm	11 - 15 years old (T-7) 10:30am - 12:00pm	11 - 15 years old (T-12) 10:30am - 12:00pm	11 - 15 years old (T-17) 10:30am - 12:00pm
High School Drill & Play (T-3) 6:30pm - 8:00pm	High School Drill & Play (T-8) 6:30pm - 8:00pm	High School Drill & Play (T-13) 6:30pm - 8:00pm	High School Drill & Play (T-18) 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Adults 3.0 - 3.5 level (T-4) 8:00pm - 9:30pm (Monday & Wednesday)	Adults 3.0 - 3.5 level (T-9) 8:00pm - 9:30pm (Monday & Wednesday)	Adults 3.0 - 3.5 level (T-14) 8:00pm - 9:30pm (Monday & Wednesday)	Adults 3.0 - 3.5 level (T-19) 8:00pm - 9:30pm (Monday & Wednesday)
Adults 4.0 - 4.5 level (T-5) 8:00pm - 9:30pm (Tuesday & Thursday)	Adults 4.0 - 4.5 level (T-10) 8:00pm - 9:30pm (Tuesday & Thursday)	Adults 4.0 - 4.5 level (T-15) 8:00pm - 9:30pm (Tuesday & Thursday)	Adults 4.0 - 4.5 level (T-20) 8:00pm - 9:30pm (Tuesday & Thursday)

To register, please visit <http://www.riverwindsgolfandtennis.com> or scan the QR code. For additional information, please call (856) 848-5700, ext. 102.

SCIENCE COMES ALIVE AT NATURE DETECTIVES CAMP

Nature Detectives camps immerse children in a fun and active nature camp experience, with both structured activities and time for unstructured, self-led downtime, and exploration. Each week's theme is explored through various art, activities, games, experiments, and observation each day, with opportunities to further delve into subjects and activities that campers will love. Each week includes a tour of our Nature Center, featuring live animals.

Please pack a reusable water bottle, sunblock and insect repellent, a hat, and a change of shoes and clothing.

The following sessions of Nature Detectives will be offered at Scotland Run Park in Clayton:

July 10-14 (N-1)

For children entering 1st and 2nd grade

Exploring Nature at Scotland — Learn about nature at Scotland Run Park and Wilson Lake. What clues does nature leave for us? We'll use observations of sight and sound, along with technology, to help us identify local species. Campers will learn about the ecosystem through hands-on exploration. Get ready to hike the trails on our 1100 acre park and explore the banks of Wilson Lake.

July 17 - July 21 (N-2)

For children entering 3rd and 4th grade

SRP Eco Camp — Learn about the ecosystems at Scotland Run Park and the creatures that live here, while hiking through the park. What role do native plants play in healthy habitat? What do our native animals need to survive in our changing world? What can we do to ensure the success of our natural world? Campers will use scientific inquiry to investigate ecosystems and develop a greater understanding of the interconnectedness of the natural world.

July 24 - July 28 (N-3)

For children entering 5th through 8th grades

Junior Scientists — Learn how real-life scientists study the environment! Campers will run experiments, use scientific instruments, and collect their own data. See some of the projects that are in place at Scotland Run Park and interact with Rowan University Professors and other local science professionals. Get ready to hike and paddle across our 1100-acre nature park. (Three presentation days and two paddle days)

July 31 - August 4 (N-4)

For children entering 1st through 4th grades

SRP Eco Camp — Learn about the ecosystems at SRP and the creatures that live here, while hiking through the park. What role do native plants play in healthy habitat? What do our native animals need to survive in our changing world? What can we do to ensure the success of our natural world? Campers will use scientific inquiry to investigate ecosystems and develop a greater understanding of the interconnectedness of the natural world.

August 7 - August 11 (N-5)

For children entering 1st through 4th grades

SRP Eco Camp — Learn about the ecosystems at SRP and the creatures that live here, while hiking through the park. What role do native plants play in healthy habitat? What do our native animals need to survive in our changing world?

What can we do to ensure the success of our natural world? Campers will use scientific inquiry to investigate ecosystems and develop a greater understanding of the interconnectedness of the natural world.

August 14-18 (N-6)

For children entering 5th through 8th grades

Junior Scientists — Learn how real-life scientists study the environment! Campers will run experiments, use scientific instruments, and collect their own data. See some of the projects that are in place at Scotland Run Park and interact with Rowan University Professors and other local science professionals. Get ready to hike and paddle across our 1100-acre nature park. (Three presentation days and two paddle days)

Each session will run Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The fee is \$60 per person and pre-registration is required.

To register, please visit

<https://gloucestercountynj.gov/1090/Nature-Detectives-Camp> or scan the QR code.



DISCOVER THE STAGE AT SUMMER THEATER CAMP



Gloucester County's Summer Theater camps give children the opportunity to develop a basic understanding and appreciation of the performing arts. Instruction, games, exercises, and improvisation will be included, with an emphasis on acting skills. The directors will select the roles and every child will have the opportunity to perform, following workshops to prepare. Audience admittance to all performances is free.

This program is made possible in part by funding from The Gloucester County Cultural and Heritage Commission at Rowan College of South Jersey, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Children entering 3rd grade through 7th grade will be divided into two separate classes. One group will prepare and perform in an hour-long musical, the other in a shorter half-hour production. Each class includes five weeks of instruction and rehearsal, which will take place Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Junior high and high school students will prepare and perform a musical. The camp includes six weeks of instruction and rehearsal, which will take place Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

June 26 - July 29 (no class July 4) (A-1)

For children entering 3rd through 7th grades

Instruction/rehearsal: Logan Elementary School, 110 School Lane, Logan Township

Performance: July 27, 28, and 29 Logan Elementary School, 110 School Lane, Logan Township

July 10 - August 12 (A-2)

For children entering 3rd through 7th grades

Instruction/rehearsal: Gloucester County Institute of Technology, 1360 Tanyard Road, Sewell

Performance: August 10, 11, and 12 Gloucester County Institute of Technology, 1360 Tanyard Road, Sewell

July 10 - August 19 (A-3)

For teens entering 8th grade through completion of high school in 2023

Instruction/rehearsal: Gloucester County Institute of Technology, 1360 Tanyard Road, Sewell

Performance: August 17, 18, and 19 Gloucester County Institute of Technology, 1360 Tanyard Road, Sewell

The fee for all Summer Theater camps is \$175 per person and pre-registration is required.

To register, please visit <https://gloucestercountynj.gov/1230/Summer-Theater> or scan the QR code above.

HISTORY CAMP LETS YOUTH EXPLORE THE PAST



Gloucester County's History Camp offers a one-of-a-kind experience for children entering 2nd through 6th grades. Participants will enjoy days full of games and activities, see what it was like to be a child during the 1700's, and watch history come alive during this week of hands-on Colonial history!

Two sessions of History Camp will be offered at Red Bank Battlefield in National Park:

July 24 - July 28 (H-1) and August 14 - August 18 (H-2) Each session will run Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The fee is \$60 per person and pre-registration is required.

To register, please visit <https://gloucestercountynj.gov/1228/History-Camp> or scan the QR code.

FAMILY FUN SHOWS

Children and families are invited to sing-a-long, dance-a-long and have fun! These FREE shows last approximately 45 minutes. **All shows begin at 10:30AM.**



Chestnut Branch Park
401 Main Street, Mantua
Tuesday, June 27 -
Hillbilly Harry's Hilarious Hoedown
Tuesday, July 18 -
Captain Bluejay's Pirate Everything
Tuesday, August 8 -
Big Bug Party



Fasola Park
12 Sycamore Lane, Deptford
Thursday, June 29 -
Safari Sam
Thursday, July 27 -
One Man Circus
Thursday, August 17 -
Kid's Fun Magician



Dream Park
400 US-130, Logan Township
Wednesday, July 5 - Cowboy Kevin
Wednesday, August 2 - Professor Imnota Dumbledore
Wednesday, August 23 - Yosi - Beach Party

FREE CANOE & KAYAK RENTALS AT SCOTLAND RUN PARK

Canoes and kayaks will be available at the Scotland Run Park beach area on Saturdays and Sundays from **June 10 through September 3**. Boat rentals begin at 9:00am and the last boat launch is at 3:00pm. Boats are rented on a first come, first serve basis. All children aged 14 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Life jackets and paddles are provided. **See you on the water!**



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Gather the family and bring your blankets and chairs to catch a free movie throughout the county all summer long!

Friday, May 12 - Greenwich

Puss in Boots: Last Wish

Memorial Avenue Park, 1200 Memorial Avenue, Greenwich

Friday, May 19- Elk Township

Sing 2

Elk Township Recreation Park, 700 Whig Lane, Monroeville

Wednesday, May 24 -Monroe

Minions: The Rise of Gru

Pfeiffer Community Center, 301 Blue Bell Road, Williamstown

Friday, June 2 - Deptford

Minions: The Rise of Gru

Fasola Park, 12 Sycamore Lane, Deptford *No rain date*

Friday, June 9 - Woolwich Township

DC League of Super Pets

Locke Avenue Park, 58 Locke Avenue, Woolwich Township

Friday, June 16 - Newfield

Sing 2

Edgerton Christian Academy, 212 Catawba Avenue, Newfield

Wednesday, June 21 - Clayton

DC League of Super Pets

DJ Bentz Memorial Soccer Complex, 1 Garwood Boulevard, Clayton

Friday, June 23 - Scotland Run Park

Shrek

Scotland Run Park, 980 East Academy Street, Clayton

Monday, June 26 - Wenonah

Sing 2

Wenonah Lake, Maple Street & Ogden Road, Wenonah

Wednesday, June 28 - Westville

Hotel Transylvania: Transformia

Galbraith Park, River Drive, Westville

Friday, June 30 - Washington Township

DC League of Super Pets

Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville-Crosskeys Road, Sewell

Friday, July 7 - Glassboro

Puss in Boots: Last Wish

New Street Park, 410 East New Street, Glassboro

Wednesday, July 19 - Swedesboro

Minions: The Rise of Gru

Swedesboro Auction Block, 400 Anderson Avenue, Swedesboro

Friday, July 21 - Red Bank Battlefield

Tom & Jerry (2001)

Red Bank Battlefield, 100 Hessian Avenue, National Park

Monday, July 24 - Woodbury

The Bad Guys

Bell Lake, 201 South Girard Street, Woodbury

Wednesday, July 26 - South Harrison

Sing 2

Stewart Park, 67 Ferrell Road, Mullica Hill

Friday, July 28 - Woodbury Heights

The Mitchells vs. The Machines

Veterans Park, West Jersey Avenue & Elm Avenue, Woodbury Heights

Monday, July 31 - Mantua

Sing 2

Chestnut Branch Park, 545 Main Street, Mantua

Friday, August 4 - Paulsboro

Lightyear

Fort Billings Park, Clonmel Road & Delaware Street, Paulsboro

Wednesday, August 9 - West Deptford

DC League of Super Pets

River Winds Community Center, 1000 Riverwinds Drive, West Deptford

Friday, August 18 - Franklinville

The Mitchells vs. The Machines

Franklin Twp Sports Complex, 500 Pennsylvania Avenue, Franklinville

Wednesday, August 23 - National Park

The Bad Guys

National Park Ballfields, 700 St Johns Walk, National Park

Friday, August 25 - Pitman

Minions: The Rise of Gru

Sunset Auditorium, Laurel Avenue, Pitman

Friday, September 1 - Harrison Township

Sing 2

Ella Harris Park, 155 Commissioners Road, Mullica Hill

All shows begin at dusk (approximately 8:00-8:30pm). Unless otherwise noted, the rain date for each movie will be the next day. For rainout information, please call (856) 251-6738 after 6:00pm on the day of the show.

SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS

Waterfest

Sunday, June 4, 11:00pm - 4:00pm (Rain or Shine)
Scotland Run Park, 980 East Academy St., Clayton
 The 26th Annual Waterfest is Gloucester County's largest environmental fair, featuring live animal shows, exhibits, crafts, food, canoeing, and kayaking. Visit the Nature Center and participate in a lake study. Live music throughout Waterfest provided by Rachel Graff.



Family History Day/Navy Day

Sunday, June 11, 12:00pm - 4:00pm (Rain or Shine)
Red Bank Battlefield, 100 Hessian Ave., National Park
 Learn about the vital role the Pennsylvania Navy played at the Battle of Red Bank! The 18th century sloop Batoe Moon crew will be on hand to discuss naval life. The West Jersey Artillery Company will provide a cannon firing demonstration and guided tours will highlight this important historical event. Kids' crafts and activities will be offered

Butterfly Festival

Saturday, July 15, 12:00pm - 4:00pm
(Rain Date: Sunday, July 16, 12:00pm - 4:00pm)
Red Bank Battlefield, 100 Hessian Ave., National Park
 Join us for a day all about bees and pollinators! Come learn about their importance and how you can attract them to your yards. Enjoy tours of the Butterfly House, free classes, a bug parade, and other family fun activities. **For more information, please call (856) 224-8045.**



Moth Night

Saturday, July 22, 8:00pm - 12:00am
(Rain Date: Sunday, July 23, 8:00pm - 12:00am)



Scotland Run Park, 980 East Academy St., Clayton
 Come take part as we showcase the beauty and diversity of our local moths, many of which rival butterflies in attractiveness! Members of the public will learn about how to attract and identify moths at their own houses and yards. **This event is free, but registration is required. To register, please visit <https://gloucestercountynj.gov/1182/Moth-Night---722> or scan the QR code.**

International Food & Beer Crafters Festival

Saturday, August 5, 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Red Bank Battlefield, 100 Hessian Ave., National Park
 Enjoy a live concert, DJ, games, international foods and, of course, beer!



FREE SUMMER CONCERTS



The Gloucester County Board of Commissioners is proud to present the 2023 lineup of free summer concerts. With a variety of genres, the series offers something for everyone!

TK & The Howlers

Saturday, June 10 - 7:00pm

(Rain Date: Sunday, June 11 - 7:00pm) DJ Bentz Memorial Soccer Complex, Clayton

This band is all about having a really great time, and being true to the blues, classic & blues rock.

Deja Groove

Saturday, June 17 - 5:00pm (Rain or Shine) Stewart Park, Woodbury (next to YMCA)

This band delivers high-energy renditions of today's music along with your favorite Top 40, Motown, and old school hits performed with their own special blend of talent and creativity.

Right Turn at 40

Saturday, June 24 - 7:00pm (Rain Date: Sunday, June 25 - 7:00pm) 5th Avenue and River Drive, Westville

Right Turn at 40 is a six piece rock and roll band specializing in the biggest hits of the 60's, 70's, 80's and today.

Bring your blanket or lawn chair and listen to some great cover tunes.

Cedar Creek Trio: Bob Dylan Tribute

Saturday, July 8 - 7:00pm (Rain Date: Sunday, July 9 - 7:00pm) James G. Atkinson Park, Sewell

Paying homage to one of the greatest songwriters of all time the Cedar Creek Trio presents a night featuring Bob Dylan's greatest hits.

Due South

Saturday, July 15 - 7:00pm (Rain Date: Saturday, July 16 - 7:00pm) James G. Atkinson Park, Sewell

Come get your country on! Due South is one of NJ's top country bands. From Keith Urban to Johnny Cash this band really gets the house rockin!

The Greg Farnese Quartet

Saturday, July 29 - 7:00pm (Rain Date: Sunday, July 30 - 7:00pm) James G. Atkinson Park, Sewell

Greg Farnese is a modern-day throwback vocalist, a crooner, if you will. He reignites the treasured and timeless classics from The Great American Songbook.

Featuring songs made famous by Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra and more.

Fabulous Silver Wings

Saturday, August 12- 7:00pm (Rain Date: Sunday, August 13 - 7:00pm) James G. Atkinson Park, Sewell

This concert is created around a variety of music from Urban Cowboy era, to 2010. Alan Jackson, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Linda Ronstadt, Lady Antebellum, Keith Urban and many more. Show includes a Tribute to Merle Haggard, Patsy Cline and Hank Williams, George Jones, Tammy Wynette and Johnny Cash.

Kingston Brothers

Saturday, August 19 - 7:00pm (Rain Date: Sunday, August 20 - 7:00pm) James G. Atkinson Park, Sewell

With members rooted in bluegrass, blues, and folk music DNR has a diversity of material. Strong vocal harmonies paired with instrumental soloing makes for a fun musical experience.

Exit 2

Saturday, August 26 - 1:00pm (Rain or Shine) Fasola Park, Deptford

Exit 2 covers hits from Bruce Springsteen, Marshall Tucker Band, Fleetwood Mac and many more.

Their energy and enthusiasm is as infectious as it is mesmerizing.

Invasion 65

Friday, September 1 - 6:00pm (Rain or Shine) Rowan Boulevard, Glassboro

Playing the music of The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Petula Clark, Herman's Hermits, Supremes,

Gerry & the Pacemakers, Spencer Davis Group, and many more!

**For additional information regarding concerts,
please visit <https://gloucestercountynj.gov/1083/Concerts-2023> or scan the QR code.
For Rainout information, please call (856) 251-6738 after 4:00pm on the day of the show.**

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18TH ANNUAL "BIG" SHREDDING EVENT

Gloucester County's 18th annual "Big Shredding" event will take place on **Saturday, June 17 from 8:00am to 11:00am** at the Gloucester County Complex, located at 1200 North Delsea Drive, Clayton. Each Gloucester County resident can shred up to 75 pounds of paper, spread over no more than (3) boxes or plastic tote containers (these will be immediately returned to the resident). No items will be accepted in plastic bags and no old newspapers, magazines, binder clips, or three ring binders can be shredded.

For more information about the "Big Shredding" event, please contact the Gloucester County Department of Health by phone at (856) 218-4101 or by email at clippincott@co.gloucester.nj.us.

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Did you know that the County posts employment opportunities to its website on a regular basis?

To view and apply for currently open positions and for more information about working for Gloucester County, please visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/182/Human-Resources>.



BANKBRIDGE REGIONAL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SHOWS

On Wednesday, April 26, Commissioner Jim Jefferson was on hand as Bankbridge Regional High School's Visual and Performing Arts Department presented *A Pirate's Tale*, its 40th annual Spring Show. Commissioner Jim Jefferson is pictured along with the cast and crew of the show, including director Heather Coward Joyce and co-writer Joey Joy.



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