

Town Announces 2015 Summer Nature Programs at Cedar Beach and West Meadow Beach

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Farmingville, NY - The Town of Brookhaven has announced the 2015 schedule of Summer Nature Programs at the newly renovated Marine Environmental Stewardship Center at Cedar Beach in Mount Sinai and West Meadow Beach in East Setauket. All programs are free and registration is required. Call Ranger Molly Hastings at 631-751-6714 or e-mail mhastings@brookhaven.org. Leave your name, number of people attending and the program name. Pictured above are the Town's Environmental Educator Molly Hastings and Councilwoman Jane Bonner at the Marine Environmental Stewardship Center.

The Marine Environmental Stewardship Center is located at Cedar Beach behind the basketball courts and is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is also open during September and October, Thursday to Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and November through April by appointment only by calling 631-751-6714. Visitors can enjoy a stroll on the new boardwalk, outdoor touch tanks and indoor aquariums containing native marine life and indoor interactive touch screens that help make learning about fun. West Meadow Beach is located at 100-110 Trustees Road in East Setauket.

The 2015 schedule of Summer Nature Programs are:

- **Picture Frames and Picture Books**

July 29th, 10:00 am - 10:45 am, West Meadow Beach

Join us for vivid picture books that are read to your children by Emma Clark Library's Teen Volunteers. Then select shells and drift wood in the nearby sand and create a picture frame to take home. This program is hosted by Librarian Nanette Feder and Park Ranger Molly Hastings.

- **Living Off the Land**

August 1st 10:00 am - 11:30 am, Cedar Beach

August 1st 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, West Meadow Beach

If you had to live off the land could you do it? Find out during this program if you would make the right choices and survive.

- **Citizen Ranger**

August 7th 10:00 am - 11:00 am, West Meadow Beach

This program is open to everyone. Learn what it is like to be a Park Ranger and assist with the various environmental tasks.

- **The Giving Tree**

August 8th 10:00 am - 11:30 am, West Meadow Beach

August 8th 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Cedar Beach

Discover the how dependent we are on trees. Trees give us cleaner air, food, medicine, shelter and much more.

- **Shellfish Facility Tour**

August 14th 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Cedar Beach

Tour the grow-out facility at Cedar Beach. Learn why we are giving nature a helping hand.

- **Marine Life Jeopardy**

August 15th 10:00 am - 11:30 am, Cedar Beach

August 15th 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, West Meadow Beach

(All ages) Play with family and friends together or as opponents, you choose. Test your knowledge of Long Island Marine life.

- **Nature Center Tour**

August 21st 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Cedar Beach

Take a tour of the newly upgraded Nature Center. Environmental displays, touch screen interactive computers, marine tanks and touch tanks.

- **World in a Bottle**

August 22nd 10:00 am - 11:00 am, West Meadow Beach

August 22nd 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Cedar Beach

Understand our earth by shrinking it down to the size of a bottle. Create your own world to take home. Watch it care for itself and understand what can hinder that process. Bring a clean empty 2 liter bottle.

- **Volunteer for Horseshoe Crab Monitoring**

Volunteer and help scientists locate horseshoe crabs, collect data, and acquire biological information. This information will be used by the Department of Environmental Conservation to assess the status of Horseshoe crabs in New York's Marine District, and to assist with the regional management and conservation of this species through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Registration is mandatory and includes a completed one-page volunteer application: mhastings@brookhaven.org or call the Ranger Station (631) 751-6714.

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