

# NJMC Press Advisory

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## Meadowlands Environment Center Hosts National Conference on Accessible Science Education

*Workshops March 12-14 focus on educating adults with disabilities and age related limitations*

**WHAT:** The Meadowlands Environment Center's MarshAccess program is hosting a three-day national conference to help educators develop and implement accessible, field-based science education programs for adults with disabilities and age related limitations. Workshops will focus on using assistive technology and adapted materials and teaching strategies. There will be field demonstrations in DeKorte Park, home of the Meadowlands Environment Center.

MarshAccess is a hands-on education program that centers on the Meadowlands ecosystem. Through MarshAccess, adults with visual, hearing, mobility, mental/cognitive and age-related disabilities can explore and learn more about the trails and marshes at DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst – a one-square-mile expanse of nature trails, water views and wetlands – and learn about the nature and importance of the Meadowlands estuary habitat.

Participants learn about salinity, food webs, the natural features of the marsh, the creatures that live here and the history of the area. Educators use assistive listening and visual technologies, tactile devices, and specially designed field tools, lab equipment and computer software to enhance the learning experience.

MarshAccess began in 2007 and is funded by a National Science Foundation Grant. It was developed by educators at Ramapo College as

part of their partnership with the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission. The NJMC and Ramapo College entered into a partnership in 2003 to develop a comprehensive environmental education program for schools and the general public.

For more information on Marsh Access, visit  
[www.rst2.edu/meadowlands/marshaccess/index.html](http://www.rst2.edu/meadowlands/marshaccess/index.html)

**WHEN:** Friday March 12 from 8:45 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday March 13 from 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday March 14 from 8:30 a.m. to noon  
To view a conference agenda, visit  
[www.rst2.edu/meadowlands/marshaccess/agenda.html](http://www.rst2.edu/meadowlands/marshaccess/agenda.html)

**WHERE:** Meadowlands Environment Center  
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