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Nature Center Events Calendar

We've had a busy year so far, with bird house and bird feeder building, the Easter egg hunt, school flower planting, sponsored programs in the schools, the photo contest, the Volunteer Day cleanup, and more. But there's still plenty to do. Mark your calendars!

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, a live animal show, and photo contest winners. Rain date June 4.

Aug. 12: Scavenger Hunt

10 a.m., for families with children 4 and older. You will be given clues and riddles about nature to solve. The hunt sharpens observation skills and teaches children about nature. Rain date Aug. 13.

Sept. 9: Off to the Races

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.

Sept. 30: Greenbrook Sanctuary

A 1½-hour naturalist-guided tour of this beautiful preserve atop the Palisades east of Route 9W in Tenafly. Carpool meets at 9:30 a.m. by the Imaginative Playground. Bring a snack. Register by sending an email to info@demarestnaturecenter.org. Attendance is limited, so sign up now.

Oct. 14: Craft Show at Oktoberfest, Duck Pond,

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Crafts for sale, German and Korean food, canoes, inflatable rides. Rain date Oct. 21. Interested crafters, call 201-767-7054 or visit www.demarestnaturecenter.org.

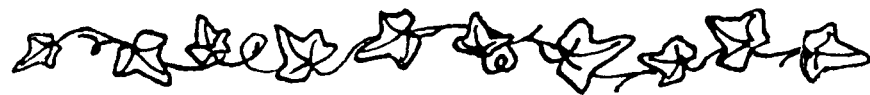
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R.H.S. at Demarest Earth Club; Tenakill Brook Trail and D Loop: Demarest Girl Scouts; Stelfox Trail and Dogwood Trail: Endick Family

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President's Message

Late spring and early summer are a great time to visit the Demarest Nature Center. Once again the leaves are on the trees and the woods are full of life.

We were honored recently to be chosen for inclusion in a forthcoming **Audubon Society trail guide**, which noted the presence of birds ranging from the Snowy Egret and Great Blue Heron to Baltimore Orioles and Cedar Waxwings (see page 2).

Our year has gotten off to a good start with a successful Birdhouse Building day at the train station, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, educational events in the schools, and the spring cleanup on Volunteer Day. Next up: Breakfast in the Woods on June 3. Come for free **made-to-order omelets** and live music. It's next to the Imaginative Playground. Photo contest winners will be honored.

Lots more is ahead. We're moving ahead with

plans to replace the damaged Morton Bridge and extend the trail system. Also, mark your calendars for the Cross Country Race and Fun Run on Sept. 9 and the Craft Show at **Oktoberfest** on Oct. 14.

Your dues are what make all this possible. Please put a check into the enclosed envelope and mail it today.

See you on the trails,

Rich Van Buren



Photo: Peter Coy

Peter Simpson hands garbage to Sung Jun Hong on Volunteer Day, Apr. 22.

THE ROOT OF THE MATTER ... "to establish a conservation center within the community of Demarest where land and people may be reunited for scientific, cultural, recreational, and educational pursuits."

Demarest Nature Center Constitution



Above, smiles at the Easter egg hunt.

Below, past trustee Naomi Epstein helps children plant flowers at County Road School. (Photos: Rich Van Buren)



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The Nature Program Cooperative: We're In It

The Demarest Nature Center belongs to a new network of environmental organizations in Northern New Jersey called the Nature Program Cooperative. Each month one member organization

sponsors an event that's open to people throughout the region. The events range from hikes and boat trips to **watercolor classes**. While most of them are free, some carry a small fee. To find out more,

check out the cooperative's home page online at: http://www.njmeadowlands.gov/EC/get_involved/Nature_Program_Cooperative/Nature_Program_Cooperative.cfm

In the Nature Center, Memories of Korea

Demarest's Korean-American community has supported the nature center for years by donating the entire proceeds of its Oktoberfest food sales. A new organization, Korean-Americans in Demarest (<http://hompy.dreamwiz.com/demarestnj>), helped at this year's

Volunteer Day. Many Korean-Americans say that the woods remind them of the countryside of their native land.

Here's a side-by-side comparison of Seoul and Demarest.

	Seoul	Demarest
Latitude	37° North	41° North
Annual precipitation	53 inches	44 inches
Average January temp.	28°F	30.6°F
Average July temp.	85°F	78°F
July rainfall	14 inches	4.5 inches

Demarest Through The Eyes of Birdwatchers

We aren't the only ones impressed by the beauty in the heart of Demarest. Here are excerpts from a draft of a writeup on the nature center by the New Jersey Audubon Society: **Winter:** The nature center feeders are stocked, attracting a variety of winter birds such as Northern Cardinal, Black-capped Chickadee, White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-breasted Nuthatch, Hairy, Downy and Red-bellied Woodpecker. Red fox and white-tailed deer leave their tracks in mud or in snow. You may even find coyote tracks. **Spring:** These woods attract a variety of colorful

migrants including Yellow-rumped, Yellow, Common Yellowthroat, Black-throated Green, Black-throated Blue and Black-and-white warblers. Tenakill Brook and the two manmade skating ponds are good places for egrets and herons. Scan the trees for Great Horned Owl. Listen for spring peepers in pools and notice the delicate yellow spicebush buds. **Summer:** Take refuge in the cool woods, where you may find Baltimore Oriole, Northern Mockingbird, Wood and Hermit Thrush, and Cedar Waxwing. Look for Belted Kingfisher, Snowy Egret, Great Blue Heron or even a Wood Duck along the

brook. Snapping turtles also enjoy the brook, so be careful if you have an urge to dip your toes. Box turtles have also been seen here, and if you are lucky enough to spot one, please observe it from at least 10 feet away. **Fall:** This patch of woods has some fungi of keen interest to mycologists, such as hen-of-the-woods, chanterelle or hericium. Please leave any mushroom just the way you found it. Tree club moss, also known as ground pine, can be found in certain sections. It is related to ancient tree-sized plants that are believed to be the source of the area's coal deposits.

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High School Seniors Get Their Hands Dirty

Two high school seniors are working in the nature center this year as their senior service project. Jessica Redisch and Lauren Jesch of NVRHS at Demarest are working for



five weeks maintaining trails, clearing meadows, building bridges, painting markers, and volunteering in other ways to improve the nature center.



Above, Carly Rotile on a rainy Volunteer Day (Photo: Peter Coy) Below, a young owl in the nature center. (Photo: Naomi Intrator)

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