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### **PINELANDS SUMMER SHORT COURSE JULY 19 IN HAMMONTON**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky, Chairman of the Pinelands Municipal Council, reminds Pinelands Area residents that Stockton University, in partnership with the New Jersey Pinelands Commission, will hold its second annual Pinelands Summer Short Course on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at Stockton's Kramer Hall, in Hammonton, NJ.

This year's Summer Short Course will feature seven field trips and a day of educational programs that showcase the region's history, ecology, culture and music.

Registration is now open for the event, which will be held at Stockton University's Kramer Hall on 30 Front Street in downtown Hammonton on Thursday, July 19, 2018. The event is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Pinelands Commission and Stockton University

The Summer Short Course will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees should check in at Kramer Hall between 8 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. A free continental breakfast will be offered to attendees, beginning at 8 am.

The event will feature the following programs:

- **A two-hour, guided tour of the Atlantic Blueberry Company's commercial farm in Hammonton**
- **A full-day, guided van tour through the heart of the Pinelands**
- **A full-day van tour focusing on the traditional industries in the Pinelands**
- **A full-day hike between the Mullica and Batsto rivers**
- **A two-hour and 45-minute field class focusing on macroinvertebrates and water quality at Batsto**
- **A two-hour and 45-minute guided hike at Hammonton Lake**
- **A two-hour, guided walk at Batsto Lake, with a focus on dragonflies and damselflies**
- **A 75-minute classroom presentation on the first Indian Reservation at Brotherton, Burlington County**
- **A 75-minute classroom presentation that will provide an overview of the Pinelands**
- **A 75-minute classroom presentation that highlights the history of winemaking in New Jersey**
- **A 75-minute classroom presentation on dragonflies and damselflies**
- **A 75-minute classroom presentation on the Battle of Chestnut Neck**
- **A 75-minute classroom presentation on fire and biodiversity**

- **A 75-minute classroom presentation on moths in the Pinelands**
- **An hour-long musical performance by Denizen Pine**

Space is limited, so it is critical for participants to register early, as the event may sell out.

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. Registration is \$60 per person.

For more information about the courses, please call (609) 894-7300, ext. 125. Full course descriptions are available on the Commission's website: [www.nj.gov/pinelands](http://www.nj.gov/pinelands).

To register online, please visit [www.stockton.edu/pinelands](http://www.stockton.edu/pinelands). To register by phone, please call (609) 652-4227, Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

“ The Summer Short course has proved to be as popular as the annual spring version and courses fill up quickly, so I encourage all those interested to register now,” added Mayor Pikolycky.