

(Oct 8th) Erie Canal Educational Program

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The Greece Chamber of Commerce Erie Canal Committee is assisting the New York State Canal Corporation in promoting an educational program about the Erie Canal.

On October 8, 2010 the tug boat URGER will be docked at Henpeck Park, conducting programs. The Tug URGER is a 1901 Tug Boat that is the only operating direct-reverse bell boat on the New York State Canal System. It is also listed on the New York State and National Lists of Historic Places in recognition of her more than 100 year history and service to the Canal System and the Great Lakes region.

The educational program is a **FREE** program supported by the New York State Canal Corp and designed to enhance and reinforce the New York State school curriculum. The program is an excellent opportunity for children of all ages to be exposed to the tremendous history of New York's historic canals and the role they played in forging the "Empire State" and the growth of our nation.

The Tug URGER program has three stations that last approximately 20 minutes each. The tour is broken into three groups of 25 and each group rotates through each station. **The first station** includes a tour of the historic URGER and a short presentation about the history of the vessel, the history of the Canal, boat terminology and what life was like along the Canal System during its heyday as a commercial waterway. The URGER remains at the dock throughout the tour and presentation.

The **second station** takes place landside and provides information about how a lock works and its mechanisms. A working model of a lock is utilized for this discussion.

The **third station** also takes place on land and will educate about the causes of storm water pollution and the things they can do to help. An aquarium will be used as a storm drain to demonstrate different types of pollutants. Discussion and handouts will also be included.

The tour will start promptly at 3:00pm on Friday October 8th. Each tour will host 75 people, in which they will allow up to 25 people per station then rotate them all through.

The event will take place at Henpeck Park located on Ridgeway Ave. at the corner of Elmgrove Park.

I have reserved 25 spots so I encourage you to sign up and if a ride may be the issue then maybe you can coordinate with a fellow den member parent to bring your son along.

I would like to meet there at 2:30pm to organize our group before we start at 3:00pm so that we can all stay together.

Please sign up with me by Oct 1st if you are interested in attending

Thanks
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