



Stockton to Host 25th Pinelands Short Course On Area's Unique Ecology, History and Culture

Register Now for March 8 Public Event Featuring 36 Presentations

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Galloway Township, NJ- The 25th annual Pinelands Short Course at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey on March 8 will feature three dozen presentations by experts illuminating the people, culture, history and ecology of southern New Jersey's unique Pinelands National Reserve.

The daylong event is open to the public. Among the 36 courses to be offered are 20 new ones, including presentations on the southern pine beetle, climate change in forest ecosystems, wildlife habitat restoration, and native bees and other Pinelands insects.

"Stockton's campus in the Pinelands National Reserve and our distinctive Environmental Studies program – one of the country's best – make us uniquely suited to host the Pinelands Short Course, now in its 25th year," said President Herman Saatkamp. "The college's location near the Mullica River has prompted several classes that will highlight the river's natural beauty and impact on local history, including the production of iron and glass at Batsto Village and the Revolutionary War battle at Chestnut Neck."

Among the other offerings will be presentations on the Jersey Devil, dragonflies and damselflies, butterflies and moths of the Pinelands, owls of New Jersey, Cedar Creek, Estell Manor Park, the Pine Barrens Byway, the Kirkwood-Cohansey Aquifer system, stream health and the Bass River State Forest.

"The Short Course has educated thousands of people about this special region during the past 25 years, and we're proud to offer such a diverse lineup of presentations," said Nancy Wittenberg, executive director of the Pinelands Commission.

Stockton's Campus Center and the new Unified Science Center, which were designed
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with reduced energy use and environmental impact in mind, will host the events.

The 154,000-square-foot Campus Center, which opened in May 2011, was awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. The center uses 40 percent less water and 30 percent less energy than standard construction. The Campus Center includes an 8,000-square-foot event room, a theater, meeting rooms, a food court and offices.

The Unified Science Center, which opened in September 2013, is a three-story, 66,000-square-foot building adjacent to the Campus Center. The Unified Science Center includes 11 research labs, six multipurpose classrooms for natural science and math programs, computer classrooms, labs for Life Science, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Analytical/Physical Chemistry, Genetics, Microbiology, and faculty offices. The building has been designed for energy efficiency in accordance with LEED guidelines.

Coffee, food and other refreshments will be available for purchase at the Campus Center.

Participants are urged to register early to help ensure that they receive their first course selections.

The Pinelands Short Course is registered with the New Jersey Department of Education, and professional development credits are available to New Jersey teachers who attend.

“We are excited to be able to host the Pinelands short course once again at Stockton,” said Robert McNeill, director of Continuing Studies. “This year’s program promises to be one of the best. We are happy to be working with the Pinelands Commission on this fun and informative program.”

Tickets are \$40, with a \$5 discount for senior citizens and students.

The Short Course brochure and registration form found online includes complete, detailed descriptions of every program and presenter.

To register online directly, go to Stockton’s School of Graduate & Continuing Studies Pinelands Short Course registration [form](#)

For more information, you can also visit Stockton’s Grad & Continuing Studies office at: www.stockton.edu/continuingstudies or call 609-652-4227.

The brochure/registration can also be downloaded and printed from the Pinelands Commission’s web site: www.nj.gov/pinelands.

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