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MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

(APRIL - MAY - JUNE)

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(NR) | Non - Middletown Resident



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

SPRING OBSERVATION WONDER WALKS

Tuesday | 9:00am—10:00am
April 6, 20, May 4, 18, June 1, & 15

Ages 18+
Meet at Poricy Park Nature Center—Pavilion
6 weeks: \$25.00 (R) | \$30.00 (NR) per adult
or Drop-in: \$5.00 (R) | \$6.00 (NR) per adult

Spring Observation / Wonder Walks

Spring is a time of change as nature reawakens from the cold dormancy of winter. Join us at Poricy Park for this program of walking, noticing, and wondering. Discover how nature journaling can improve your observational skills. Each session will include one-hour walks at an easy pace and 30 minutes of optional journaling/sharing time. Whether you are interested in wildflowers, pollinators, birding, or weather, there's plenty to see in the spring!

This program is for adults only, space is limited. Six-week program price includes a blank journal.

FOSSIL HUNTS

Wednesday | 4:00pm—5:00pm
April 14, May 12, or June 9

or Sunday | 11:00am—12:00pm
April 25, May 23, June 27

Ages 5+
Meet at Poricy Park Fossil Beds
\$5.00 (R) | \$6.00 (NR)

Fossil Hunts

Calling all amateur paleontologists! Come dig up some Middletown history at the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds. Expect to find marine fossils from the Cretaceous period, 65-72 million years ago. Meet directly at the Poricy Park Fossil Beds for a short orientation before getting right into the fossil beds. An experienced guide will provide you with a trowel and sifter, as well as help you identify your treasures.

Please wear rubber boots or old sneakers, as your feet will get wet. Sandals, flip-flops, and other slip-on footwear are prohibited.

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

POND NETTING

Pre-K: Friday | 10:00am—11:00am
April 23, May 21, June 18

K—5: Wednesday | 4:00pm—5:00pm
April 28, May 26, June 23

Meet at Poricy Park Nature Center—Pavilion
\$5.00 (R) | \$6.00 (NR) per child
Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Pond Netting

Find what's at the bottom of the Murray Pond. Look for frogs, turtles, and snakes. Use our nets to catch tadpoles, fish, insect larvae, snails, and other critters. Dress to get muddy!

Pre-K morning sessions will have some critters pre-fished for exploration, an easy netting opportunity, a visit from our resident tortoise Chaser, and a story.

Elementary afternoon sessions will include water testing, netting and identification, and a take-home craft.

REC EVENTS

Easter Egg "Hunt"

Saturday, March 27—April 1
Poricy Park
Family friendly
Free!



No baskets are needed for this hunt! Starting March 27th, take part in our Easter themed Scavenger Hunt by downloading the *Scavify* app. Complete the required missions through April 1st for an opportunity to receive a bag full of goodies from the Easter Bunny.

Catch the bunny on location at Poricy Park Monday, March 29th—Thursday, April 1st from 10am—12pm for a photo opportunity in the Pavilion.



LIVE Family Game Night

Thursdays
April 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27, June 10 | 7:00pm
Attend via Webex
Free!

Join Middletown Recreation for Game Night! Games range in difficulty, so everyone has a chance to win. For more details and information on how to join in the fun, visit our website or follow us on Facebook.



CSI Virtual Crime Scene Class

Monday—Friday
April 19—23 | 4:30pm—6:00pm
Grades 6—12
Attend via Zoom
\$89.00 (R) | \$107.00 (NR) per participant

This is a virtual program about STEM principles relating to forensics and solving crime scenes. The presentation, labs and exercises will cover: making a magnifying glass, taking and identifying fingerprints, creating and examining blood splatter patterns, identifying an unknown powder, chromatography, time-of-death exercises, casting footprints, and missing persons.

Each registrant will get a complete CSI Lab Kit to conduct experiments. Lab Kits will be available for pickup the week before the class begins at Poricy Park Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Road).

This class is conducted by National CSI Camp. Each class will be taught by current or former law enforcement detectives. More information is available at their website: nationalcsicamp.org.

LIVE LEGO Building Challenge with LEGO MASTER Corey D Sams

Wednesday, April 21 | 7:00pm

Attend via Webex

\$10 per family, limited space available.

Join Corey Samuels from the Hit TV Show "LEGO MASTERS" & the Holiday special "Buddy vs Christmas" in a fun family Lego building challenge! He has been teaching students for over 20 years as a Camp Counselor to a LEGO Engineer Instructor. And NOW.... Corey is coming LIVE to your living room!



Pre-registration is required, one screen per household. Only register the adult on the Community Pass Account. Virtual link will be emailed closer to the event date.

Mother-Son Corn Hole Tournament

Saturday, May 1 | 10:00am
Croydon Hall Fields
Grades K—5
\$40.00 per pair, \$15.00 each additional child (R)
\$48.00 per pair \$18.00 each additional child (NR)



Team up with mom for an exciting day of corn hole! Double elimination format guarantees each team at least two games. A custom corn hole set will be awarded to the top mother-son team in each grade! Prizes will also be awarded to the best dressed team. This registration includes a boxed lunch. Plan for a day outside, however if rain occurs, the event will be moved indoors.

Town-Wide Garage Sale

Saturday & Sunday, May 15 & 16 | 8:30am—4:00pm
Middletown Township
\$8.00
Pre-Registration Required

Join us for a Town Wide Garage sale! By registering for this event, you'll be able to enter your featured items to our database. Price includes a lawn sign and your items featured on a mobile friendly webpage to advertise your sale. Sellers have the option to participate in Saturday, Sunday or both dates. In case of poor weather, you can decide whether or not to continue with your sale.

Please note, COVID restrictions will apply based on the guidance at that time.

After the event if you wish to donate any items that did not sell, please contact the United War Veterans Council 1-888-821-8982.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Summer Camp Registration

April 1st
Anticipated registration start date.
Check out the camp website for up-to-date information and camp details: www.middletownnj.org/camp



Earth Day at Poricy Park

April 22nd
Follow us to take part and celebrate:
Facebook: @middletownrec
YouTube: Middletown Township NJ



Open House: Murray Farm House

May 1st
Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to see inside the Joseph Murray Farmhouse!



Daddy-Daughter Day

Saturday, June 5 | 11:00am—1:00pm

Poricy Park, Nature Center Lawn

Grades K—5

\$50.00 per pair, \$20.00 each additional child (R)

\$60.00 per pair, \$24.00 each additional child (NR)

Get ready for a day of fun and create a cherished memory that will last a lifetime. Enjoy an afternoon of games, lunch and even a scavenger hunt for daughters and their fathers. Couples will receive a souvenir photo and girls will be given a special keepsake. Each couple will be seated in their own socially distant circle. You may choose your own circle based on the seating chart provided during registration. Please dress appropriately for a picnic lunch and walk around the park to participate in the scavenger hunt.



MOVIE IN THE PARK



The War with Grandpa

Thursday, June 24 | 8:30pm

Poricy Park, Nature Center Lawn

\$5.00 (R) | \$6.00 (NR) per household, max 6
Pre-registration required, no walk-ups allowed

Join us while we watch this great family film in the park! Make sure to pack your chairs and blankets.

Movie snacks are welcome. Social distancing is required - upon registration you will choose your seating circle. Limited to 6 family members per circle. Patrons must wear masks while not seated.



Visit our website (middletownnj.org/events) or follow us on Facebook (@middletownrec) for dates and details!

⇒ Nintendo Switch Mario Kart Challenge:

Dust off your karts and practice your racing skills! Middletown Recreation challenges you in a race! Racers will be divided by grade and skill level.

Adult groups will be available too!



⇒ Online Scavenger Hunt:

Special hunt codes will be posted so be on the lookout! Download the Scavify app and get ready to join the fun!



⇒ Youth Running Program:

Keep an eye out, you'll want to race on over to register for this program! The Youth Running Program is for kids of all ability levels, looking to burn off energy or to train for a specific sport. This program is designed to make fitness enjoyable so each child gets consistent and lasting results.



DID YOU KNOW?

Middletown Preschool
is holding in-person classes for
the 2020-2021 school year!
Space is available in the PreK - 3 class.

2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR
INFORMATION COMING SOON!

3 Year Old & 4 Year Old Classes

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 12:00pm



Tonya Keller Community Center

50 Bray Ave, Middletown

Space is available in the PreK - 3 class.

Enrollment applications are being accepted while space is available.

PreK - 4 class is full. Waitlist applications are welcome.

Contact us to learn more about enrollment, our waitlist and tuition fees.

www.middletownnj.org/preschool || 732-615-3250 || recreation@middletownnj.org

PORICY

programming FOR SCOUTS

• Fossil Hunts

• Geocaching Challenge Course

• Pond Netting

• Farmhouse Tours

• Badge Specific Programs

(see website for details)

Guided Programs - available weekday afternoons, call for appointment

\$9.00 (NR \$10.00) for first 8 scouts, \$8.00 (NR \$10.00) per additional child, limit 15 total scouts + siblings

90 minute programs

- Fossil Hunts
- Geocaching Challenge Course
- Pond Netting

- Farmhouse Tours
- Badge Specific Programs
- (see website for details)

Guided Hikes - available weekday afternoons, call for appointment

\$5.00 (NR \$6.00) per child, max 15 total children.

A variety of topics available.

30-45 minutes program

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Unguided Programs

- Fire Pit Rentals (2 hours), picnic permit fee plus fire permit fee apply
- Grab-and-Go Activities (includes instructions and borrowed materials)
 - Fossil Screen Rentals (overnight/weekend borrowing with deposit), \$5.00 per set
 - Garmin GPS Devices (weekday only during office hours with deposit), \$5.00 per set

Call 732-615-2239 for more information and to register your scouts!



Stop by the Poricy Park Nature Center to rent supplies and take the challenge!

Supplies are available to rent during business hours only:

Monday—Friday | 9:00AM—4:00PM
\$5 per set rental*

(set includes one Garmin GPS Device and instructions)

*A credit card and a valid driver's license in the name of the renter will be required at the time of rental.

Questions: 732-615-2239

SOME IN-PERSON SESSIONS WITH LIMITED SPACES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY SIGN-UP ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.





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Recreation Administrative Offices

Poricy Park Nature Center
345 Oak Hill Rd, Red Bank, 07701
732-615-2260
Recreation@middletownnj.org
Mon—Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm
Walk-In Registration Closes at 4:00pm
middletownnj.org/recreation

Middletown Senior Center

Croydon Hall
900 Leonardville Rd, Leonardo, 07737
732-615-2265
Recreation@middletownnj.org
Mon—Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm
middletownnj.org/seniors

Tonya Keller Community Center

50 Bray Ave, Middletown, 07748
732-615-3250
Recreation@middletownnj.org
Mon—Fri: 9:00am-5:00pm
middletownnj.org/tkcc



Middletown Parks & Facilities

Applebrook Park • Belford Park • Bicentennial Park • Bodman Park • Butler Park • Campo Trails • Chanceville Park • Church Street Park • Clearwater Fields • Countryside Park • Croydon Hall • Crystal Pond Park • Dorsett Park • Dutch Neck Park • Evergreen Park • Fairview Acres • Fairway Park • Gordon Court Park • Greeley Park • Hillside Park • Ideal Beach • Kunkel Park • Leonardo Beach • Lincroft Village Green • Lincroft Acres • McMahon Park • Middletown Arts Center / Memorial Gardens • M.T. Thompson Park • Normandy Park • Nutswamp Turf • Nutswamp Park • Poricy Park • Poricy Park Fossil Beds • Poricy Park—Cotton Tract • Roosevelt Park • Shultz Park • Shorecrest Mini Park • Stevenson Tract • Sunrise Park I • Sunrise Park II • Tindall Park • Tonya Keller Community Center • West Front Street Park • Waloo Park • Wilmort Park

Refund Policy

In accordance with Township Ordinance, programs canceled by the Department of Recreation will be granted a full refund without any processing fee. All refunds or cancellation requests must be made in writing with a Refund Request Form. Additional documentation may be required. All requests will be honored in the following manner: (1) Refund/Cancellations received 14 days prior to program/activity start date to receive a full refund, less processing fee. (2) Cancellations/changes received 7-13 days prior to program/activity start date are eligible for a 50% refund, less processing fee. (3) Cancellations/Changes made less than seven days prior to program dates are not eligible for a refund. (4) For all Summer Recreation programs, no refunds will be granted after May 15. (5) A processing fee will be charged for all approved changes or refunds. (6) Participants requesting a refund must present proof of payment. (7) Approved Refunds will be issued via Purchase Order in six to eight weeks after approval. If possible, a credit on the participant's account may be offered as a refund instead. Registration refund processing fee: \$10.



For online registration and credit card payment:
middletownnj.org/signup

Check payments are accepted in person at the Recreation Administrative Office until 4:00pm, M-F.