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### APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS February 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 1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup> – “PLANTS OF THE PARK”** Join us for a series of plant walks to learn how the plants in the park were used by Native Americans and early settlers and see their unique botanical characteristics and areas of adaptation. The first walk on the 1<sup>st</sup> meets at parking lot #8 at 10 AM to walk the Eldora loop trail (2 hours). The second walk on the 8<sup>th</sup> meets at parking lot #3 at 10 AM to walk the Castle Windy trail (2 hours). The third walk on the 22<sup>nd</sup> meets at parking lot #9 at 10 AM to do a loop walk (2 hours) meets.

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> – 1:00 PM -- “COASTAL WATERSHED MODEL”** Join a ranger-led program 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. Be prepared to get your hands dirty. We will be using non-toxic household food items such as cocoa powder to represent various pollutants that commonly enter the waterways. Meet at the Visitor Center. (1½ hour)

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</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)

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup> AND FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup> AND SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> -- "BIRDERS" PONTOON BOAT TOUR** Take a leisurely cruise from the dock behind the Visitor Center to see the many birds of Canaveral National Seashore. A park guide will be on board to point out different species as they appear. Our comfortable pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol*, and our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe tour. Join us as we depart from the Visitor Center at 10 a.m., weather permitting. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED**. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged. There is a 50% discount for each holder of Senior or Access passes. Children 15 and under are free. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve space. (2 hours)

**THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup> – "PONTOON BOAT CRUISE TO HISTORIC SEMINOLE REST"** Take a leisurely cruise from the dock behind the Visitor Center to Seminole Rest, where there will be a tour of the historic house. We'll see lots of wildlife and enjoy some of the same views as river steamer passengers saw in the 19th century. Our comfortable pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol*, and our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe tour. Join us as we depart from the Visitor Center at 10 a.m., weather permitting. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED**. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged. There is a 50% discount for each holder of Senior or Access passes. Children 15 and under are free. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve space. (3 hours)

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup> AND FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup> AND SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> – "PONTOON BOAT CRUISE: THE BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON"** Take a leisurely cruise to the places that lend character to this vital estuary on our pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol*. Our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe park water tour. Join us for a two-hour journey as we depart from the Visitor Center at 1:30 p.m., weather permitting. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED**. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged. There is a 50% discount for each holder of Senior or Access passes. Children 15 and under are free. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve space. (2 hours)

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> -- "BEACH CLEANUP"** Help keep our beaches clean. Join us to clean Apollo Beach. Bring water, sunscreen, bug repellent, work gloves and a hat. We provide trash bags. Meet at the Visitor Center at 10 AM (3 hours)

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> – "ADVENTUROUS KAYAK PADDLE"** Join this challenging 5½ mile adventure kayaking through the backwater channels of Shipyard and Orange Islands. Participants need to bring their own kayak, water shoes and be willing to walk their kayak over obstacles in the event of very low water. Meet at 10 AM at the Visitor Center.



**WEDNESDAY 15<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 will be presented by Maia McGuire concerning microplastic.. Programs will be held at the Apollo Visitor Center outdoor pavilion, weather permitting, or inside the auditorium if there is inclement weather. (1 hour)

**THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – 1:00 PM - “PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING”** Learn the ancient art of pine needle basket weaving. This is great for beginners or those looking to brush up on their skills. The materials will be provided, just bring your imagination. Meet at the Visitor Center. (1 hour)

**TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</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)

