



Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation
Dedicated to the Protection and Harmonious Use of the Fells

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Friends of the Fells Announces New Spring Youth Programs in the Woods

MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS – Children have always craved nature, and the Middlesex Fells Reservation will forever supply it. In the spring of 2017 the Friends of the Fells will offer a series of opportunities for preschool children (ages 4-5) as well as children in Kindergarten to 2nd grade (ages 5-7) and 3rd to 5th grade (ages 8-10) in several new daytime and after-school programs from March 13 through June 30, 2017.

Forest Kindergarten (“preschool”) children may take up to 3 five-week sessions once a week with a choice of two different times of day: morning (9-11:30 a.m.) or afternoon (12:30-3 p.m.). There is also a week-long April school vacation option from April 17-21. Most classes will center at the DCR Botume House at 4 Woodland Road in Stoneham, although additional classes may leave from Greenwood Park on Pond Street in Stoneham.

Forest Explorers in Kindergarten to 2nd grade (ages 5-7) and Forest Adventurers in 3rd to 5th grade (ages 8-10) may also choose up to 3 five-week programs -- after school from 3:30-5:30 p.m. They also have an opportunity for an April school vacation week (April 17-21). All programs remain child-led, although there will be options for the older age groups to engage in environmental science, or reading the work of New England nature writers, engaging in field sketching, poetry writing, photography, and more – all following the interests of the youth groups.

All Friends of the Fells members receive a \$25 discount coupon code for any of our youth programs valid one per child. To join the Friends of the Fells visit <http://www.friendsofthefells.org/join/>. After joining, members may email friends@fells.org to receive their coupon code.

For more information or to register for Friends of the Fells youth forest programs visit:
<http://www.friendsofthefells.org/fells-forest-programs/>.

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The Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation is dedicated to the protection and harmonious use of the Fells; promoting awareness, policies and programs to honor and preserve the ecological, historical and recreational resources of this urban forest reservation. The goals of the FoF are to instill awareness and appreciation of the Fells as a valuable natural and historical resource which will foster a sense of stewardship within the larger community; to develop programs for recreation, enjoyment, and study of the Fells which are harmonious with landscape and habitat; and cooperation with others, develop and advocate for policies designed to preserve and protect the Fells Reservation. For more information about our programs or to join the Friends of the Fells, please visit the FoF website at <http://www.friendsofthefells.org>.

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