SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION CELEBRATES THE D&R CANAL'S 50TH

Recreation

During the second weekend of August, Park Commission Paddleboats and Mini-Golf will have a celebration weekend for the Canal's 50th anniversary. Charges for activities would be set to 1974 prices.

Mini Golf All Kids - \$1 Adults - \$2 Paddleboat Rental - \$4

Park Commission staff will be encouraged to wear 70's themed clothing for that day.

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Horticulture

June 8th: Rose Day Festival: the Park Commission will set up a display in the Fragrance and Sensory Garden promoting the 50th anniversary and D&R's scheduled programming. The Commission will include 50th anniversary information on all the printed Rose Day Festival material. The Commission will also make handmade signs that say "Happy 50th Anniversary D & R Canal State Park."

All Year: The Commission will have space in our three kiosks for D & R Canal information. We will set up a sandwich board between the Sensory Garden and bridge to the canal, with a laminated poster promoting D & R Canals 50th anniversary programming.

Garden Tours: During all our public (4) and private (approximately 10) garden tours the Commission's Horticulture Department will incorporate information about the creation and 50th anniversary of the D & R Canal State Park. Horticulture staff will also be available to assist/answer questions in the garden portion of their scheduled walking tours at Colonial Park Gardens. Public tours will take place on June 2, 6, 9, and 13. Private tours are currently scheduled to take place on June 10, 11, 13, and 14.

We will also hold an in-house Help-a-Park Day where Park Commission staff will do a garbage clean-up of a section of the towpath on September 6.

Environment Education Department

Delaware & Raritan Canal Paddle

4 miles Rating: A, D, F, J, N

Quiet, peaceful, and still, the D & R Canal is an ideal place for a relaxing paddle. Cruising along, we will enjoy the sights and sounds the waterway has to offer. Participants will meet in Colonial Park at the dock/footbridge along the canal. Pre-registration required.

\$60 per person

Activity Number: 50757

Canyak-06 Monday, June 24

11:00am-4:00pm

Canyak-07 Thursday, July 25

1:00pm-6:00pm

Canyak-08 Thursday, August 22

1:00pm-6:00pm

Canyak-09 Sunday, September 29

10:00am-3:00pm

Canyak-10 Wednesday, October 16

10:00am-3:00pm

CAN-U-CANNU

(All Ages, 7 and older)

After a "splashing" time at this introductory canoe class, you will learn the basic paddling techniques, safety aspects of canoeing, and handling a canoe in and out of the water. Each canoe can accommodate two paddlers and a child passenger. Participants will meet in Colonial Park at the dock/footbridge along the canal. Please park in parking Lot F at Colonial Park, 156 Mettlers Road, Somerset, NJ. Pre-registration required.

\$20 per person

Activity Number: 50350

Canoe-48 Sunday, July 14

1:00pm-3:00pm