



GENERAL PUBLIC PROGRAMS

2008 – 2009

732-946-9694

Help Wanted

Would you like to add some excitement to your life? You can meet new people and feel good about helping others by joining the Kateri volunteer family.

We need volunteers to help with our four large events this year. The first 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 1, 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 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** We will supply the pumpkins. Please bring your own knife or carving kit.

On Saturday, February 21 we will present our 2nd 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 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

This year our **Flashlight Egg-Stravaganza will be on Tuesday, April 7.** 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 in May.

Please call us if you would like to be a part of the fun.

Patches

Are you a patch collector? You will be glad to know that Kateri now has a variety of patches to choose from.

- The Kateri Environmental Center patch features our maple seed logo.
- The Frogging at Kateri patch sports a fun leaping frog.
- The Maple Sugaring patch depicts a sugar maple leaf on a circular patch
- Our Haunted Night Hike patch shows a darkened trail lit with Jack-o-Lanterns
- Our exclusive Member Patch has a golden samara and is for members only.

Patches are \$2.50 each and are available at all of our events. Look for new collectible patch designs coming in 2009.

Our New Look

You will soon be seeing a bright new look at Kateri and Collier Services. Our new name, Collier Youth Services, and our new logo better convey who we are and what we do. And, all of you who support our programs help Collier and Kateri be a place, "Where small miracles happen every day".



Fall and Winter 2008

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22nd 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 24 and
Saturday, October 25**

**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.

Wednesday, December 3

7 - 9 p.m.

\$15/\$12



Chess Club

(ages 6-15)

There are numerous benefits of learning how to play chess: logic, math, reasoning, focus, creativity, sportsmanship, socialization, and of course fun!

Each class will begin with a lesson on tactics and strategy followed by guided practice. On the last day a tournament will be held with trophies and prizes.

The ten week course will be led by Nikki Church, who has been a professional chess instructor for 7 years in the tri-state area.

Throughout her chess career she has had the honor to meet celebrities such as Yoko Ono and Bill Clinton. She was featured in the October 2001 issue of Child Magazine in an article titled, "The Brainy Benefits of Chess" for her work with Harlem's PS194 Renaissance Warriors. Contact her at nukanook@verizon.net for more information

Tuesdays, October 7 – December 9

6 – 7 p.m.

\$90.00

Children's Holiday Craft Workshop

(ages 8 and up)

Children will fashion tiny holiday treasures and gifts from natural materials. This is a fun way to get into the holiday spirit. This program will take place indoors.

Wednesday, December 10

4 – 6 p.m.

\$15/\$12

(Other dates are available for this program for large groups. Please call to arrange your own date).

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.

Wednesday, December 31

7 – 8:30 p.m.

\$10/\$8

Winter and Spring 2009

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The Stone of Fire: 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 21

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, February 24

4 – 5:30 p.m.

\$10/\$8

Tuesday, April 7 (Storm Date: April 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, April 7 (Storm Date: April 8)

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 9

Gates are open from 12:00 – 3:30 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 3

4 – 5:30 p.m.

\$10

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 Tuesday, September 2. Non-Members can register starting on Wednesday, September 3.** Our programs fill up quickly, so call promptly to reserve your space.

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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