



New Jersey Pinelands Commission NEWS RELEASE

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16th Annual Pinelands Short Course Set for Saturday, March 5th *2005 event offering ten exciting new topics*

WHEN: Saturday, March 5, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Burlington County College's Parker Center, Route 530, Pemberton Twp. NJ

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Registration brochures can be printed from the Pinelands Commission website at www.nj.gov/pinelands. If you would like to receive a registration brochure by mail, call Joel Mott at the Pinelands Commission (609) 894-7300 or email: info@njpines.state.nj.us.

NEW LISBON, NJ - The 16th Annual Pinelands Short Course will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at Burlington County College in Pemberton Township. After teaming up for last year's successful program, the Pinelands Commission, Burlington County College and the Pinelands Institute for Natural and Environmental Studies (PINES) have joined forces again for this eagerly anticipated event.

The Pinelands Short Course gives the public an opportunity to learn about the unique natural and cultural resources of the New Jersey Pinelands. The program is open to all who are interested in learning about the Pinelands, and offers educational sessions addressing a wide range of topics from environment and ecology to history and folklife. Discounts are offered on registration fees for senior citizens and students. Additionally, New Jersey Department of Education Professional Development Credits are available to teachers who attend.

The 2005 Pinelands Short Course will feature ten new presentations. A total of nineteen different presentations will be offered, including two field trips to nearby Pinelands locations. The new presentations include a Pinelands photography class with Michael Hogan, a renowned outdoor photographer. History buffs can look forward to learning about Revolutionary War history in the Pines. The Sugar Sand Ramblers, a Pinelands folk music band, will lead a session on traditional Pinelands music. There also will be presentations focusing on Pinelands folklife, and traditional uses of native Pinelands plants.

There are exciting presentations discussing Pinelands plants and wildlife, including a new presentation on timber rattlesnakes. Water resources, which are vital to the Pinelands, will be showcased in two presentations, one to discuss the Kirkwood-Cohansey Aquifer and another following a drop of water as it travels from the Pinelands to the ocean.

A new field trip to the Rutgers University, Silas Little Research Station will be offered as well as a tour of Whitesbog Village. Other presentations included in this year's program are The Health Benefits of Cranberries and Blueberries, Industrial Revolution in the Pinelands, Pinelands Overview, and Fire Wise.

For more information on the program and to how to register for the Pinelands Short Courses, call Joel Mott at the Pinelands Commission (609) 894-7300, or email info@njpines.state.nj.us. The registration brochure can also be printed from the Pinelands Commission website at www.nj.gov/pinelands.

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