



GENERAL PUBLIC PROGRAMS

2009 – 2010

732-946-9694

FREE FUN

Would you like to enjoy our programs without spending a cent? Instead of being a participant, be a volunteer! We are in need of adult volunteers to help run our large special events. As a volunteer you will make new friends who share your interest in helping to make Kateri such a fun place.

Our first volunteer opportunity is **Haunted Night Hike**. If you'd like to join the fun as a member of our Night Hike crew, please attend our meeting on **Wednesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m.** Here you will meet people of all ages who make this event possible.

We also need help carving over 300 Jack O' Lanterns to light the trail. We will be carving on **Wednesday, October 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** We will supply the pumpkins. Please bring your own knife or carving kit.

On Saturday, February 20 we will present our 3rd Annual **Smith Hall Mystery**. Volunteer wizards, villains, and muggles alike are needed to help make the event a success. Please attend our volunteer meeting on **Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

This year our **Flashlight Egg-Stravaganza will be on Tuesday, March 30**. You can be a part of the team that hides over 2000 eggs and ensures that each child finds eggs and has a memorable evening under the stars.

We also need actors and non-actors alike for **The Legend of the Forest King**. This is a fun daytime event coming up on May 8. Please call us or email pheaney@collieryouthservices.org to register as a volunteer.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Lee Boydman

If you have attended any of our special events over the past 15 years, you have undoubtedly come across Lee Boydman playing one of her many roles. She has played everything from a peasant woman to an angel and uses her storytelling talent to entertain visitors to the fire ring at Haunted Night Hike.

Ms. Boydman not only carries out her own duties, but also takes care of the other Kateri volunteers. Our Haunted Night Hike is a strenuous week for 75 volunteers. There are many late nights of carving pumpkins, setting up the trails and performing for the crowds. One year, after a particularly damp night in the woods, the volunteers were chilled and tired. Lee brought us a giant pot of her home-made minestrone soup, chock full of fresh vegetables. After a hot, steamy bowl of soup, everyone felt restored and ready to go on for another night. We dubbed the delicious minestrone *Lee Boydman's magical restore yourself to health soup*. Since that evening nearly ten years ago, Lee never fails to bring us a pot of her special soup.

Ms. Boydman is not just creative in her cooking, but in many other ways as well. She always comes up with fantastic costumes and props for whatever role assigned to her. Her recent role as "Avarice Parsimony", the banker in our Smith Hall Mystery, reflected her clever sense of humor.

Lee was recently lauded as Collier Youth Services' Volunteer of the Year by the Monmouth Park Charity Fund. Next time you come out to one of our special events, be sure to say hello to Lee Boydman.

Fall and Winter 2009

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Archery Fun

(Ages 8 and up)

Come out to our new archery range and try your hand at shooting with a bow and arrow. Archery is a traditional outdoor sport that instills confidence and discipline...and most of all it is fun! All classes are taught by certified USA Archery / NFAA Instructors.

Wednesday, September 30

4 – 6 p.m.

\$12/\$10



23rd Annual Haunted Night Hike: The Story of Irish Jack

(Ages 5 - 12 with adult)

Imagine walking through the woods on a crisp autumn night; the trail is lit with hundreds of glowing Jack O' Lanterns. Along the way you stop to meet the characters in a drama that unfolds along the path. Since 1987, children have marveled at the adventures of Irish Jack and the first Jack O' Lantern, an original drama performed along the winding woodland trails at Kateri Environmental Center.

This truly innovative approach to both education and theater was developed before Halloween productions were widespread throughout the county. While other Halloween programs are designed to frighten, this is designed to educate and enchant. Many children are already frightened in the woods, without having ghouls and chainsaw-wielding fiends accosting them. We attempt to make the children feel comfortable in the outdoors, and hope to engender a feeling of awe and respect for nature, all while having fun.

Call to reserve a hike time for this unique annual fall fund-raiser.

Friday, October 23 and

Saturday, October 24

All tickets \$15, NON-REFUNDABLE

DONATION. (We reserve the right to cancel due to unsafe trail conditions).

Hand-Dipped Candles

(teens and adults)

Candles make great gifts. Learn to make colored and scented tapers the old fashioned way. Enjoy a fun and relaxing craft with beautiful results. This program will take place indoors.

Tuesday, December 8

7 - 9 p.m.

\$15/\$12

New Year/New Beginning (adults)

Ring in the New Year with a lovely streamside ritual that has become a Kateri tradition. We will float our troubles and cares down the Tan Vat Brook as we prepare for the coming year.

Thursday, December 31

7 – 8:30 p.m.

\$10/\$8



How to Register

Our programs are available to the general public by pre-registration only. In order to preserve the high quality of our programs, we limit the number of participants for each event. Please call to make your reservation and then follow up by sending your check OR you can make your telephone reservations with VISA, MASTERCARD or DISCOVER. **We will begin taking reservations from our members for all programs beginning Monday, September 21. Non-Members can register starting on Wednesday, September 23.** Our programs fill up quickly, so call promptly to reserve your space.

Winter and Spring 2010

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The Rabbits Riddle:

A Smith Hall Mystery

(Ages 6 and up)

For one night a year, Collier's Smith Hall is transformed in to Frogwarts, a school for young wizards. In this brand new adventure, visitors will wander the halls searching for clues to save the school from magical misdeeds.

Magic and Mystery await you in this family fun adventure.

*Wizard Robes Optional (But Fun!)

Saturday, February 20

**Shows start every 15 minutes from 5 – 9 p.m.
\$10 /8**

Family Maple Sugaring (Ages 5 and up)

Discover the history and folklore of maple sugaring through our funny skits. Learn how trees are tapped and take part in the Kateri syrup taste test.

Tuesday, March 2

4 – 5:30 p.m.

\$10/\$8

Flashlight Egg-Stravaganza (Ages 4 and up)

The most egg-citing egg hunt ever! Bring your flashlights and search the field for nearly 2000 real colored eggs. Will you find a prize egg?

Tuesday, March 30 (Storm Date: March 31)

8:00 p.m.

\$8 all tickets

No strollers please.



The Legend of the Forest King

(Ages 4 through 13 with adults)

The story changes each year. What will happen to the King this year? With map in hand, you'll make your way through the Kateri woodlands in search of clues. This program is part treasure hunt, part nature hike and plenty of imaginative fun. Meet knights and wizards and win prizes in this mysterious adventure.

Saturday, May 8

Gates are open from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

\$10/\$8

Family Froggin' (Ages 5 - 13)

Learn all about frogs and then head down to the pond to meet our amphibious friends. Dress to mess!

Wednesday, June 2

4 – 5:30 p.m.

\$10

Membership

Kateri Environmental Center is part of Collier Youth Services, a non-profit social service agency. We do not receive public funding and must raise our own operating funds to continue our work. By becoming a member of Kateri, you can help us to help others to enjoy, respect and protect the natural world. Member benefits include early registration and reduced program fees

Please make your check payable to:

Collier Youth Services

and Mail to:

Kateri Center

160 Conover Road

P.O. Box 300

Wickatunk, NJ 07765

\$25 Students/Senior (one discount ticket per event)

\$30 Individual (one discount ticket per event)

\$70 Family (up to 6 discount tickets per event)

Contributions are tax deductible



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From the North via the Garden State Parkway:

Parkway South to exit 117A. At the exit ramp turn right onto Lloyd Road. At the end of Lloyd Road, turn left onto Route 79. Continue South on Route 79 for approximately 2 miles. Turn left onto Conover Road. *

From the South via the Garden State Parkway:

Parkway North to exit 109. At the exit ramp turn left onto Route 520. Continue west on Route 520. Cross Route 34 and continue up a hill. At the next light turn right onto Conover Road. *

From Trenton via Route 33:

Follow Route 33 East into Freehold. Then take Route 79 North for approx. 8 miles. Cross Route 520 and continue approximately three miles, then turn right onto Conover Road. *

* **From Conover Road:** The Collier Youth Services Entrance is on Conover Road approximately 2 miles from Route 520 and 1/2 mile from Route 79. Turn onto the property and follow the one-way winding drive to the top of the hill. Continue toward the two large white buildings. Travel between these buildings and down the hill. As you near the bottom of the hill, you will find Kateri Center parking on the left

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