

Celebrate National Pollinator Week: June 21 to 27, 2010

What: *A Pollinator Picnic!*

When: Thursday, June 24, 2010, from 4pm to 7pm

Where: Mercer County Soil Conservation District
508 Hughes Drive, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
(609) 586-9603

What to bring: a blanket, a picnic dinner and your family!

*Learn about New Jersey's native pollinators
and how you can help them thrive.*

Details:

Crafts, games and face painting for the children.

Presentations and informational displays for the adults.

Free pollinator posters while supplies last.

Explore the New Jersey Soil Tunnel.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Event will continue in light rain, but will be cancelled in severe weather.



Schedule of events (subject to change)

Time	Inside the AEI Education Building	At the outdoor seating area	In the lawn or game area
4:00 – 4:15	Presentation: “Introduction to Native Bees” - Dr. Rachael Winfree, Rutgers Assistant Professor		Scavenger Hunt in the butterfly garden (younger children)
4:15 – 4:30			Scavenger Hunt in the butterfly garden (older children)
4:30 – 5:00	“Native Bee Identification” - continuous loop slide show	Butterfly lesson for children	
5:00 – 5:30		Gardening Q&A with Mercer Co. Horticulturist Barbara Bromley (for adult audience)	Pollination Relay Game
5:30 – 6:00		Storytelling (for adults and children)	
6:00 – 6:30		Meet a Master Beekeeper! Melissa Palmer, Master Beekeeper and Mason Bee Specialist (for adults and children)	
6:30 – 6:45			Scavenger Hunt in the butterfly garden
6:45 – 7:00			Children’s storybooks & songs
On-going		Light Refreshments	
On-going	Informational displays and ‘Bee Trivia’		
On-going	Craft stations and face painting		
On-going	‘Beehive’ & ‘Flower Meadow’ toss games		
On-going	Children’s learning games (e.g. scavenger hunt and pollination relay game) as groups assemble		
On-going	Native Bee Identification – looping slide show inside the AEI Education Building		
On-going	NJ Soil Tunnel		