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Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market to Host Family Day

The Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market will celebrate with Children and Family Day on Sunday, June 10.

This first Second Sunday Program series event for 2018 offers an assortment of activities on the historic Dvoor Farm during the Farmers' Market. All events are free, and no advanced registration is necessary.

The Farmers' Market opens at 9 a.m., but the festivities start at 8:30 a.m. with a bird exploration with Juanita Hummel of the Washington Crossing Audubon Society. The walk will last about an hour and will explore resident breeders on the property. Red-tailed hawks, yellow-bellied sapsuckers are among the species of birds often spotted on the farm.

Hummel will stop at several observation sites and discuss which species of birds are using which habitats and why the preservation of those habitats is important for birds and other wildlife.

At 10 and 11 a.m., families are invited to get their feet wet as they learn all about the Walnut Brook. Raritan Headwaters Association naturalists Jim Fenton and Janis Slutsky will guide families into the stream. Participants will leave no stones unturned as they search for benthic macroinvertebrates inhabiting the brook. These are tiny creatures that are fascinating and give us vital information about how healthy the stream is.



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Everyone is encouraged to dress appropriately as we will likely get wet and will be walking in wooded and grassy areas. All other exploration tools will be provided.

At 10:30 a.m., four-legged family members are invited to join the festivities with a dog walk along the Dvoor Farm trails where everyone can explore the wetlands, meadows and old-growth forest. And, while the dogs, in all honesty, probably would prefer hanging around all that delicious Farmers' Market food, a walk would do them some good!

There will also be a Kids' Corner Activity from 10 a.m. to noon where children can make bird nests. And, there will be live music with Mike Wojik of Bonk.

The Farmers' Market features roughly 18 neighborhood farmers and vendors selling organic fruits and vegetables, meat, fresh-baked bread, cheese, native plant seeds, fresh-cut flowers, honey, vegan burgers, alpaca products, coffee and more. There's also a food truck offering flatbread pizza made from fresh ingredients provided by local farmers.

The Dvoor Farm is located at 111 Mine St. in Raritan Township and is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Farmers' Market sponsors are Basil Bandwagon Natural Market, Northfield Bank and Matt's Red Rooster Grill.



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