

Family events planned for Camp Ockanickon

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Getaways and events for the fall at YMCA Camp Ockanickon, Medford, will begin with a Labor Day weekend family camping event.

■ At Labor Day Family Weekend Camping, Friday to Sept. 4, families can spend the end of the summer at camp with family and friends, making s'mores by a campfire and sleeping in the cabins while enjoying the great outdoors. Family camping is open to everyone. Charges for the weekend are \$145/cabin, \$180/lodge for adults and \$130/cabin, \$160/lodge for ages 13 to 17, and \$120/cabin, \$145/lodge for ages 5 to 16, ages 4 and under are free.

■ The annual Campaign Kick-

Off Breakfast is Sept. 13, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Join the staff at Ockanickon Dining Hall for this free event.

This will be an opportunity to experience the impact of camp through the heartfelt testimonials of alumni and scholarship recipients.

The annual campaign ensures that children and teens have access to a wide array of programs. Reservations must be made by Sept. 6.

■ School's Out at Camp days are on Sept. 21, Oct. 20 and Nov. 9-10. When schools are closed for holidays, working parents can send the kids to camp, where they will be supervised by professional, cause-driven leaders and with a full day of activities including arts and crafts, nature walks and seasonal activities like canoeing and archery. The School's Out program runs from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and includes breakfast, lunch and a snack. The cost is \$50 a day for members and \$60 a day for nonmembers or drop-ins.

■ Father and Child Weekend is being held Sept. 15-17, celebrating the unique connection between dads and



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youngsters during an action-packed weekend with hours of canoeing, hiking, archery and climbing, capped off by an evening campfire and rustic cabin camping. Cost is \$75 for adults and \$60 for teens ages 13 to 17, \$50 for ages 5 to 12 and free for 4 and under.

■ The Mother and Child Weekend camping is Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. Weekend activities include hiking, boating, archery, arts and crafts, challenge course and campfires at night. The cost is \$75 for adults and \$60 for ages 13 to 17, \$50 for ages 5 to 12 and free for 4 and under.

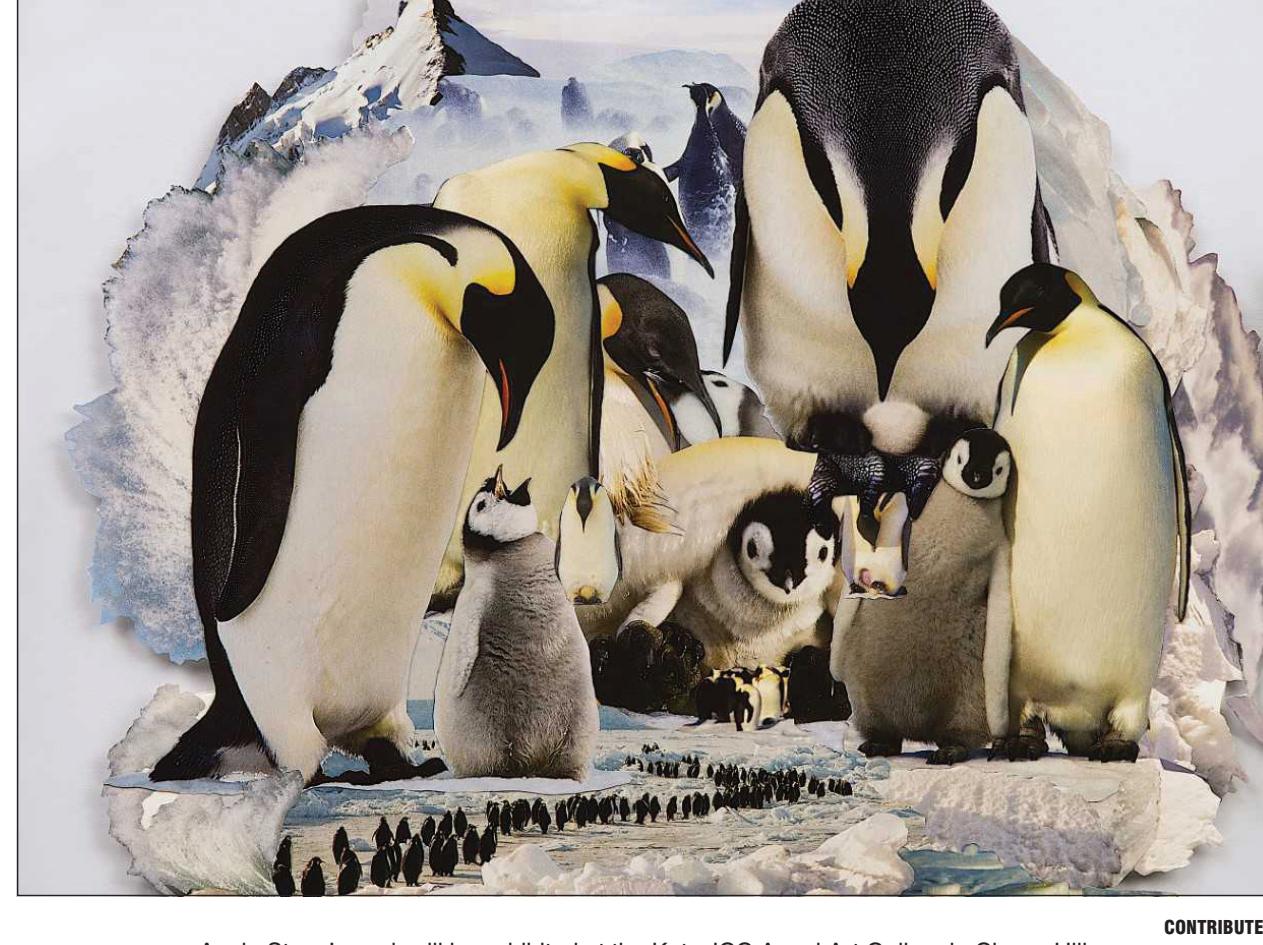
■ A Women's Wellness Weekend is planned for Oct. 6-8. A retreat designed to help women relax, rejuvenate and restore at the 800-acre site in the Pines. This getaway offers the chance to focus on matters of the mind, body and spirit with traditional camp fun like hiking, boating, archery, climbing walls and ropes course along with health and

wellness-focused activities such as yoga, fitness, dance and meditation. The camp provides the meals and housing. For ages 18 and up, the cost is \$100 per person.

■ The 11th annual Wine, Beer and Whiskey Tasting and Auction to benefit the camp will be held at The Mansion at Voorhees, 3000 Main St., on Oct. 20, 7 to 11 pm. Guests will enjoy featured wines, beers and whiskey along with a buffet dinner and auction. Proceeds support the Scholarship Fund, which helps send children to camp who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend. Live jazz will be performed by Mike Edwards and Friends. RSVP no later than Sept. 29.

YMCA Camp Ockanickon is at 1303 Stokes Road, Medford. For more information or to make a reservation, contact suzette@ycamp.org, call 609-654-8225 or go to ycamp.org

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Annie Stone's work will be exhibited at the Katz JCC Appel Art Gallery in Cherry Hill.

Katz JCC art gallery to host local artists

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The Joel and Linda Appel Gallery at the Betty and Milton Katz Jewish Community Center will celebrate the work of three local artists, Denise Cooperman, Annie Stone and Michael Bruce.

The exhibit will open at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 6 will remain open to the public throughout September and October.

An interior designer for over 30 years, Cooperman's art is a blend of her many talents from jewelry and furniture design and her vast array of artwork is a tribute to the many sides of her personality. She paints subjects that are dear to her heart and evoke deep emotion such as her new Judaic series, which is inspired by her son.

Stone's work blends reclaimed materials and her love for nature, the environment and color into a unique and specialized art form. Using her textile design background, she has developed an original method of making nature collages.

Bruce, an award winning local florist, will showcase his silk arrangements to complement Cooperman's bridal series and Stone's work. Bruce has been a major exhibitor in the



Denise Cooperman's painting "New York Bride" will be on display from Sept. 6 through October.

Philadelphia Flower Show since 2004, winning Best in Show in 2006 and 2008 as well as a Best Achievement Award for Innovative Design Concept, the Philadelphia Trophy and the Alfred M. Campbell

Memorial Trophy. In 2006, he received a bronze medal at the first International Singapore Garden Festival.

For more information about this gallery exhibit or to learn how to be considered for a future exhibit,

email Suzanne Post at spost@jfedsnj.org or visit katzjcc.org/appel-art-gallery.

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Painting class goes to the dogs

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If pugs were human rather than canine, they might be known as the class clown, and the life of the party. You know what they say: There's no party like a pug life party.

But, would they be called models?

Pugs are wrinkly, wiggly and just about the cutest things ever. But how do their flat faces and skin folds translate to canvas? As it turns out — very, very adorably.

On Saturday, you can take home a pug of your very own. And no worries if you're allergic — this pug is confined to canvas. All the cuteness, and none of the shedding. Sounds like the perfect pet.

At Painting with a Twist in Evesham, the pug takes center stage for a family painting party. Rather than a fancy portrait of a typical glamour dog, this painting is as sweet as can be. Sorry poodles At Painting with a Twist in Evesham, the pug takes center stage for a family painting party. Sorry poodles — you're in the dog house for this one.

The subject of your painting is a pleasantly pudgy

pug, with the requisite puppy-dog eyes and velvet ears. Children ages 6 and up will have a great time painting their very own pups, and don't forget to give them a name — the pugs that is.

The family-friendly event is fun for all, and a great opportunity to unleash your children's creative side. Painting with a Twist's professional art instructors will guide painters in crafting their masterpiece.

You'll also enjoy a party with your painting. Bring your favorite party snacks, as well as any necessary utensils. The relaxed atmosphere will lead to lots of laughs, all while you sharpen your art skills and bond with the family. A family that paints pugs together, stays together.

This weekend, it's time to choose the pug life. The class will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Painting with a Twist, in the Marlton Crossing shopping center at 101 S. Route 73. Guests should arrive 15-30 minutes early to allow for seating and setup.

The fee for the class is \$25 per person and includes all painting supplies. To register, visit paintingwithatwist.com/marlton.

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