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Scenes From Summer Archaeology Camp See You In September At These Upcoming Events!

Archaeology Camp Back and Better Than Ever This Summer Thanks to Groundbreaking Support From Investors Bank

Archaeology camp was back by popular demand and expanded to two sessions this summer thanks to a \$13,000 grant from Investors Bank Foundation.



Antie Celli (fourth from left), Pluckemin Branch Manager for Investors Bank and a trustee of the Jacobus Vanderveer House, and Barbara Gray, Personal Banker, Investors Bank (fourth from right) present a check for \$13,000 to children and counselors attending Archaeology Camp at Bedminster's historic Jacobus Vanderveer House. [Back row – (left to right) Counselors from Monmouth University Will Isenburg, Kathleen Deck, and Megan Kleeschulte; Investors Bank representatives Antie Celli and Barbara Gray; Camp Director Keri Sansevere, Instructor of Anthropology at Monmouth University; Jacobus Vanderveer House Museum Coordinator Taryn Nie; and Elisa Kessler Caporale, who conducted a basket weaving workshop for campers. Second row (left to right) – Campers Alexander Wadsworth, Cy Westbrook, Faith Kellett, Emily Meldrum, Andrew Vilarin, John Tober, Julia Karpinski, Sophie O'Connor, Ethan Tai, and Michael Ehlert; Front row (left to right) – Campers Virginia Foster, Isabella Polansky, Caitlyn Ferraioli, Jaden Mendola, Christian Zampogna, Riley Omlor, Jack Meldrum,

Alec Hoskins and Sean Marvuglio.]

During each session, 22 elementary school children (ages 6-11) got a hands-on lesson in archaeology and how it relates to local history dating back to the American Revolution. Camp Director Keri Sansevere, Instructor of Anthropology at Monmouth University – assisted by her undergraduate and graduate assistants – introduced campers to the field of archaeology, prepared excavation sites, and showed them how to measure, plot, dig, sift, sort, wash, and categorize the artifacts they found on the Vanderveer House property.

Children unearthed pieces of pottery, glass, coal and parts of an 18th century spoon. Throughout the week, campers also learned more about Colonial life during a field trip to East Jersey Old Town Village in Piscataway; activities such as basket weaving, ice cream making, open hearth cooking; and a mock artillery drill and attack led by a re-enactor portraying black Revolutionary War hero Ned Hector.

The camp, which received a Historic Preservation and History Award by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission (SCCHC) earlier this year, was offered by the Somerset Hills YMCA, a branch of Somerset County YMCA, in collaboration with The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House and Monmouth University.

If you thought history was boring, think again. These kids positively dig it!

Campers enjoyed a variety of activities, including a visit from a television crew from News 12 NJ, which featured them on the evening news.





Watch the News 12 NJ TV News Segment [HERE](#).

Saturday, September 10 - Bedminster Charities Fall Fest - 12 to 5 pm Hayrides Throughout River Road Park

While enjoying the community's annual fall festival in River Road Park, stop by the Jacobus Vanderveer House booth and learn more about Colonial life in our area.

Be sure to hop on the hay wagon to view the restored 1772 farmhouse!

Admission to Fall Fest is \$5 per person.
Children 3 and Under Free.



Sunday, September 11 - Open House - Museum Open 1 - 4 pm

Learn more about the distinguished Dutch-American Vanderveer Family; General Henry Knox, who used the Vanderveer House as his home and headquarters during 1778-79; and America's first military training academy. Docents are available for guided tours and informational materials are provided in every period-decorated room. Visit our website and download our [Visitors Guide](#) before you come!

Admission \$10 (Members and Children 12 and under, free).

Sunday, September 25 - Create A Topiary Workshop with Ken Selody of Atlock Farm - Workshop 2 - 3 pm - Museum Open 1 - 4 pm

Ken Selody, proprietor of Atlock Farm and former contributing editor to *Martha Stewart's Living* magazine, will teach participants how to create original small-scale topiaries. The workshop will focus on classic shapes, including the miniature tree standard characterized by the straight bare trunk topped with a sculpted ball of leaves. Workshop is \$30 and includes starter topiary and materials. Members \$20. Finished plants will be available for purchase and range in price from \$25 – \$55.

Register on-line [HERE](#).



Museum open for tours to the general public from 1 – 4 p.m. \$10 Admission. Children 12 and Under Free.

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General Henry Knox

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287 and 22 at the River Road exit on Routes 202/206 in Bedminster, New Jersey.
Enter through River Road Park. Parking and restroom facilities are available onsite.

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