



Visitor Programs and Events

Summer 2015

Sandy Hook, New Jersey

Summer—Really Arriving?

Spring has been a long time coming, and it follows one of the worst winters we have known for some time. There have already been droves of visitors at all the sites and it is clear that people are having a great time at Gateway already, but there's more to come.

Celebrating the National Park Service Centennial: Find Your Park!

Enter the Gateway Photo Contest to be held during the month of July. The pictures must be recent (within the current year) and must tell the story: **I found my park!** The park need not be in the NPS system, but can be any park which you use, enjoy and consider yours.

We have created a special **Gateway Photo Contest Edition: *I found my park!*** posted below. Please go to this edition to get the full contest rules. We have included some sample pictures as well. Note that these pictures are not contest entries, but have been chosen because they show context, setting, and tell a story. Don't feel that you have to replicate these....**You find your park** and tell your story by entering the contest. Contest submissions are during month of July.

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On Sunday June 14, we present **Play by the Bay**, by NYC Parks and National Park Service. Come to experience a range of demonstrations including camping, kayaking, biking, see live birds of prey, live music, dance and storytelling. This event is designed to showcase activities you can do all summer at the various park sites including our sister NYC Parks in Jamaica Bay.



At **Jamaica Bay** there's Your Park Your Health: Check out: Let's Go Camping, Let's go Kayaking, and Let's go Biking--these are introductory--if you have never camped, kayaked or biked these are great intros. We have the Absolute Beginner Series: Join us for Birding and Morning Meditation. In addition the Walk up and Paddle kayak sessions are designed for newbies. And for those who are into gardening, learn to make your own herbed vinegars and oils, and natural dyes.

At **Staten Island** our popular evening Lantern Tours are offered several times, or join us for the overnight camping programs designed for newbies. There's a campfire reading of *Treasure Island* at Great Kills, or Celebrate the NPS Centennial and Independence Day at the Fort Wadsworth Overlook.

At **Sandy Hook** we have reopened History House, and there are lots of programs for kids. The ever popular Beach Concerts presents nine shows from June 17 to August 12. Or try out canoeing if you have never done it. And we have programs that are after peak sun for those who are ready to do

Officers Row, by Gary Sprengel was entered in last year's photo contest.

some exploring after the beach. And of course there are the beaches – Riis, Staten Island, Sandy Hook—take your pick, and try'em all, but never swim in unguarded areas

Please check out the guides for all the units to see which programs may provide some new experiences for you to help you get outside and get moving.

These programs, events and activities are great opportunities to Find Your Park, so take the camera and submit your pictures that say ***I Found My Park!*** Have a great and safe summer. ~CAM

The ♥ symbol denotes a hike or walk of moderate activity. Come enjoy nature and the park as you get some exercise.

Do you receive email notifications of Gateway's programs and events? If you would like to be on the mailing list, send a message to Charles.Markis@nps.gov, with 'program guide' in the subject line and we will add you.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse and Keepers Quarters

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Visitor Center Hours:

Daily, 9 AM – 5 PM

Lighthouse Tours: Daily,
1 PM to 4:30 PM

Tours are first-come, first-served.

Visitors must be 48 inches tall to climb the tower. Sign up in the 1883 Keeper's Quarters for lighthouse tours, and see exhibits on New Jersey lighthouses, a rotating art exhibit, and visit the gift shop. Grounds and video in adjacent barn are always open. Groups must make advance reservations. Call (732) 872-5970 for more information.

Eastern National Gift Shop Visitor Center/Keepers Quarters

Daily, 9 AM – 5 PM

History House

Daily, 1 PM - 5 PM

An 1898 lieutenant's quarters on "Officers Row" overlooking Sandy Hook Bay is furnished to the 1940s, the busiest time at Fort Hancock.

Battery Potter

Saturdays and Sundays,

June 20- August 30

1 PM - 4:30 PM

Explore and tour Sandy Hook's oldest disappearing gun battery, and the first concrete disappearing gun battery ever built in America, completed in 1895.

Mortar Battery

Saturdays and Sundays, June 20- August 30

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

The 1894 Sandy Hook Mortar Battery was Among the first Endicott era (1890 – 1910) concrete gun batteries built on Sandy Hook, as part of New York Harbor defense against enemy attack from the sea.

Nike Missile Radar Site

Horseshoe Cove, Parking Lot L

12 PM - 4 PM

Saturdays, June 6 & 27,

July 11 & 18 , August 1 & 29

Sundays, June 14, July 26,

August 9 & 16

Guided tours of the Integrated Fire Control (IFC) will allow you to see the inner workings of the facility where the supersonic nuclear armed Nike Hercules missiles were controlled and guided using Cold War era computers and radars. While taking a guided tour of this one-time TOP SECRET missile site, you will have the opportunity to meet and talk with some of the veterans who actually worked on the Nike Air Defense System. ♥1/4 mile

REPEATING WEEKDAY PARK OFFERINGS

Mondays

Canoe program

U.S. Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(across from Spermaceti Cove)

June 22 through August 31

9:15 AM-12 PM

Take a two-mile morning paddle to explore Sandy Hook bay from an ideal vantage point—the water itself.

Rangers guide you on a two and a half hour tour of the bayside waters and Skeleton Hill Island. Free, call 732-872-5970 to reserve.

Seining

Lot C- Bayside

June 29 through August 31

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Join our ranger staff for some seining to explore hands-on what marine creatures are lurking just beneath the surface of Sandy Hook Bay.

SANDY HOOK BEACH CONCERT INFORMATION

Enjoy the popular and free summer concert series, which will take place at Lot E every Wednesday at 6 PM throughout the summer (courtesy of the Sandy Hook Foundation).

Remember: beach parking fees are in effect until 5 PM.

Call 732-291-7733 or see sandyhookfoundation.org for weather updates. Cancellations are made by 2PM.

Weather permitting, the summer 2015 schedule is as follows:

June 17 : Brian Kirk and the Jirks
(Party Rock)

June 24: Steve Reilly and the Rain Band (Rock/Folk)

July 1: British Invasion Tribute
(Beatles Tribute)

July 8: Tim McLoone and the Shirlies (Americana)

July 15: Carl Gentry Band
(Classic Rock)

July 22: Motor City Review
(Motown)

July 29: Pat Guadagno and Candle Brothers (Rock)

August 5: The Haven (Rock and Roll)

August 12: The Shots (Rock)

August 19: Rain Date

Tuesdays

Canoe program

U.S. Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(across from Spermaceti Cove)

June 23 through August 25

9:15 AM-12 PM

Take a two-mile morning paddle to explore Sandy Hook bay from an ideal vantage point—the water itself. Rangers guide you on a two and a half hour tour of the bayside waters and Skeleton Hill Island. Free, call 732-872-5970 to reserve.

Junior Ranger

June 9 through August 25

For kids ages 7 to 12.

See Junior Ranger section for rotating schedule of programs.

Crustacean of the Day

Beach Area E

June 23 - August 25

2 PM - 4 PM

Park rangers reveal fun facts and provide a hands-on crustacean pool to share with beachgoers of all ages. Drop in at Beach Area E to observe and handle creatures native to Sandy Hook Bay.

Wednesdays

Canoe program

U.S. Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(across from Spermaceti Cove)

June 17 through August 26

9:15 AM - 12 PM

Take a two-mile morning paddle to explore Sandy Hook bay from an ideal vantage point—the water itself. Rangers guide you on a two and a half hour tour of the bayside waters and Skeleton Hill Island. Free, call 732-872-5970 to reserve.

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Junior Jr. Ranger

June 24 through August 26

For kids 4 to 6 years old.

See Junior Jr. Ranger section for rotating schedule of programs.

Thursdays

Canoe program

U.S. Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(across from Spermaceti Cove)

June 18 through August 27

9:15 AM-12 PM

Take a two-mile morning paddle to explore Sandy Hook bay from an ideal vantage point—the water itself. Rangers guide you on a two and a half hour tour of the bayside waters and Skeleton Hill Island. Free, call 732-872-5970 to reserve.

Fridays

Canoe program

U.S. Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(across from Spermaceti Cove)

June 19 through August 28

9:15 AM-12 PM

Take a two-mile morning paddle to explore Sandy Hook bay from an ideal vantage point—the water itself. Rangers guide you on a two and a half hour tour of the bayside waters and Skeleton Hill Island. Free, call 732-872-5970 to reserve.

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Bunker of the Week

July and August

6:30 PM - 8 PM

See the Bunker of the Week section for meeting place and name of destination.

SPECIAL PARK AND COOPERATOR PROGRAMS:

JUNE

Horseshoe Crab Walk

American Littoral Society

Lot B Beach Plaza

Tuesday, June 2

6 PM – 8PM

Get up close and personal with a living fossil. Take an evening walk at Plum Island on Sandy Hook to look for spawning horseshoe crabs. Learn about an animal that has survived virtually unchanged for 450 million years. Wear proper foot gear. Please call (732) 291-0055 to make reservations.

Night Hike on the Beach

Lot B Beach Plaza

Wednesday, June 3

7 PM – 8:30 PM

Explore various parts of Sandy Hook's ecosystem and history with this summer's series of night hikes. This night's one mile hike features bayside exploration during the high season for horseshoe crab sightings. Don't forget to wear good sand walking shoes and bug repellent. Free, call (732) 872-5970 to make reservations. ♥ 1 mile.

Horseshoe Crab Twilight Walk

NJ Sea Grant Consortium

Officer's Row, Building #22

Saturday, June 6

6 PM – 8 PM

Join NJS GC marine educators for this once-a-year opportunity to observe and learn about horseshoe crabs as they arrive at Sandy Hook for spring mating season. Advance registration required. Call 732-872-1300 ext. 20.

Stars of Sandy Hook

Lot E Beach Plaza

Saturday, June 6, 8:30 PM – 11 PM

Join a park ranger and the Amateur Astronomers Association to view Venus, which will be at its highest point. Also look for Jupiter, Saturn and the Sagittarius clusters and nebula in the dark sky. Bring binoculars and/or telescopes.

Bird Walk

Monmouth County Audubon Society
Spermaceti Cove U.S. Life Saving
Station Parking Lot (between Lot D and
Lot E)
Thursday, June 11
6 PM – 8 PM
Walk along the bayside and ocean to
look for Osprey, herons, and egrets.
Bring binoculars, insect repellent, and
wear comfortable shoes. Free. ♥ 2 miles.

Campfire on the Beach

Lot E (southern chute)
Friday, June 19
7:30 PM – 9 PM
Sing silly Sandy Hook songs, and hear
true stories from days of yore
surrounding the history and
mysteries of the Hook. Participants are
encouraged to bring beach blankets or
chairs, snacks, bug
spray, family and friends! Free. Call
(732) 872-5970 for more information.

Coastal Naturalist Series

American Littoral Society, Building 18
Friday, June 19
Monday, June 22
Wednesday, June 24
9:30 AM
Re-discover New Jersey's coast with
professional naturalists. Class meets at
Sandy Hook to explore the beach, bay,
marsh, and maritime forest. Learn to
recognize plants and animals found in
coastal habitats. Series includes: coastal
botany, birding for beginners (binoculars
provided), and estuarine fish and
invertebrate identification. Program is
ideal for nature enthusiasts and
educators. Participants will receive a
copy of our coastal field guide. Cost:
\$99. Please call (732) 291-0055 to
register.

Summer Solstice Walk

American Littoral Society Headquarters,
Building #18
Sunday, June 21, 6 PM - 8 PM
Take a two mile stroll on the Hook on
the longest day of the year. Society
naturalists will identify coastal flora and
fauna, as well as the history of Sandy
Hook. A special tour inside a gun battery
may be included. Cost: Free. Call (732)
291-0055 to make reservations. ♥ 2
miles

Fort Hancock Bike Tour

Sunday, June 21
10 AM – 12 PM
Ferry Landing
Bicycle with a ranger on a guided
tour highlighting the batteries, historic
structures and beaches of Sandy
Hook. Bring a bike helmet and call
(732) 872-5970 for reservations. ♥ 3
miles.

Fort Hancock Bike Tour

Sunday, June 28
10 AM – 12 PM
Ferry Landing
Bicycle with a ranger on a guided tour
highlighting the batteries, historic
structures and beaches of Sandy
Hook. Bring a bike helmet and call
(732) 872-5970 for reservations. ♥ 3
miles.

JULY

Battery Gunnison/New Peck Restored

Wednesday-Saturday,
July 8, 9, 10, and 11
12 PM to 6 PM
Army Ground Forces Association is a
volunteer group in WWII era uniform
performing restoration projects and
interpreting Battery Gunnison/New
Peck. Visitors are invited to stop by to
learn more about the battery's role in
protecting NY Harbor during July
1943.

Campfire on the Beach

Lot E, Southern Chute
Friday, July 10
7:30 PM – 9 PM
Sing silly Sandy Hook songs, and
hear true stories from days of yore
surrounding the history and mysteries
of the Hook. Participants are
encouraged to bring beach blankets or
chairs, snacks, bug spray, family and
friends! Free. Call (732) 872-5970 for
more information.

Fort Hancock Bike Tour

Ferry Landing
Saturday, July 11
9:30 AM – 11:30 PM
Bicycle with a ranger (as above).
Bring a helmet and call (732) 872-
5970 to make reservations. ♥ 3 miles.

Stars of Sandy Hook

Lot E Beach Plaza
Saturday, July 11
9 PM – 11 PM
Join a park ranger and the Amateur
Astronomy Association to view the
night sky.

Bird Walk

Monmouth County Audubon
Society
Spermaceti Cove U.S. Life Saving
Station Parking Lot (between LOT
D and LOT E)
Thursday, July 16
6 PM – 8 PM
Walk along the bayside and ocean to
look for beach nesting Piping
Plover, American Oystercatcher,
terns. Bring binoculars, insect
repellent, and wear comfortable
shoes. Free. ♥ 2 miles.

Coastal Explorers

American Littoral Society
Headquarters, Building 18
Friday, July 17
9 AM – 1:30 PM
During this one day program,
students in grades 1-3 will enjoy
seining, shell collecting, and coastal
arts and crafts. Ideal for children
interested in learning for about the
marine world, this hands-on, feet-
wet program will delight your child.
\$40 for members, \$50 for
nonmembers. Please call (732) 291-
0055 to register.

Fort Hancock Bike Tour

Ferry Landing
Saturday, July 18
9:30 AM – 11:30 PM
Bicycle with a ranger on a guided
tour highlighting the batteries,
historic structures and
beaches of Sandy Hook. Bring a
helmet and call (732) 872-5970 to
make reservations. ♥ 3 miles.



Some of last year's contenders in the Women's Lifeguard Tournament. This year marks the 31st Event. Photo: Lura Pedrick

Sunset Seining

American Littoral Society Headquarters, Building 18
Thursday, July 23
Discover the diverse wildlife inhabiting our coast. After a short talk on the Society's front porch, you will head over to Horseshoe Cove on Sandy Hook bay for a seining adventure. Participants are invited to help pull our 40 foot seine net through the bay, and experience the excitement of learning about the fish and other critters caught. Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet. Cost: Free. Call (732) 291-0055 to make reservations.

Campfire on the Beach

Lot E, Southern Chute
Friday, July 24
7:30 PM – 9 PM
Sing silly Sandy Hook songs, and hear true stories from days of yore surrounding the history and mysteries of the Hook. Participants are encouraged to bring beach blankets or chairs, snacks, bug spray, family and friends! Free. Call (732) 872-5970 for more information.

Holly Forest Night Prowl

Lot E
Saturday, July 25
7:30 PM – 9 PM
Explore the Sandy Hook Holly Forest on this sensory walk led by a ranger. Family fun for everyone! ♥ 1 mile

All-Women Lifeguard Tournament

31st Annual NPS Event
BEACH Lot E
Wednesday, July 29
9 AM – 6 PM
Come cheer on the women in this exciting annual competition, representing beach patrols from the East Coast and elsewhere. These women are outstanding role models and we are hopeful that seeing them in action will encourage other women to consider surf-lifeguard work in the future.

Night Hike- Full Buck Moon

Lot E
Friday, July 31
7:30 PM – 9 PM
Explore various parts of Sandy Hook's ecosystem during the full buck moon. At this time of year is when bucks begin to grow new antlers. This night hike features night seining, which is always an interesting adventure. Bring a flashlight, bug repellent, and wear shoes you can get wet. Free, but reservations required. Call (732) 872-5970 ♥ 1 mile

Coastal Explorers

American Littoral Society Headquarters, Building 18
Friday, July 31, 9 AM – 1:30 PM
During this one day program, students in grades 1-3 will enjoy seining, shell collecting, and coastal arts and crafts. Ideal for children interested in learning for about the marine world, this hands-on, feet-wet program will delight your child. \$40 for members, \$50 for nonmembers. Call (732) 291-0055 to register.

AUGUST

Sunset Seining

American Littoral Society Headquarters, Building 18
Thursday, August 6
6 PM - 8 PM
Discover the diverse wildlife inhabiting our coast. After a short talk on the Society's front porch, you will head over to Horseshoe Cove on Sandy Hook bay for a seining adventure. Participants are invited to help pull our 40 foot seine net through the bay, and experience the excitement of learning about the fish and other critters caught. Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet. Cost: Free. Call (732) 291-0055 to make reservations.

Campfire on the Beach

Parking Lot E (southern chute)
Friday, August 7
7:30 PM - 9 PM
Sing silly Sandy Hook songs, and hear true stories from days of yore surrounding the history and mysteries of the Hook. Participants are encouraged to bring beach blankets or chairs, snacks, bug spray, family and friends! Free. Call (732) 872-5970 for more information.

Battery Gunnison/New Peck Preserved

Saturday, August 8
12 PM - 6 PM
The Army Ground Forces Association is a volunteer group in WWII era uniform performing restoration projects and interpreting Battery Gunnison/New Peck. Visitors are invited to stop by to chat and learn more about restoration of Battery Gunnison/New Peck, and the historic time period of August 1943 at Fort Hancock.

Night Hike

Lot E Beach Plaza

Saturday, August 8

7:30 PM – 9 PM

Explore various parts of Sandy Hook's ecosystem. This night hike is the *Ranger's Choice Hike*, so the question is, "Are you feeling adventurous?" Bring a flashlight, bug repellent, and shoes you can get wet. Free, call (732) 872-5970 to reserve. ♥ 1 mile

Fort Hancock Bike Tour

Ferry Landing

Sunday, August 9

5 PM – 7 PM

Bicycle with a ranger on a guided tour highlighting the batteries, historic structures and beaches of Sandy Hook. Bring a helmet and call (732) 872-5970 to make reservations. ♥ 3 miles

Bird Walk

Monmouth County Audubon Society
Spermaceti Cove U.S. Life Saving
Station Parking Lot (between Lot D
and Lot E)

Thursday, August 13

6 PM – 8 PM

Walk out Fisherman's Trail to the ocean to look for Piping Plover and migrating shorebirds. Bring binoculars, insect repellent, and wear comfortable shoes. Free. ♥ 2 miles.

Sunset Seining

American Littoral Society

Headquarters, Building 18

Thursday, August 20

6 PM - 8 PM

Discover the diverse wildlife inhabiting our coast. After a short talk on the Society's front porch, you will head over to Horseshoe Cove on Sandy Hook bay for a seining adventure. Participants are invited to help pull our 40 foot seine net through the bay, and experience the excitement of learning about the fish and other critters caught. Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet. Cost: Free. Call (732) 291-0055 to make reservations.

Campfire on the Beach

Parking Lot E (southern chute)

Friday, August 21

7:30 PM - 9 PM

Sing silly Sandy Hook songs, and hear true stories from days of yore surrounding the history and mysteries of the Hook. Participants are encouraged to bring beach blankets or chairs, snacks, bug spray, family and friends! Free. Call (732) 872-5970 for more information.

Coastal Explorers

American Littoral Society

Headquarters, Building 18

Friday, August 21

9 AM – 1:30 PM

During this one day program, students entering grades 1-3 will enjoy seining, shell collecting, and coastal arts and crafts. This hands-on, feet wet program will delight your child and spark their interest about the marine world. Call (732) 291-0055 to register.

Shore Birds and Wild Edibles Walk

American Littoral Society

Parking Lot M

Saturday, August 22

9 AM – 11 AM

Join Littoral Society naturalists for a hike down a sandy path to one of the least visited beaches at Sandy Hook. Along the way we will identify some of the Hook's edible plants that were an important food source for the early settlers and Native Americans that once inhabited this area. We will have the chance to observe shore birds feeding along the mud flats. Bring binoculars, comfortable walking shoes, and lots of sunscreen! Cost: \$5 per person, free for members. Call (732) 291-0055 to make reservations.

Fort Hancock Bike Tour

Ferry Landing

Sunday, August 23

5 PM – 7 PM

Bicycle with a ranger on a guided tour highlighting the batteries, historic structures and beaches of Sandy Hook. Bring a helmet and call (732) 872-5970 to make reservations. ♥ 3 miles

Founders Day

99th Birthday

National Park Service

Visitor Center/Keepers Quarters

Tuesday, August 25

10 AM – 3 PM

Celebrate Founders Day with the National Park Service, and participate in various NPS themed games/activities/trivia. Cake and refreshments will be served in the Visitor Center.

Campfire on the Beach

Parking Lot E (southern chute)

Friday, August 28

7:30 PM - 9 PM

Sing silly songs, and hear true stories from days of yore surrounding the history and mysteries of the Hook. Participants are encouraged to bring beach blankets or chairs, snacks, bug spray, family and friends! Free. Call (732) 872-5970 for more information.

JUNIOR RANGER

PROGRAMS

Ages 7 to 12

The program is being offered Tuesdays from June 9 to August 25. Parents must accompany their children for the duration of the programs. All programs are free, but reservations are required. Call (732) 872-5970 to reserve.

Junior Ranger Horseshoe Crab

Parking Lot B

Tuesday, June 9

6 PM – 7:30 PM

Find, see and feel living fossils from the age of dinosaurs that are still swimming along the shores today, and aid the survival of the horseshoe crab by hands-on participation in "Horseshoe Crab Rehab."

Junior Ranger Tree Scientist

US Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(across from Spermaceti Cove)

Tuesday, June 23

5 PM – 6:30 PM

Learn how to identify the trees in the Holly Forest, and predict the age of the tree with scientific tools.

Junior Ranger Ocean Steward

Lot D

Tuesday, June 30

11AM - 12 PM

Help clean-up the beach with a ranger and learn how to protect the ocean so that it can be a healthy place for sea life now and in the future.

Junior Ranger Lifeguard

Lot E, Center Beach Walkway

Tuesday, July 7

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Lifeguards are responsible for the safety and well-being of people on the beach. Learn what it takes to be a lifeguard and the tools needed to save lives.

Junior Ranger Pirate

US Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(across from Spermaceti Cove)

Tuesday, July 14

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Children will re-enact true Sandy Hook pirate stories and use a compass/treasure map to locate their “pirate booty” - around a historic area of Sandy Hook (Captain Kidds Meadow). Pirate attire, accents, and attitude “Aaaargh” required! ♥ 1 mile

Junior Ranger Birding

Horseshoe Cove Parking Lot

Tuesday, July 21

9 AM – 10:30 AM

Learn how to use binoculars and look for songbirds, wading birds, and birds of prey, in both a salt marsh and woodland habitat.

Junior Ranger Marine Invader

Horseshoe Cove

Tuesday, July 28

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Participate in citizen scientist work by helping rangers find, catch, identify and track non-native/invasive Asian Shore Crab, and explore its potential impact on native crab species. Parents must stay with their children for the duration of the program.

Junior Ranger Firefighter

Fire Station Number 2; Across from the Sandy Hook Lighthouse

Tuesday, August 4

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Participants will learn how fires have been extinguished in the past, and how fires are fought now by National Park Service Firefighters at Sandy Hook. Learn about different historic and modern firefighting equipment, and learn how to extinguish imaginary fires with a real fire hose.

Junior Ranger Lenni-Lenape Scavenger Hunt

North Beach Pavilion

Tuesday, August 11

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Learn about the local Lenni-Lenape Indian tribe and try your hand at some traditional Lenape craftsmanship and games.

Junior Ranger Going Batty

Keepers Quarters/Visitor Center

Tuesday, August 18

7 PM – 8:30 PM

Learn about various types of bats - their behavior, how they communicate, and why they are so important to the Sandy Hook ecosystem.

Junior Ranger Lighthouse Keeper

Sandy Hook Lighthouse

Tuesday, August 25

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Celebrate the National Park Service 100th birthday and climb the lighthouse with Sandy Hook Lighthouse Keeper Samuel P. Jewell. Learn what it was like to be a

lighthouse keeper during the 18th Century. Must be 48” or taller to climb the lighthouse.

Junior Jr. Ranger Programs

Ages 3 to 6

The program teaches young children about the habitats and history of Sandy Hook through fun hands-on activities. The program is being offered from 10 AM to 11 AM weekly on Wednesdays from June 25 to August 20. Children will learn through hikes, walks, and demonstrations. Parents are required to accompany their children for the entire program. Space is limited, call (732) 872-5970 to make reservations.

June 24: Splishy, Splashy, Squishy: Let’s go seining! Meet at Horseshoe Cove.

July 8: Explore a Lighthouse, Then Build Your Own Lighthouse. Meet at Sandy Hook Lighthouse

July 15: Firefighting for “Little Squirts,” Meet at Fire Station Number 2 (across the street from the Sandy Hook Lighthouse).

July 22: Birds, Beaks and Feathers. Meet at Guardian Park

July 29: Animal Tracking: Investigate Animal Signs and Animal Tracks. Meet at Guardian Park

August 5: Creepy Crawlies & Waterbabies: Swimming Insects. Meet at Guardian Park

August 12: Terrapin vs. Turtle. Meet at Horseshoe Cove.

August 19: Univalve vs. Bivalve; What is the Difference? Meet at Guardian Park

August 26: Splishy, Splashy, Squishy: Let’s Go Seining! Meet at Horseshoe Cove

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Bunker of the Week

July and August

6:30 PM – 8 PM

Tour a different battery every week with a park ranger and learn about its significance in American Coastal Harbor Defense. Bring a flashlight, insect repellent and wear sturdy hiking or walking shoes.

Sunday, July 12:

Nine Gun Battery; Meet at Lot M

Saturday, July 18: Battery Mills;

Meet in parking area between Lot

D & E

Sunday, July 26:

Battery Peck and Battery Engle;

Meet at Lot M

Sunday, August 2:

Battery Arrowsmith; Meet at

Guardian Park

Sunday, August 9:

Battery Morris & Battery Urmston;

Meet at Lot M

Saturday, August 15:

Battery Granger; Meet at Sandy

Hook Lighthouse

Sunday, August 23:

Battery Mills; Meet in parking area

between Lot D & E

Saturday, August 29:

Battery Morris and Battery

Urmston; Meet at Lot M

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