

Youth Recreation Assistance Programs

Each year, the *Friends* pay for underserved youth to attend a week-long Monmouth County Park System camp of their choice, including door-to-door transportation. Each day is different and packed with activities at different parks: sports and fitness, boating, hiking, historic site tours, farm tours, and outdoor adventures.



Therapeutic Recreation Program

This program provides social activities in a structured setting for young adults with disabilities. The *Friends* annually fund trips to the beach and Disney-on-Ice and host a semi-formal dinner dance for participants of the Monmouth County Park System's Therapeutic Recreation Program.



The *Friends of the Monmouth County Park System, Inc.*, is a membership-based 501 (c)(3) charitable organization that provides financial support exclusively for Monmouth County Park System enhancements.

Monmouth County Friends of the Parks



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Historic and Interpretive Exhibits

Friends funding pays for the design and fabrication of Park System exhibits. Visitors can enjoy exhibits furnished by the *Friends* at:

Historic Longstreet Farm, Historic Walnford, the Thompson Park Visitor Center, the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center and Visitor Center, Huber Woods Environmental Center, Tatum Park, and Seabrook-Wilson House.



Park Beautification

Deep Cut Gardens entices visitors to wander on the brick paths through the ever-changing foliage, or relax on teak benches while enjoying the breath-taking views of the parterre rose garden, bonsai garden and ornamental koi pond. *Friends* funding subsidized all of these projects and improvements.



Memorials

Passed loved ones can be remembered and honored through memorial donations to the *Friends*. Thompson Park features a memorial tree grove. Deep Cut Gardens hosts a brass memorial tree. Memorial benches are available at designated facilities.

Unrestricted Donations

While some *Friends* designate their financial contributions to specific programs, many gifts are left undesignated and can be used at the discretion of park officials. This base of unrestricted support makes up the annual fund, which can be used where it is needed most.

Friends of the Monmouth County Park System is an organization of people who share a pride that the Monmouth County Park System is unique and extraordinary. As members, the group helps keep our parks accessible and preserved for everyone forever.

The *Friends* are a growing group of dedicated people who show their support of the Monmouth County Park System. Some volunteer and some contribute financially. Whatever their involvement, these people are giving back to the parks and to Monmouth County in a meaningful way.

Benefits

Friends receive newsletters, annual reports, Park System publications, and invitations to special events. Plus, members have exclusive borrowing privileges at the Deep Cut Horticultural Library.



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Once a Friend, always a Friend!

Please add/keep my name as a member of the *Friends of the Parks*:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Annual Memberships:

___ Individual \$25 ___ Supporting \$50

___ Patron \$100 ___ Sustaining \$150

___ Corporate \$250 ___ Executive, Over \$250

___ Additional contribution of \$ _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

(Make checks payable to Friends of the Parks)

___ Please charge my:

Visa MasterCard American Express

Card #: _____ Exp: _____

Your tax-deductible membership contribution will be used for unrestricted purposes unless you indicate a specific area:

___ Recreation Assistance Program

___ Therapeutic Recreation

___ I would like my donation to go towards:

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