

DEMAREST NATURE CENTER 2006



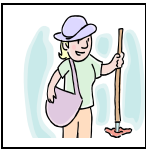
January and February: **Ice-skating parties** on the skating pond next to the Imaginative Playground, as weather permits. Hot chocolate will be served. To be put on an email notification list for skating parties, write to info@demarestnaturecenter.org. Or watch the train station bulletin board.



March 4: **Birdhouse and bird feeder building**, train station. Two sessions: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Kits are \$5 each. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a hammer to bang nails and a camera to capture the memories.



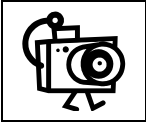
April 8: **Easter egg hunt**, 2 p.m., Wakelee Field. Toddlers through fourth-graders. Bring your own baskets to scoop up chocolate eggs. Rain date April 9.



April 22: **Spring Nature Walk**, 9:30 a.m., followed by **Volunteer Day**, 10:30 a.m., both departing from parking lot by Imaginative Playground. Bring gloves so you can clean litter, maintain trails, or do a special project. Rain date April 29.



May or June: **Tai Chi** in the Emerson Meadow with certified instructor Dean Orfas. Location and date to be announced. This is a great activity for all ages.



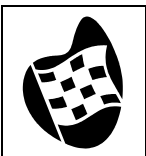
May 20: Deadline for submission of **Photo Contest** entries at Bank of America branch in downtown Demarest. All photos must be taken in the nature center. See newsletter or website for details.



June 3: **Breakfast in the Woods**, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., next to the Imaginative Playground. Made-to-order omelets, bagels, O.J., etc—all free. Also: Live music and announcement of Photo Contest winners. Rain date June 4.



August: **Scavenger Hunt** in the nature center for children from Demarest and surrounding towns. A new event! Date to be announced.



Sept. 9: 1-mile **Fun Run**, 9 a.m., and 3.1-mile **Cross Country Race**, 9:15 a.m., on the trails of the nature center. Register by 8:45 a.m. at Wakelee Fieldhouse. Rain or shine.



Oct. 7, **Raptor Project**, live birds of prey, State Line Lookout, Palisades Parkway (njpalisades.org/calendar.htm). Also **Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Open House**, Route 9W (tentative date—see Ideo.columbia.edu).



Oct. 14, **Craft Show at Oktoberfest**, Duck Pond, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The happiest day of the year in Demarest! Crafts for sale, German and Korean food, canoes, inflatable rides, etc. Rain date Oct. 21. Rain date for rain date: *None*.