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F.I.S.H. Program Focuses on Marine Science Adventure for Family Groups

(Sandy Hook, NJ).... The New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium /New Jersey Sea Grant (NJSMSC/NJSG) is offering a unique, entertaining, priced-right series of weekend programs that let families experience the wonders of the Jersey Shore. The NJMSC/NJSG F.I.S.H. (Families Investigate Science Hands-on) Program uses the beaches and bay at Sandy Hook as coastal classrooms and offers specifically designed activities that make learning fun and exciting.

Experienced NJMSC/NJSG instructors will lead participants on educational marine science excursions that expose them to Sandy Hook's diverse creatures and features. Every program offers hands-on activities and opportunities to use special equipment like seine nets and microscopes to investigate sand, shells, crabs, fish and more.

The programs are appropriate for children in grades K-12 and support in-school science education. Each runs approximately 2 and-a-half hours. The cost is \$8.00 per person; children under the age of 3 are free.

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There are still plenty of programs to choose from on the 2009 fall schedule including Saturday, September 26: *Terrific Terrapins!* At 11:00 am and *Incredible Crustaceans* at 2:00 pm and Sunday, October 4: *On Sandy Shores* at 11:00 am and *Lenape and the Jersey Shore* at 2:00 pm.

Pre-registration is required to guarantee space in all of these highly popular programs. For specific details about each of the F.I.S.H. programs and to pre-register please call 732-872-1300 x 20 or visit njmsc.org.

NJMSC/NJSG is an affiliation of colleges, universities and public sector groups dedicated to advancing greater knowledge of New Jersey's marine and coastal environment. It meets its mission through innovative research, education and outreach designed to address and encourage coastal sustainability. For more information about NJMSC/NJSG and its activities, visit njmsc.org.

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