SANDY HOOK

September 18th - 19th A Biological Extravaganza

The Sandy Hook BioBlitz will be part contest, part educational event, part festival, and part scientific endeavor. While scientists race against the clock to identify as many species as they can in 24 hours, there will be plenty of free outdoor fun and education for individuals and families with kids of all ages.

Friday, September 18th

Sunset Seining, 6 - 7:30 PM: 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 marine life caught. Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet.

Plum Island Natural History Hike, **6 - 7:30** PM: Walk with a park ranger around the marshes of Plum Island, and learn about the native flora and fauna.

Family Sky Watch, **9 - 11** PM: Learn tips, tricks, and stories of what you see, how best to see, and where to go to see the best the sky has to offer. Telescopes will be set up to look at the moon, planets and other celestial objects visible that night. Attendees are encouraged to bring folding chairs, flashlights, binoculars, hot chocolate and to dress for the weather. *Marc Rogoff, NJDEP*

Saturday, September 19th

Family Seining, **9:30** - 11 am: 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 marine life caught. Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet.

Old Dune Trail **Walk**, 10 am - 11:30 am: Learn about the maritime forest, dunes, and swale environment.

Biodiversity Fest, 11 am - 3 pm: Learn about horseshoe crabs, plankton and shell ID, plant pressing and more from experts working to protect New Jersey's biodiversity.

Holly Forest Walk, 1 pm - 3 pm: Learn about the maritime forest, dunes, and swale environment.

See the scientists at work identifying birds, fish, plants, and more throughout the day. Stay for the closing ceremony at 3 PM to see BioBlitz results. For more details visit www.littoralsociety.org.



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