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Butterfly Day Is Sunday July 26 At Richard W. DeKorte Park In Lyndhurst

Join the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and Bergen County Audubon Society for Butterfly Day on Sunday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Richard W. DeKorte Park and the Meadowlands Environment Center in Lyndhurst.

The event celebrates the beauty and importance of butterflies, including how the remarkable insects help sustain healthy ecosystems throughout the Meadowlands. Butterfly Day offers visitors of all ages the opportunity to learn about butterfly life cycles, migration, pollination and the vital role native habitats play in supporting wildlife.

Butterfly Day features guided butterfly walks, educational talks by naturalists, interactive displays from local environmental organizations and hands-on activities for children. Young visitors can enjoy games, crafts and a butterfly costume contest (ages 12 and under).

“We are pleased to offer a fun and educational program highlighting the essential role butterflies play in a healthy ecosystem,” said Jill Hirsch, President and CEO of the NJSEA. “Butterfly Day encourages children to develop an early appreciation for environmental stewardship.”

Richard W. DeKorte Park provides excellent habitat for many butterfly species thanks to its diverse meadows, wetlands and native plant gardens. Visitors may spot colorful butterflies such as the Monarch, Red Admiral, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail and the Black Swallowtail, New Jersey's official State Butterfly. Participants will learn how to identify these species and understand their unique life histories.

Visitors will also learn how native plants provide food and shelter for butterflies as well as bees, birds, and other wildlife. Native flowering plants including milkweed, coneflower and bee balm show how home landscapes can be designed to support pollinators.

Butterfly Day is free of charge. Richard W. DeKorte Park is located at 2 DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst.

For more information, visit njsea.com or call 201-460-1700.

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