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### APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS March 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> "BIRDERS" PONTOON TOUR"** Take a cruise to enjoy birds of Canaveral NS. A park guide will be on board to point out different species as they appear. Our 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 **10:00 a.m.**, weather permitting. Arrive 15 minutes in advance. **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)

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> "PONTOON CRUISE: BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON"** Take a 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 water tour. Join us as we depart from the Visitor Center on the **1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m., and 1:30 p.m.; then on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.**, weather permitting. Arrive 15 minutes in advance. **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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> “PONTOON CRUISE: HISTORIC SEMINOLE REST”**

Experience some views as river steamer passengers saw in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, as we travel to the Historic Seminole Rest house, and tour the inside. 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 **10:00 a.m.**, weather permitting. Arrive 15 minutes in advance. **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)

**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup>, 31<sup>ST</sup> "BIRDERS" PONTOON TOUR"** Take a pontoon cruise 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 **10:00 a.m.**, weather permitting. Arrive 15 minutes in advance. **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)

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**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup> “PONTOON CRUISE: BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON”** 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 **10:00 a.m., and 1:30 p.m.**, weather permitting. Arrive 15 minutes in advance. **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)

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup> 10:00 AM “CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON”** Reservations will be accepted 7 days in advance. 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 closed-toe shoes. 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 Visitor Center 15 minutes in advance, weather permitting. We will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. (2 hours)

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup>, 29<sup>TH</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. The walk on the 1<sup>st</sup> explores Turtle Mound, meet at 10:00 a.m. (2 hours). On the 8<sup>th</sup>, meet at Parking Lot #8 at 10:00 a.m. to walk the Eldora loop (2 hours). On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, explore the loop trail. Meet at Parking Lot #9 at 10:00 a.m. (2 hours). On the 29<sup>th</sup>, meet at Parking Lot #3 at 10:00 a.m. to walk the Castle Windy trail (2 hours).

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 AM “ADVENTUROUS KAYAK PADDLE”** Meet us at the Visitor Center for 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. Arrive 15 minutes in advance. (3 hours)

**TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 AM “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)

**TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</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, weather permitting. Arrive 15 minutes in advance. (2 hours)

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 11:00 AM “BROWN BAG LUNCH”** 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 Megan Stole, who will talk about dolphins. Programs will be held at the Apollo Visitor Center outdoor pavilion, weather permitting, or inside the auditorium if there is inclement weather. (1 hour)

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>; 10:00 AM “JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS”** Please join us for some exciting, natural and cultural educational programs, to include wildlife, plants, and/or Native American crafts. (1 hour)

**SATURDAY 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 a.m. (3 hours)

