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APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS MAY 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. Entrance fees apply to all interpretive program participants. All programs meet the requirements for the Canaveral National Seashore Junior Ranger program. Apollo Beach Visitor Information Center Address: 7611 S. Atlantic Ave. NSB, 32169.*

WEDNESDAY 10TH, 17TH, AND 31ST – 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. Meet at the Visitors Information Center at 9:45 a.m. We will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. (2 hours)

SATURDAY 13TH – “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 the Visitor Information Center at 9:45 AM.

SATURDAY 13TH & 27TH — 2:00 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 Information Center at 1:45 PM (2 hours)

TURTLE WATCH PROGRAMS:

Monday, May 15th, “WE WILL BEGIN TURTLE WATCH RESERVATIONS FOR JUNE”

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Journey with a National Park Ranger and visit the undisturbed beaches of Canaveral National Seashore to watch a loggerhead sea turtle nesting. Turtle Watch Programs give park visitors an opportunity to learn about sea turtles and the role that the National Park Service plays in their conservation. The program will take place at Apollo Beach and Playalinda Beach. The fee for this program is \$14.00 per person, ages 16 and above. Ages 15 and under will be free. Children must be 8 years old or older to participate. We will have this program on the following dates, of which they are all on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, and 30. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED TO 30 VISITORS.** To make a reservation for June, Please Call (386) 428-3384 Ext -223

SATURDAY 20TH – 11:00 AM “TRASH 2 TREASURE: VERTICAL GARDEN” Join a ranger and learn about repurposing marine debris, while utilizing rain water and solar power to grow native plants. Learn about the benefits of vertical gardens and why native plant gardens are important. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)

SATURDAY 20TH – 2:00 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 Information Center. (1½ hour)

SUNDAY 21ST – 2:00 PM – “BEACH SIT” Bring a beach chair and join a ranger led discussion about beach ecosystems while relaxing on beach and enjoying the sounds of the seashore. Meet at the Visitor Information Center (1 hour)

MONDAY 29TH – 2:00 PM – “MEMORIAL DAY BEACH SIT” Bring a beach chair and join a ranger led discussion about beach ecosystems while relaxing on the beach and enjoying the sounds of the seashore. Talk about Canaveral National Seashore and the memories of World War II before Canaveral NS became a National Park. Meet at the Visitor Information Center (1 ½ hours)

