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Butterfly Day In The Meadowlands Is Back!

*Sixth Annual Celebration Set for Sunday, July 26, from 10 am-3 pm.
At DeKorte Park*

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The Sixth Annual Butterfly Day returns to DeKorte Park and the Meadowlands Environment Center on Sunday, July 26, for a fun-filled and informative day of family-friendly activities. This free event, which runs from 10 am to 3 pm, features butterfly walks, talks and a full slate of great kids activities.

Experts from event co-sponsors Bergen County Audubon Society (BCAS) and the North Jersey Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA), as well as the Monarch Teachers Network, will be onsite to help identify the winged marvels and lead walks throughout the day. Commonly seen species include the Monarch, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Viceroy, Silver Spotted Skipper and Black Swallowtail.

Butterfly Day holds a special allure for kids. Youngsters ages 12 and under are encouraged to come in full butterfly regalia for a costume contest at noon. Onsite, children can stop by a face painter, participate in a scavenger hunt with prizes, and visit craft and coloring stations. Folk singer Steve Kelman will perform throughout the day.

Butterfly talks focus on the majestic Monarch Butterfly, including why the species has been in decline and how people can help save them. The BCAS, NABA, and the Monarch Teachers Network will supply tips for identifying butterflies, examples of plants that attract butterflies to home gardens, kids handouts, and much more.

DeKorte Park's butterfly hotspot is Jill's Garden, located outside the Meadowlands Environment Center. The area is named after Jill Ann Ziemkiewicz, a 23-year-old Rutherford native who was a crew member on TWA Flight 800, which crashed into the Atlantic Ocean in July 1996.

To register for Butterfly Day, visit njmeadowlands.gov. For more information email communications@njmeadowlands.gov or call 201-460-4619. The rain date for Butterfly Day is Sunday, Aug. 2. DeKorte Park and the Meadowlands Environment Center are located at 2 DeKorte Park Plaza in Lyndhurst.

Butterfly Day

Sunday July 26

10 am to 3 pm

Free Event

Meadowlands Environment Center and DeKorte Park

Lyndhurst

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Schedule

Monarch Butterfly Talks (approximately 15 minutes): 10:10 am, 12:10 pm and 2:10 pm in the Meadowlands Environment Center

Kids Costume Contest (12 and under): Noon at the DeKorte Park Amphitheater

Butterfly Walks: Starting at 10:15 am and continuing all day

Throughout the day

Scavenger Hunt

Face painting

Crafts

Coloring

Music

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