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### **Apollo District Interpretive Programs April 2017**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *all programs are subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling* due to staff limitations, weather conditions, or other factors. Some programs require reservations, a minimum age, or a cost-recovery fee. Call 386-428-3384 ext. 0 for program information during operating hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), [www.nps.gov/cana](http://www.nps.gov/cana). Entrance fees apply to all interpretive program participants. All programs meet the requirements for the Canaveral National Seashore Junior Ranger program.

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> -- 10:00 AM - "CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON"**

Reservations will be accepted a week before the canoe date. Join a guide as you explore this rich and diverse estuary up close. Some experience is preferred. You must be at least 8 years old and able to paddle. You must wear covered shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Bring water, sunscreen and a hat. Dress to get wet. Individuals with their own kayaks or canoes are welcome to join in. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Visitors Information Center at 9:45 a.m. We will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. (2 hours)

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> -- 3:00 PM "CANAVERAL'S BEACH HABITATS"** Walk on the beach and discover the different plant and animal habitats. Meet at the Visitor Center at 3 PM. (1 hour)

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> -- 10:00 AM - "ESTUARIES: SEEING THE UNSEEN"** Explore the unseen world of microscopic plankton from Mosquito Lagoon. Learn about the importance of Estuaries and the role of plankton within the Estuary. Capture plankton samples with a plankton net, and view them through a microscope inside the Visitor Center. Meet at the Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. (2 hours)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> -- 11:00 AM -- "BROWN BAG LUNCH PRESENTATION"** Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month for a special presentation by a carefully selected speaker regarding conservation and environmental issues. Please bring a bag lunch to enjoy with the speaker after the program. This month's program about river otters will be presented by Megan Stolen. Programs will be held at the Apollo Visitor Center outdoor pavilion, weather permitting, or inside the auditorium if there is inclement weather. (1 hour)

**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> – 9:00 AM – “EARTH DAY BEACH AND LAGOON CLEAN-UP”** Celebrate Earth Day by helping to clean Apollo Beach and Mosquito Lagoon. Bring water, sunscreen, bug repellent, work gloves and a hat. We provide trash bags. Meet at the Visitor Center. (3 hours)

**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> – 1:00 PM - “ESTUARIES: SEEING THE UNSEEN”** Explore the unseen world of microscopic plankton from Mosquito Lagoon. Learn about the importance of Estuaries and the role of plankton within the Estuary. Capture plankton samples with a plankton net, and view them through a microscope inside the Visitor Center. Meet at the Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. (2 hours)

**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> – 2:30 PM – “COASTAL WATERSHED MODEL”** Join us at the Visitor Center to learn about water pollution and the Indian River Lagoon system. Learn where all the pollution comes from, why pollution is harmful, and how to prevent pollution while utilizing an interactive 3D model of a watershed. We will be using non-toxic household food items such as cocoa powder to represent various pollutants that commonly enter the waterways. Arrive 15 minutes in advance. (1½ hours)

**SATURDAY 29TH – 8:00 AM – “RUN WITH THE RANGERS 5K AND JUNIOR RANGER FUN RUN”** We'll start and finish at Burn Science and Technology Charter School. The run will include Seminole Rest. The school is located at 160 Ridge Rd., Oak Hill, FL 32759.

