



New Jersey Pinelands Commission **PRESS RELEASE**

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Wealth of Pinelands Knowledge Available at 13th Annual Short Course *Largest Program Ever Planned for March 2nd*

WHERE: Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ
WHEN: March 2, 2002, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
HOW: For information and registration forms, call the **Pinelands Short Course Information Line at 609-626-3418** or Pinelands Commission Public Programs Office at 609-894-7300. Registration will also be available the morning of the event.

NEW LISBON, NJ - Whatever your Pinelands interests - outdoor recreation, nature study, history, or the world of environmental research and land-use planning – The 13th Annual Pinelands Short Course is sure to please any devotee of the unique Pinelands Region of New Jersey. This year's Short Course will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in Pomona, Galloway Township, Atlantic County.

Co-sponsored by the New Jersey Pinelands Commission (a registered New Jersey Professional Development Provider) and Stockton College's Office of Continuing Professional Education, this popular one-day program attracts hundreds of people each year. This year, the program has expanded to the largest ever and will feature nearly 30 workshops and field trips as well as a Pinelands Bookstore and an exhibit of native Pinelands turtles.

The Short Course is open to anyone who is interested in learning about the New Jersey Pinelands, including students, teachers, outdoor enthusiasts, local officials, engineers, and history buffs.

Pinelands Commission Executive Director Annette Barbaccia, who will be presenting a session on the progress and accomplishments of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan, explains that the Short Course will give participants special insight into the many treasures of the Pinelands. "For example, those who attend the session on Pinelands frogs and toads will not only learn about the important role these animals play in the ecosystem, they will also get hear frog vocalizations recorded by Pinelands Commission scientists during research expeditions," said Barbaccia. "The short course gives those from government and academia an opportunity to share their knowledge and research findings with members of the public who have an interest in the ecological and cultural resources of the Pinelands and the important work of the Commission."

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New workshops at this year's Short Course include: Riverscapes of the Oswego River; Heart of the Pines - Ghostly Voices of the Pine Barrens; Uses of Native Plants in Pinelands Restoration; and Enhancing Pinelands Planning Using GIS. Some longtime favorites will include Cranberry Growing in New Jersey's Pinelands and Seeing and Shooting (with a camera) in the Pinelands. Of special interest to teachers, the session titled Pinelands Lessons & Activities will demonstrate how Pinelands activities easily integrate with curriculum and correlate to New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards.

The registration fees are \$35.00 for adults, \$25.00 for senior citizens (65 and older), and \$15.00 for students.

Course brochures and registration forms may be obtained by calling the **Pinelands Short Course Information Line at 609-626-3418**, or writing The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Continuing Professional Education, P. O. Box 195, Pomona, NJ 08240-0195.

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