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## SUBARU OF AMERICA AWARDS \$5,000 GRANT

Saddler's Woods Conservation Association (SWCA) is excited to announce the receipt of a \$5,000 grant from Subaru of America Inc. This grant will be utilized to help SWCA continue our restoration, education, and research initiatives.

In addition to providing the grant, their "Team Subaru", composed of Subaru employees and family members volunteered for our Earth Day event on April, 17 and our National Trails Day event on June 5. "Subaru's dedication to protecting the environment is an integral part of our corporate philosophy," said Sandy Capell, manager of Community Services, Subaru of America, Inc. "A partnership with Saddler's Woods, which is located in our home community, is a natural fit with Subaru's vision. Saddler's Woods offers great opportunities for Subaru employees and their families to demonstrate the positive impact that we can have when we become environmental stewards in our own communities."



Photo by Lynn Jeney

Team Subaru volunteers pitch in on 4/17/10.

## SWCA CELEBRATES YEAR SIX

This June marks the sixth year anniversary of SWCA. Thanks to you we are now over 100 members strong and have managed over \$180,000 in grants since we formed.

Year six has been our most active to date. We hosted three public volunteer events including our Fall stewardship day, Earth day, and National Trails day. We also had some significant firsts this year.

We embarked on offering seasonal children's programs that have been very well received. We held our first guided dog walk this fall, and in May we hosted our first annual Tree Trot, a 5k fundraiser that both helped our bottom line, and increased awareness of Saddler's Woods in the region.

This year we continued to pursue grants to fund our work and we were successful with grants awarded from REI, Marlton, Conservation Resources Inc., The William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation, and most recently, Subaru of America Inc.

On behalf of the executive board, I would like to thank all of you for your continued encouragement and support. Your contributions - whether it be by getting dirty or writing a check, is what has made our amazing growth possible. I wish everyone a wonderful summer and hope to see you in the woods!

*-Janet Goehner-Jacobs  
Executive Director*

**Saddler's Woods is located at 250 MacArthur Boulevard, Haddon Township, NJ 08108**  
For directions go to the visit page of [www.saddlerwoods.org](http://www.saddlerwoods.org)



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## TREE TROT 2010: A GREAT SUCCESS

On May 22, 2010, SWCA had their first 5k run/walk fundraiser. What an adventure it was organizing this fun event. Down to the last detail, I learned so much through this process.

The event would not have been a success without the help and support from township officials, the Haddon Township Police Department, DQ Events, our sponsors, the local community, and of course you guys, our members. Pinelands Nursery provided registrants with tree seedlings, Saladworks donated an enormous amount of food, other local places provided critical support such as The Haddonfield Running Company, Super Fitness, Blue, Bell's Bodies Fitness, REI, LL Bean, and 1st Colonial National Bank.

We raised over \$900 and a whole bunch of awareness for the woods. I'm so proud to wear our fun, green t-shirts with the silly running tree (drawn by Officer Jackson from the HTPD)! If you missed it this year, check our website and upcoming newsletters for the Saddler's Woods Tree Trot 2011!

Thank you to everyone for supporting this event!  
*-Donna Moffett, Tree Trot Director*



*Tree Trot Runners, May 22, 2010.*

### OF INTEREST...

*"A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people. "*  
*-Franklin D. Roosevelt*

## SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Photo by Donna Moffett

*Children from the Spring 2010 program point to a rabbit.*

SWCA will be offering summer children's programs beginning in July. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged. Registration forms are available on [www.saddlerswoods.org](http://www.saddlerswoods.org). Contact Donna at [donna@saddlerswoods.org](mailto:donna@saddlerswoods.org) or (856) 869-7372.

Registration is due one week prior to the program. Cost per child is a suggested donation of \$25 for the entire program or \$10 per class if attending one class.

Checks payable to: Saddler's Woods Conservation Association PO Box 189 Oaklyn, NJ 08107 or pay via the donations page on [www.saddlerswoods.org](http://www.saddlerswoods.org)

Photo by Lynn Jeney

### ATTENTION

#### **SWCA Needs SUM help!**

SWCA is in need of data entry assistance for our accounting department. Volunteers should be proficient in the Peachtree accounting application and be familiar with general financial accounting principles. Review and training will be provided. To find out how you can help please contact David Jacobs, Director of Finance at (856) 869-7372 or [david@saddlerswoods.org](mailto:david@saddlerswoods.org)

## ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS FOR THE SEASON:

*Better Gardening Practices Can Make a Difference*



1. Plant seeds or seedlings that have been organically produced for environmental purity. Native species help to support the local ecosystem.
2. Hand -pull weeds to avoid the use of herbicides. Most weeds are native plants, which could be used in gardens and yards. A diverse yard of native species contributes to a healthier environment.
3. Fertilize your lawn and gardens only when absolutely necessary to avoid polluting local water bodies. If fertilizing is needed, do not apply it before a rainstorm and use as little as possible. Look for natural or "green" alternatives. Rutgers Cooperative Extension will analyze soil for what it needs. Their contact information is: 856-566-2900 or [njgarden@co.camden.nj.us](mailto:njgarden@co.camden.nj.us).
4. Compost food and garden waste to make your own fertilizer. It's safer and more economical than manufactured ones. Another benefit is that compost traps carbon in the soil thereby keeping it out of the atmosphere, which offsets global warming. For more information visit [www.composters.com](http://www.composters.com) or [www.compostguide.com](http://www.compostguide.com).
5. To save gasoline and decrease carbon dioxide emissions, perform errands via the internet. To save trees from being turned into catalogs, use online access to shop for products from mail-order retailers.
6. The time you save by performing tasks and errands online can be used to take a walk in Saddle's Woods to enjoy the beauty of summer.

*-Harriet Rola  
SWCA Administrator*

## EYES OF THE WOODS



We would like to ask for your help in being our "eyes of the woods." Many of you help care for and appreciate

Saddle's Woods deeply. We have had a few incidences (small fires, smoking, drinking, spray painting) over the past few years and would like to work on decreasing these

types of occurrences if possible. While walking in the woods, if you see anything out of the ordinary that has occurred or something that should be reported, please email [info@saddlerswoods.org](mailto:info@saddlerswoods.org) If you come upon a violation in progress please call the Haddon Township police dispatch number at (856) 854-0011. For emergencies such as fire call 911. Thanks for your help!

## SUMMER TIME IN THE WOODS

As the lazy days of summer approach, you may ask yourself why continue to support SWCA? Not much seems to happen during these hot, humid days. What does the organization do during this season?

The answer is simple. SWCA stays very busy as it pursues education, restoration, and research initiatives in the woods. The summer gives us the opportunity to focus on large-scale restoration projects such as invasive species eradication, stream bank restoration, and debris removal. These projects are executed by contracted landscape architects and environmental specialists, Your membership in addition to grants awarded to SWCA fund this critical component of our restoration initiatives. In addition, children's summer educational programs are offered and tours are available by appointment to guide and inform the public of all the work our volunteers are doing. Our research initiatives continue with a plant survey being conducted throughout the growing season by Karl Anderson, a renowned NJ botanist.

Summer is also a great time to plan for fall and spring public events. Planning takes the form of roundtable discussions among the organization's directors, advisory directors and key volunteers. Feel free to share some of your ideas and suggestions via our website or email.

So, come out and enjoy the fruits of your labor this summer. Know that SWCA is hard at work throughout the year and is planning upcoming events. Take a stroll (the temperatures are lower under all that shade) and see for yourself how the woods continue to rebound with less trash and invasive species. Check out our new trails and yes, bring a friend. We always welcome new visitors and members.

*-Lucia DiNapoli  
Director of Communications*

# Children's Corner

## THE GEOGRAPHY OF NEW JERSEY

We're often times scared of this word geography. We think it means that we must know where every country and every river appear on the map. As a geography major myself, I can tell you that it's much more than that! Geography talks about space and place and tells us why things are where they are (or maybe discusses where things should be such as with land use planning). Geography covers a broad range of topics such as, planning, urban life, our physical planet and what and where things are located and why. Its broad nature allows all of us to enjoy some avenue of geography. While researching for my thesis, I learned that not only are children losing their connection to the local outdoors, they are also unfamiliar with this word and study of geography. Geography is a study of our planet valuable for every child.

Living in New Jersey, we may not realize it, but we live in a geographical wonderland! As a small and very densely populated (the most densely populated actually!), we have a wide variety of landscapes and ecosystems which provide for rich biodiversity and interesting lessons for children. New Jersey is broken up into five physiographic provinces (or five regions). These regions are broken up and change in nature partly due to the geology beneath our feet. These regions are: valley and ridge, highlands, piedmont, inner coastal plain, and outer coastal plain. Included in these regions are mountains, farmland, coastal land, forests, and our most unique aspect, the New Jersey Pinelands. The Pinelands includes 1.1 million acres of unique forest habitat. Certainly a place worth learning about!

A great way to introduce geography to your child is simply by using a map. Find a map of New Jersey and point out where these areas are and where your house is in relationship to these areas. If you'd like to take it one step further, ask your child to study the shape of New Jersey and draw an outline of our state. Use pine needles, sand, small pebbles, and sunflower seeds to glue on different areas showing where each of these landscapes are in New Jersey. You might want to do this on cardboard or thicker paper since the items you'll be gluing can get heavy. Place a star where your house is and your child will have a fun map showing the geography of New Jersey! See the map as an example.



*Geography of New Jersey Craft Idea.*

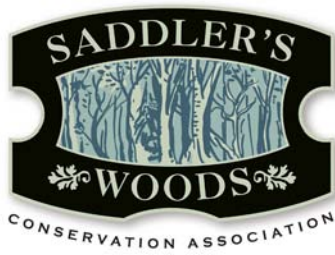
## EXPLORING THE GEOGRAPHY OF NEW JERSEY WITH YOUR CHILD THIS SUMMER

Discuss the geography of New Jersey with your child by talking to them about the variety of places you can visit within a 1-2 hour drive. Visit these sites throughout the summer for a geographical tour of New Jersey!

- 1) The New Jersey shore – many to choose from, a great one is Island Beach State Park. This will show you and your child what a natural New Jersey coastal ecosystem looks like without human impact
- 2) The Delaware Water Gap to see the mountainous areas of New Jersey
- 3) The New Jersey Pinelands – also many great places to choose from (you can even swim at some locations)
- 4) Saddler's Woods – to see a forest ecosystem within the Inner Coastal Plain
- 5) Your backyard to discuss the geography of suburban or urban New Jersey – what lives there naturally and what has been altered by humans

Enjoy beautiful New Jersey this summer!

- Donna Moffett  
Director of Education and  
Community Outreach



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May we contact you to discuss volunteer opportunities to share your skills with SWCA? Y or N

To join or renew online go to the membership page of [www.saddlerswoods.org](http://www.saddlerswoods.org) or make checks payable to Saddler's Woods Conservation Association and mail your check with this form to:  
Saddler's Woods Conservation Association, PO Box 189, Oaklyn, NJ 08107

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