

August 4, 2018

Beach University: Local Talk About Sea Turtles

Siesta Beach, 948 Beach Road, Sarasota

SARASOTA COUNTY — Though Beach University is not an official college, the environmental education program is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend the hour-long outdoor sessions with exceptional instructors and hands-on curriculum. All classes relate to the coastal environment and will be continuing the first Saturday of each month through 2018.

The upcoming class will be “Local Talk About Sea Turtles” presented by Melissa Bernhard, a Senior Biologist with the Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program (STCRP) at Mote Marine Laboratory. Melissa will be sharing information with class participants about sea turtle biology and how to identify the different sea turtle species found along Florida’s coast. She will be focusing on Siesta Key and all of Mote’s patrol areas in Sarasota County. Melissa will talk about how everyday beach-goers and local Sarasota residents can help the sea turtles.

The next Beach University class will be Saturday, August 4, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Siesta Beach, 948 Beach Road, on Siesta Key. The classes are free and held at the main pavilion.

No registration is required. Limited seating is available. Bringing your own beach chair is acceptable.

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For more information, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about “Beach University.”