

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Lawrence Nature Center (LNC) building, meadow, Drexel Woods and other amenities are used in community events, educational programs, passive recreation, property clean-up projects; and used for meeting space for FLNC, the Board and their committees; as well as for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and other local groups.

Local groups MUST schedule their meetings at LNC with the Lawrence Recreation Department (609) 844-7067

The Friends of Lawrence Nature Center (FLNC) meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month. Calendar changes are on the LNC Web site.

*Committees open to the public include: LNC Education Committee; Drexel Woods Trails; LNC Grounds Clean-up; Publicity & Photography; LNC Naturalist and Scouting; Guest Speaker Resources; Library and Archives; and more. Meeting dates are on the Web site.

The Lawrence Nature Center is an all-volunteer organization. We thank Lawrence Twp Recreation & Public Works Departments for assisting us throughout the years. We also thank Lawrence HS club SAVE (Students Against Violating the Earth); Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts; and all the other volunteer groups for assisting with so many projects. MANY THANKS to all the volunteers!

DONORS and GRANTS to LNC are listed in groups on the Web site. We could not do it without ALL of you!

From Your Friends, Board, Officers and Committees of the Lawrence Nature Center

Address: Lawrence Nature Center
481 Drexel Avenue
Lawrence Township, NJ 08648

Email: lawrencenaturecenter@gmail.com

Web site: www.lawrencenaturecenter.net

LinkedIn Public Profile for LNC:

<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/lawrence-nature-center-nj/38/331/3a8>

Photos: Please send LNC/ Drexel Woods community photos & Scout event pictures as attachments to your email to the address above. We will add them to our Web site.

LAWRENCE NATURE CENTER

Address: 481 Drexel Avenue
Lawrence Twp, New Jersey 08648

Phone: 609-844-7067 Recreation Dept
c/o Steve Groeger, Superintendent of Recreation

Email: sgroeger@lawrencetwp.com

Web site: www.lawrencenaturecenter.net

Donations: Please go to Web site above for the Lawrence Nature Center WISH LIST and the **VOLUNTEER FORM**. Email LNC at our gmail.com address anytime with questions or ideas.

We greatly appreciate your support!

DONATIONS: Please send all LNC checks to Lawrence Township Recreation Dept., c/o Steve Groeger, Superintendent, 2207 Lawrence Rd, Lawrence Twp, NJ 08648 - NOT to 481 Drexel Avenue, please. Checks might get lost in LNC mailbox.



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Dedicated April 25, 2004

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LAWRENCE NATURE CENTER ANNUAL PROGRAMS

JANUARY

- Winter walks in the snow, under full moonlight, or daytime
- Beginner Birding for adults and families

FEBRUARY

- **I ♥ Nature & Books!**
WHOOO Likes to READ? LUCY OWL will read you a story . . .
- Family VALENTINE Party

MARCH

- GET OUTSIDE = Fly kites, exercise, hike, run, play sports and games to feel better in nature. Join the GO LNC 2012! Initiative

APRIL

- EARTH DAY is always APRIL 22 ~ Reduce, Reuse, Recycle every day
- ARBOR DAY Tree Hike

MAY

- Cinco de Mayo Spring Hike
- MOTHER NATURE FESTIVAL at LNC: community group exhibits, special events & speakers, kids' activities, and food

JUNE -->

- Summer Solstice Celebration
- Various Summer Camps at LNC (Registration and Fees required)

JULY & AUGUST

- SUMMER FAMILY NIGHTS every Tuesday evening, 7 pm, at LNC; Different speaker or program each week. It's FUN for the whole family!

SEPTEMBER

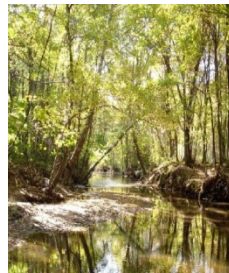
- Fall walks in Drexel Woods and the LNC Meadows

OCTOBER

- EARTH SCIENCE WEEK & FOSSIL DAY ~ Learn about Rocks, Minerals & Fossils
- Learn about BATS

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

- Winter Solstice, Winter Hikes
- Nature Arts & Crafts for Holidays



Lenni Lenape Indians settled along Shabakunk Creek in Drexel Woods hundreds of years ago. By 1776, English settlers had replaced the Indians. This tract of land was farmed until 1970, and then it reverted to woodlands.

LAWRENCE NATURE CENTER HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The home was owned by Carl and Lucille Rinck. Both house & garage were constructed in 1941 of recycled brick from the Trenton pottery company where Carl worked.
- The Rinck couple followed the custom of the time by landscaping their home property with exotic trees like the "Dawn Redwood" near the patio.
- When widowed, Lucy enjoyed the neighborhood children & taught them about birds. She died at age 95.
- The Township purchased the Rinck house in 1998 and added this 9-acre property to Drexel Woods, giving 45 acres of preserved open-space land to the residents of Lawrence Township.
- In 2002, the Township set aside funds to develop the house into a nature center.
- The LNC building was restored/renovated from a 3- bedroom bungalow into a lovely open meeting center with the naturalist/ education office, library, kitchen, and two public restrooms.
- 45-acre land includes Drexel Woods, LNC Meadow, Shabakunk Creek, and Lawrence Nature Center community education buildings.