

## Stockton to Host 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinelands Short Course in March 2014

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**Galloway, NJ** – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinelands Short Course on March 8, 2014, a daylong educational event that explores the unique ecology, culture and history of New Jersey's Pinelands.

"Stockton is distinctively suited to host this event, as our campus is in the Pinelands National Reserve and our Environmental Studies program is one of the oldest and best in the nation," said President Herman Saatkamp. "The College also protects and manages 1,500 acres of forestlands under New Jersey's first comprehensive forest management plan on public land."

"We are pleased to partner with The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey to present what promises to be an outstanding lineup and venue for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinelands Short Course," said Nancy Wittenberg, executive director of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission, which has organized the event since its 1990 inception.

The Pinelands Short Course is open to the public and includes a variety of sessions on topics such as wildlife, plants, land-use/recreation and history and culture. Non-profit organizations and other groups may distribute information and sell Pinelands-themed books and artwork in an exhibition gallery.

New Jersey educators who attend can earn professional development credits through the state Department of Education.

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