



## **NJ Marine Sciences Consortium Scout Program Confirmation and Guidelines:**

This confirms your scheduled visit on \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm to \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm to the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium (NJMSC) at Sandy Hook for the following scout program: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read closely the program guidelines below.  
Driving and parking directions are also enclosed.

### **Programs run rain or shine**

We will conduct activities at different sites within Sandy Hook. Scout leaders and chaperones will be responsible for scout's transportation throughout the program.

Your program begins at NJMSC Building # 22 where you will meet your NJMSC instructor. Your group will depart from Building # 22 after a brief orientation.

This packet contains a map plus parking detail. Please report to Building # 22, with your group at the start time noted above.

Discipline of scouts is the responsibility of troop leaders and adult chaperones, not the staff of NJMSC. Scouts should live up to the scout promise and honor at all times.

**No one** is allowed to participate in the program without his or her shoes on. Old sneakers are best, **NO** open-toe shoes.

**No one** is allowed in the water unless they are taking their turn at seining (we supply boots). Swimming is **NOT** allowed during the program; life guarded beaches are available after our program is complete during summer months.

Participants will be outdoors the majority of the program and should dress appropriately.

Participants should bring a collection bag if collecting shells.

The availability of food and beverages on Sandy Hook is extremely limited. You must bring your own.

For participants who have access to cell phone, it is advisable to bring one. Please let NJMSC guides know if a cell phone is available. In case of emergency they can direct you to the best number to call.

To better accommodate all participants; please notify NJMSC if there are any participants with physical disabilities. Sand wheelchairs are available upon request.

Questions? Call (732)-872-1300 x 20 or 16.

**THE EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
**AT THE**  
**NEW JERSEY MARINE SCIENCES CONSORTIUM**  
**BLDG #22, FORT HANCOCK, NJ 07732 (732) 872-1300 NJMSC.ORG**



**Scouting Badge Programs**

While exploring the coastal habitats of New Jersey at Sandy Hook, and through hands-on activities that are educational, stimulating and fun we will help your scouts complete requirements towards a badge related to marine or environmental science.

If your group is not interested in one of our badge programs, but would still like a field trip to Sandy Hook, please contact us for further information at (732) 872-1300 x 20 or 16.

- The staff of NJMSC will conduct all activities listed under the badge program requested (for a list of the activities visit [njmsc.org](http://njmsc.org) and click on K-12 Education, then Scout Programs). Please consult your Scout Handbook for complete descriptions and requirements of badges.
- Programs last approximately 2-3 hours, except for the Oceanography Badge Program which lasts 4-5 hours.
- Programs are available after school and weekends during the months of April, May, September, and October. After school programs run from 3:30pm- 6:00pm. Scheduling on weekends is more flexible; however the earliest start time is 10:00am and programs must end by 4pm.
- During the months of June, July, and August programs are available during the week. Start and stop times are flexible according to your troop's scheduling needs.
- Cost is \$135 for up to 20 scouts, per badge program. With the exception of the Boy Scout Oceanography Merit Badge the cost is \$150.00 up to 20 scouts per group. There is an additional fee of \$8.00 per scout for groups exceeding 20 scouts. There is a maximum of 30 scouts per group.
- Other children who are not scouts but will be participating in the program must be counted as scouts and paid for accordingly.
- NJMSC scout badge programs are only available for a maximum of 50 scouts (2 groups) on weekends and for after-school dates. We may be able to provide for larger groups during the summer or during school vacations.
- Troop leaders and adult chaperones participate in scout programs at no cost; however they are expected to be of assistance to our instructors.
- If your scout group is small, please contact other dens/troops that may want to join your scouts for a NJMSC badge program. Siblings and friends may also be invited to join with your scout group.

## **CARRY-IN, CARRY-OUT**

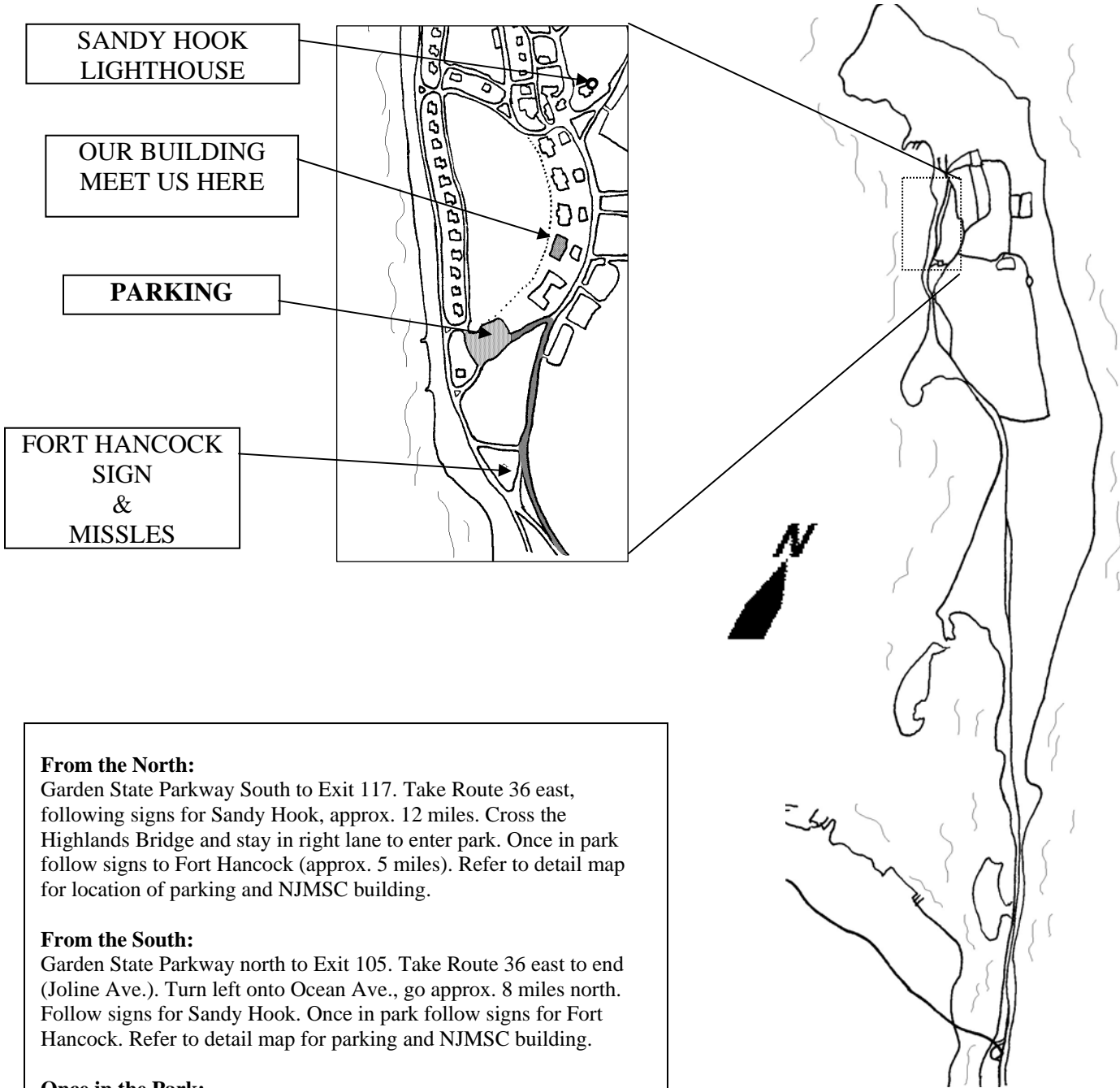
By John A. Cahill, Jr.

Since January 1998, the Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area adopted a “carry-in, carry-out” policy for the management of trash and recyclables in the park. Visitors will carry out and dispose of any trash from items they bring into the park. Free biodegradable bags are available throughout the park. This has been a very successful program in areas such as Island Beach State Park and can save Sandy Hook a considerable amount of money spent on trash removal annually.

We hope that signs explaining this policy will be accepted and that the park visitors will have a more pleasurable experience. This management responsibility must be shared by the public in order to protect the natural resources, the scenic values, and to help provide for better public health and safety.

Volunteers are always needed to educate the public about this important issue. If you are interested in joining other volunteers in this worthwhile and important program, please contact John Cahill at (732) 872-5900. We look forward to hearing from you.

# Sandy Hook Map and Directions



## **From the North:**

Garden State Parkway South to Exit 117. Take Route 36 east, following signs for Sandy Hook, approx. 12 miles. Cross the Highlands Bridge and stay in right lane to enter park. Once in park follow signs to Fort Hancock (approx. 5 miles). Refer to detail map for location of parking and NJMSC building.

## **From the South:**

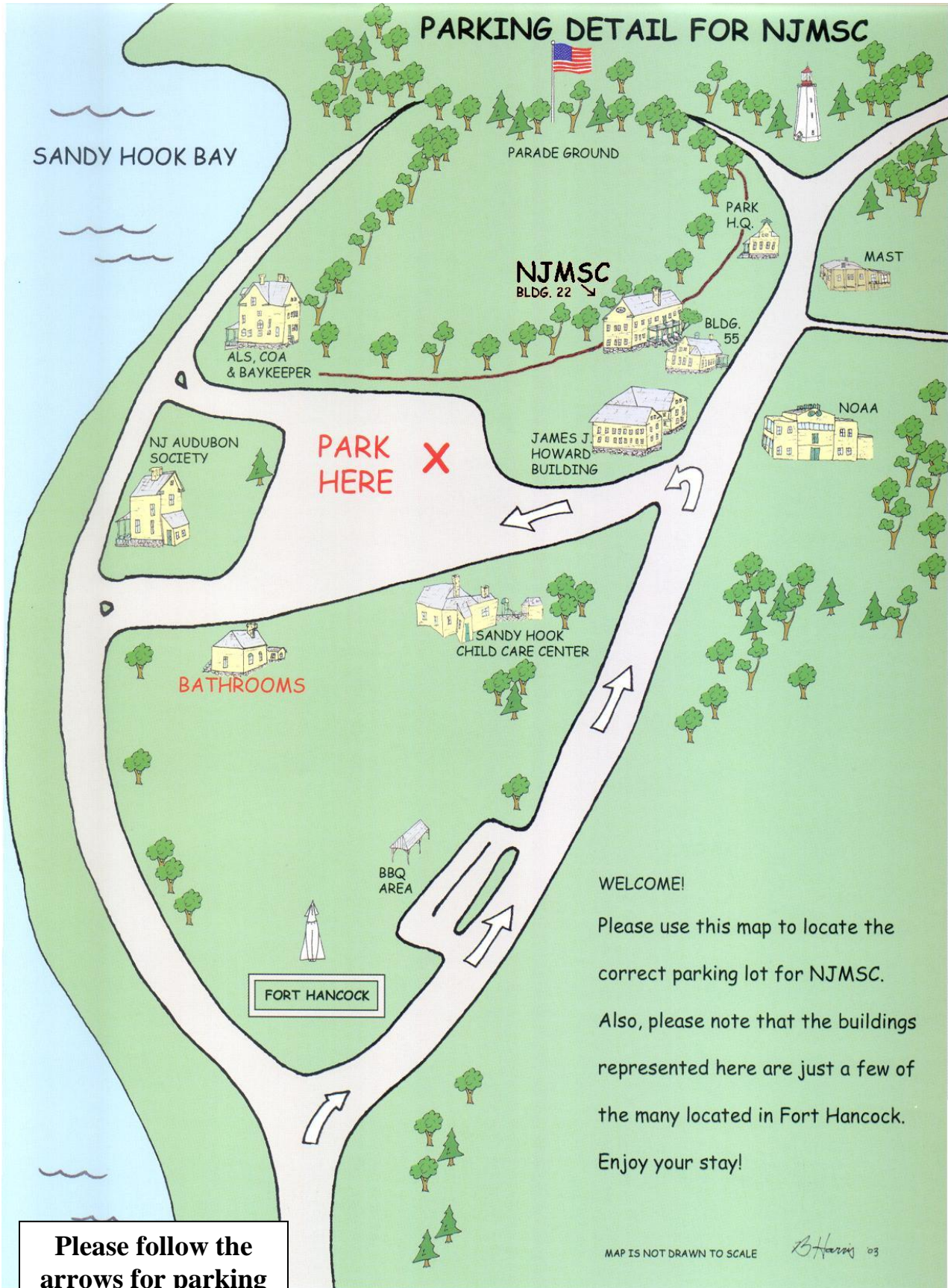
Garden State Parkway north to Exit 105. Take Route 36 east to end (Joline Ave.). Turn left onto Ocean Ave., go approx. 8 miles north. Follow signs for Sandy Hook. Once in park follow signs for Fort Hancock. Refer to detail map for parking and NJMSC building.

## **Once in the Park:**

Drive on main road approximately 5 miles. Road will split and you must bear to left and drive along Sandy Hook Bay. Look for the large Fort Hancock sign and tall missile and bear to the right. The entrance to NJMSC's parking lot is the first left BEFORE the first large building (NOAA, James J. Howard Building) Our building can be found by following the brick walkway to the second building on the right, #22. Your guide will meet you outside the building on the side facing Sandy Hook Bay.

**Drivers MUST remain with the group for the entire program.**

# Map Detail and Parking



**Please follow the arrows for parking**

# *Scouts can buy a NJMSC Logo Badge from the Gift Shop!*



Actual size shown  
2 1/2" W x 3" H  
White background with  
embroidered shades of  
blue

Special price for quantity orders of NJMSC Logo Badges:

Regular Price \$3.75 each

If you buy 15 or more \$3.25 each

If you buy 45 or more \$2.75 each

**PLEASE JUST ASK YOUR GUIDE ABOUT VISITING OUR  
GIFT SHOP!**

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*Before and after your program visit*

## **NJMSC.ORG**

Our web site is frequently updated and provides a hub to the many programs and updates in the Education department as well as the other departments of NJMSC. Some samples include:

- Public program info including Families Science Programs (FISH), Coast Day NJ, Ocean Fun Days, Marine Science Day Camp and more.
- Lesson plans and information about Sandy Hook and the marine environment.
- General information, directions, gift shop information, and more
- SIGN UP FOR NEXT YEARS SCOUT PROGRAM ON-LINE!