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Special Family Program Sheds Light on Annual Horseshoe Crab Migration

(Sandy Hook, NJ).....For the sixth consecutive year, the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium/New Jersey Sea Grant's (NJMSC/NJSG) Education Program will offer *Happiness is a Horseshoe Crab: Evening Edition*, a popular family-oriented experience that enables participants to learn about horseshoe crabs as they make their annual ritual migration to the beaches to spawn. The program will take place Saturday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m. on Sandy Hook.

Happiness is a Horseshoe Crab: Evening Edition focuses on the prehistoric creature's connection to the spring tides and includes a fully-guided excursion of Sandy Hook Bay. It's intentionally scheduled at night and close to the full moon in early June, during the height of the crab's spawning season. Since horseshoe crabs prefer the cover of darkness, program participants should expect to find horseshoe crabs navigating their way around the shallow waters and shorelines of Sandy Hook's bay beaches.

"The program provides a perfect way for families to share a fun evening out that also offers an excellent educational opportunity to learn about horseshoe crabs in their own environment," said Jessica Staats, NJMSC/NJSG Education and Outreach

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Coordinator. “That’s what makes this program so memorable and popular year after year. It’s an amazing educational experience that gives children and parents alike a chance to interact with a living fossil.”

Families can register for this special program or learn more about it by visiting njmsc.org/Education/FSP.htm. Pre-registration for the popular program is required and early registration is highly recommended.

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