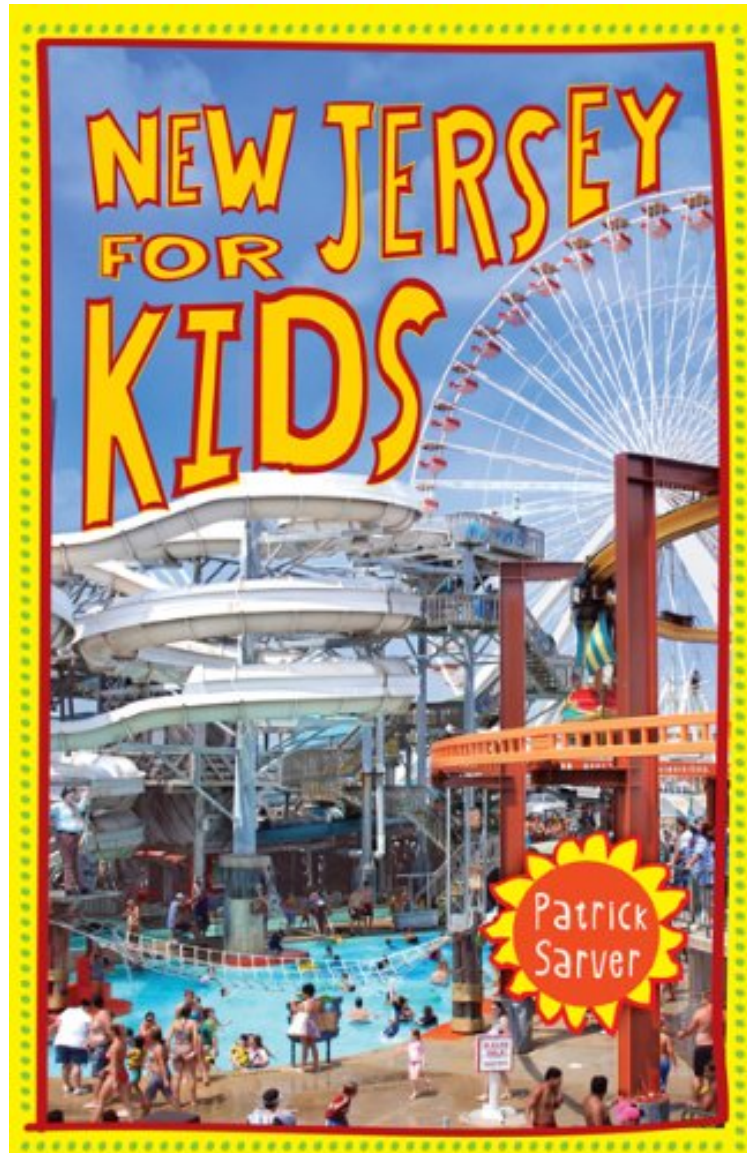


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**Patrick Sarver : New Jersey for Kids** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised New Jersey for Kids:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A lot to do in NJ!By Albert Meyer PflugI first saw this book in a retail camping store. Flipped through it, I saw there was quite a bit of information to peruse, so I requested it through my library. (It takes quite a lot to get me to purchase it for my over spilling bookshelves these days!)I LOVE this book! I have lived in New Jersey for over 15 years and never realized how much there is to do here! I have three kids,

12,10 and 7. I found an awesome graphic arts camp right around my corner for my middle child. How many times have I passed this town but never knew something like that was there? My boys are big on robotics: do you know there are tech camps and classes for the video game creator or robotic lover? There are so many art programs too! Our family is big on education, so the chapters on "Exploring Museums" and "History Made Fun" were a tease: we can't wait for summer break to be here to go on our own field trips. This is also a great book for when relative from far away states come to visit, searching for things to do. Definitely check this book out. I will be purchasing it myself... just as soon as I pay my late fees at the library!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. For Kids 12 and Under By Margaret T. Buchholz

When I flipped through the pages of *New Jersey for Kids*, the first thing I saw was the photo at the beginning of the chapter "History Made Fun." It was a picture of a bunch of children at the edge of a cornfield and the caption explained that at the Howell Living History Farm the kids were shucking corn. This is history? Don't those kids help their parents shuck the Jersey corn for one of those summer dinners, when the corn is as tall as you know what and the tomatoes are ripening on the vine in the garden? This new Rutgers University Press book by Patrick Sarver, former editor of *New Jersey Monthly* and author of the best-selling *New Jersey Day Trips*, is aimed at kids twelve and under and covers hundreds of educational and entertaining ideas for children and their parents to explore and enjoy. Activities cover a wide array of fun ways to enrich their intellectual lives, build athletic skills, express themselves creatively or just have room to play. The history chapter includes all the information about historic parks, sites, homes, farms around the state, and venues like our own Tuckerton Seaport and the exceptional Museum of Early Trades and Crafts in Madison. Do I hear a kid yelling they get enough education in school and want to have fun fun fun? OK. There are sections on robotics workshops, themed tea parties, plays and performances for children, pony rides and horseback riding lessons, specialized summer camps (can't just play on the beach all summer long), arts and crafts classes, gymnastics, zoos and nature activities, sports clinics and acting and dancing lessons. Whoops! There's that word 'lesson' again. Let's go to the first chapter, "Theme Parks and Amusements" - that's where the mindless fun is found. Detailed here is all you need to know about everything from Six Flags Great Adventure with its giant Ferris Wheel to shoot-outs at Wild West City in Netcong to Blackbeard's Cave in Bayville, just a bit north of here, to Sahara Sam's Oasis, a huge water park on Rt. 73 in West Berlin. The chapter titled "One of a Kind Places" is a good guide to seven of our state lighthouses, including of course, Barnegat. Kids love to climb the 217 steps in our light and afterwards come to the Barnegat Light Museum to see the original lens, where I, as a docent, have taken dozens of photos of children posing in front of the lens. The author doesn't mention the lens so I assume he was never in the museum. But he can't go everywhere, can he, cause he's not a kid, and much too old for all the activities he describes in this very inclusive and practical book. If you are planning a birthday or special celebration, check out *New Jersey for Kids*. Along with descriptions and commentary, listings include recommended age ranges and estimated durations of activities as well as practical information on hours, price ranges, websites and phone numbers. A good book to have on the shelf when you need it.

Many parents in the Garden State are familiar with Great Adventure in Jackson, the boardwalk at Point Pleasant, and the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, but do they know about Kindermusik in Teaneck, the Young Chefs Academy in Hillsborough, or the Buehler Challenger and Science Center in Paramus? In *New Jersey for Kids*, Patrick Sarver provides parents with a handy reference guide offering hundreds of educational and entertaining ideas for children and their parents to explore and enjoy. Activities are designed specifically for kids ages 12 and under and cover a wide array of fun ways to enrich their intellectual lives, build their athletic skills, express themselves creatively, or just have room to play. The activities covered include: Robotics workshops Themed tea parties Plays and performances for children Museum tours, special exhibits, and programs for kids Pony rides and horseback riding lessons Specialized summer camps Arts and crafts classes Gymnastics classes Zoos and nature activities Hockey, soccer, and baseball clinics Acting and dancing lessons Play centers with slides, ball pits, and bounce castles Busy parents no longer need to spend hours surfing the Web and scouting out resources to find nearby activities their kids might enjoy. *New Jersey for Kids* puts this information right in the palms of their hands. Chapters are organized by category so it is easy to locate just the right activities to suit an individual child's interests, whether it's a fun way to spend an afternoon or a class that might inspire a lifelong passion. Along with descriptions and commentary, listings include recommended age ranges, handicap accessibility, and estimated durations of activities as well as practical information on hours, price ranges, Web sites, and phone numbers.

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