

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

Field Trip Program Packet



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Field Trips

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Schedule your field trips in advance as dates fill up quickly. When you call to reserve a program, a registration form will be created and either emailed or faxed to you for your signature. **Your date will only be reserved and guaranteed once we have received a completed and signed registration form in our office.** A confirmation packet will be sent to your facility after receiving a registration form, it will include your confirmed date and for all aquatic programs, a swim test form and safety waivers. Please arrive on time to ensure your group experiences the complete program or notify us if you will be delayed. If we are not informed of your delay, your program will still end at the scheduled end time.

Teachers, Camp Counselors and Chaperones

Land-based Adventure Programs:

Requirements: At least one adult chaperone for every fifteen participants (1:15). There is no charge for teachers or the required number of chaperones. Adults over the required number of chaperones will be charged the program fee.

Aquatic Adventure Programs:

Requirements At least one adult chaperone for every six participants (1:6). There is no charge for the required number of chaperones. Chaperones must participate in the aquatic program so please **dress accordingly**.

Cancellation Policy

Field Trip program sites may cancel programs and activities when weather or other circumstances beyond our control make it necessary. Every attempt will be made to reschedule your field trip date. **No-shows or cancellations made less than 24 hours prior to the field trip must be paid in full.** Programs are conducted rain or shine; however, they will be postponed at the first sign of lightning. A 50% cancellation fee will be charged for cancellations made less than one week prior to trip. No-shows will be charged 100% of trip total. **ALL CANCELLATIONS NEED TO BE EMAILED DIRECTLY TO THE PROGRAM SITE.**

Payment

Cash, check, credit card or journal entry (JE) payments are accepted. For journal entry (JE) payments, please make sure the field trip leader/counselor brings the appropriate index code or have your facility call the appropriate program site with the index code prior to your field trip date.

Important Conditions

It is absolutely necessary for participants to inform the trip leader of any medical conditions that may require attention during the program. For **Aquatic Programs**, Miami-Dade County regulations require lifejackets to be worn at all times by all participants (**this includes participating counselors**). For each participant, safety waivers and swim test forms must be turned in to the park naturalist upon arrival. All participants are required to have passed a swim test conducted by a lifeguard prior to the field trip date. Naturalist guides must be informed of any non-swimmers, as these students will not be allowed to participate in the water-based program. Programs that involve snorkeling sometimes experience seasonal waves of jellyfish and man-o-war. We will not snorkel if the park lifeguards determine that high numbers of these venomous creatures make it unsafe. Anyone with hyper-allergic reactions to bites or stings should not go in the water during these periods.

Individuals with Special Needs

Park staff will make every effort to meet your group's program needs. Please inform the park staff of any special needs or considerations when making a reservation for your program. When possible please give field trip site 36-hour notice of any special requirements so that field trip sites can make appropriate arrangements to meet your needs.

Required Attire

Participants will be outside, so have them dress appropriately. **Closed-toed shoes such as aqua socks or old sneakers and sun protection and bug repellent are required.** Play clothes are recommended, because the children may get dirty during some of the activities. Water bottles are strongly recommended. **For aquatic activities, please make sure each participant brings a bathing suit, towel, closed-toed shoes (that can get wet).** Participants and chaperones will not be allowed to participate in any activity if wearing flip-flops or other open-toed shoes.

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Lunch

Picnic tables will be provided for your group. Participants must bring their own lunch. We recommend that lunches be packed in a way that the chaperones or individual participants can easily transport them to the assigned lunch area. Feeding of animals is strictly prohibited. Please help keep our park clean and litter free for other visitors and wildlife.

Park Manners

Loud noises keep animals in hiding and reduce your chances of seeing them. Therefore, be kind to the animals and plants at the park. Harassing wildlife is against the law and can harm the animals. Feeding the animals encourages them to be dependent on humans, which leads to increased chances of humans being bitten by that animal. Plants require their leaves to make food and their flowers to produce seeds so please do not pick the leaves, flowers, or bark of the plants. Please make sure this information is relayed to all participants and trip supervisors.

Virtual Offerings

Each park site is responsible for providing the necessary audio & visual needs for the deliver of a virtual program. Each unit providing the virtual offering is responsible to confirm the virtual link at least 48-hours of the schedule virtual offering (ZOOM, TEAMS, other).

COVID CAPACITY & OFFERINGS:

Each site and activity may have approved COVID capacity & offerings at the designated Sites/Park/Nature Center. Please contact the program of interest to determine COVID approved capacity & offerings. This also includes outreaches to the park sites following CDC guidelines of facial covering, social distancing from presenter and sanitations. All COVID approved activities by PROS unit provider must be arranged by each requesting park.

Naturalists will provide a safety briefing before the beginning of the programs. Chaperones, not park naturalists, are responsible for the behavior, discipline, and safety of their group. Please be observant and safety conscious to prevent accidents. Please make sure that this information is relayed to all participants and trip supervisors. If naturalists believe the behavior of participants is making the scheduled activity unsafe, the naturalists reserve the right to stop the activity until the group's behavior has improved. If the group's behavior does not improve, naturalists reserve the right to cancel the scheduled activity.

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Miami EcoAdventures

305-666-5885

EcoAdventures@miamidade.gov

Each nature center has specific adventures and activities.

TO BOOK AN ADVENTURE

Please use the contact information that pertains to each nature center according to field trip/activity/adventure.

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Crandon Adventures

6767 Crandon Blvd.

Key Biscayne, FL 33149

Contact: Kasia Williams

305-361-6767

Kasia.Williams@miamidade.gov





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On-Site Water-Based Adventures:

Kayak Workshop

There is simply no better way to experience the clear waters of Key Biscayne and its rich marine life than from the seat of an ocean kayak. Join our naturalists as they teach your group the basic skills required for kayaking. Participants will get an opportunity to practice their new kayak skills in the shallow seagrass beds off Crandon Park. **Chaperones are required to participate (1:6 ratio). Lead chaperone must bring a completed swim test log. Closed-toed shoes are required for participants and chaperones. Shoes WILL get wet. MUST pass swim test and bring proof to participate.**

Duration of program: 2 hours, including 30-minute lunch break at provided park shelter (no additional fee).

Program Fee: \$10 per participant (County Parks) / \$15 other organizations, minimum fee \$150/ session

Program Details: Maximum 48 participants. Ages 9+. 12 participants on the water at a time. If you bring a group larger than 12, please divide your groups accordingly, plan to provide activities for those waiting their turn, and plan on extending your field trip time at the park. Program meets at the Crandon Park Visitor and Nature Center located at Crandon Park North Beach.

Sea to Sand Adventure

Explore Crandon Park's abundant seagrass beds and thriving dunes. Participants will learn about two of South Florida's unique ecosystems, their components and what kind of animals/plants live within them. Our naturalists will hunt for sea life in the seagrass beds and then take students to the dunes to ID dune plants. Lead chaperone must bring a completed swim test log. Closed-toed shoes are required for participants and chaperones. **Chaperones are required to participate (1:6 ratio). Lead chaperone must bring a completed swim test log. Closed-toed shoes are required for participants and chaperones. Shoes WILL get wet. MUST pass swim test and bring proof to participate.**

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On-Site Land-Based Adventures

Sea Turtle Adventure

Join one of our knowledgeable naturalists as we shell-ebrate sea turtles! Learn more about the biology of these ancient animals, where they are found, what they eat, and why they come to our beaches every summer. Participants will get the chance to observe sea turtle artifacts such as shells, skulls, and the different items that they eat before heading down to the beach to see a marked sea turtle nest and to explore the ecosystems where sea turtles nest and forage.

Duration of program: 2 hours, including 30-minute lunch break at provided park shelter (No additional fee).

Program Fee: \$7 per participant or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

Program Details: Maximum 40 participants. Ages: 6+. If you bring a group larger than 10, please divide your group accordingly, plan to provide activities for those waiting their turn, and plan on extending your field trip time at the park. Program meets at the Crandon Park Visitor and Nature Center located at Crandon Park North Beach.

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Bear Cut Preserve Coastal Walk

Join us on a naturalist-guided tour through a rare remnant of Miami's remaining maritime hammock, dune habitat and mangrove forest. Learn how plants and animals adapt and interact with each other in this hostile, yet fascinating coastal marine environment. Please bring plenty of drinking water and comfortable walking/hiking shoes.

Duration of program: 2 hours, including 30-minute lunch break at provided park shelter (No additional fee).

Program Fee: \$7 per participant, or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

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Birds of Crandon Park

Fly, don't walk to Crandon Adventure's Bird Walk, where we search for the birds that reside in Crandon Park. Several species utilize the beach at different times of year; learn the behavior, calls, and field marks used to identify them. Program will include a presentation to familiarize participants with common species followed by a walk along Crandon Beach where participants will work in groups to identify species encountered. Join us in learning about some of our feathered friends.

Duration of program: 2 hours, including 30-minute lunch break at provided park shelter (No additional fee).

Program Fee: \$7 per participant, or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

Program details: Maximum: 40 participants. Ages 6+. If you bring a group larger than 10, please divide your group accordingly, plan to provide activities for those waiting their turn, and plan on extending your field trip time at the park. Program meets at the Crandon Gardens located at Crandon Park South Beach.

Crandon Wilderness Adventure

If you're looking for a day of fun, this program is perfect for your group! Students can observe local wildlife such as fish, reptiles and numerous species of birds through Crandon Park. The students will also be led on a nature walk through the historic Crandon Gardens, the site of Miami's first zoo, and participate in wildlife-themed games.

Duration of program: 2 hours, including 30-minute lunch break at provided park shelter (No additional fee).

Program Fee: \$7 per participant, or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

Program details: Maximum: 40 participants. Ages 6+. If you bring a group larger than 10, please divide your group accordingly, plan to provide activities for those waiting their turn, and plan on extending your field trip time at the park. Program meets at the Crandon Gardens located at Crandon Park South Beach.



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Outreach Programs

Touch the Bay

Sea stars, conchs and sea urchins! Oh my! Explore the sea grass ecosystem through a presentation and a hands-on touch tank activity featuring some of the amazing critters found there. Learn about and get up close to a few of the commonly found creatures as well as the different types of sea grass.

Duration of presentation: 1 hour

Program Fee: \$7 per participant, or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less

Program Details: Maximum: 40 participants per presentation. Ages 6+. If your group is larger than 10, please divide your group accordingly and plan on an hour presentation for each group.

Coastal Conservation and Resiliency

Participants will explore how various shorelines influence coastal erosion and the surrounding habitat. This lesson introduces students to nature's infrastructure with visual and tangible aids— coral reefs, mangroves, and maritime forests – as well as with society's needs to reduce risk and increase community resilience.

Duration of presentation: 1 hour

Program Fee: \$7 per participant, or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less

Program Details: Maximum: 40 participants per presentation. Ages 6+. If your group is larger than 10, please divide your group accordingly and plan on an hour presentation for each group.

Sea Turtle & Ocean Outreach

Explore the wonders of some of the marvelous creatures that visit our South Florida beaches. Learn more about these animals, what they eat, why they come to our shores, and where they are found through a presentation conducted by one of our knowledgeable naturalists at your location. Have a chance to touch various animal artifacts such as shells, skulls, and skeletons as well as some of the different things they eat (sponges, corals, etc.).

Duration of presentation: 1 hour

Program Fee: \$7 per participant, or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less

Program Details: Maximum: 40 participants per presentation. Ages 6+. If your group is larger than 10, please divide your group accordingly and plan on an hour presentation for each group.

Virtual Programs

A Day On The Bay

Spend a beautiful day on Biscayne Bay, virtually! Join us in exploring the largest estuary on the coast of southeast Florida and all the wonders that live within with a virtual touch tank presentation. Our naturalists will discuss the various ecosystems in the Bay while sharing underwater, aerial, and surface footage of these unique underwater environments. Our most important water source, the Biscayne Aquifer, how it functions and is replenished, and the threats facing it will also be discussed in this virtual adventure.

Virtual Presentation: 1 hour





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Program Fee: \$7 per participant, or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less

Program Details: Suggested participant size: 40 participants per presentation. Ages 6+. Presentation hosted via Zoom.

What's Under The Bed?

Get up close and personal with the seagrass beds of Crandon Park with our underwater drone footage! Seven species of seagrass are found in Florida, with the most common being turtle grass, manatee grass, and shoal grass. Glide along the beds of seagrass found at Crandon Park as we discuss the ecological services these underwater forest provide and search for marinelife that lives underneath!

Virtual Presentation: 1 hour

Program Fee: \$7 per participant, or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less

Program Details: Suggested participant size: 40 participants per presentation. Ages 6+. Presentation hosted via Zoom.

Coastal Conservation and Resiliency

Our virtual version of the Coastal Conservation and Resiliency program covers all of South Florida's protected ecosystems with prerecorded footage off of Crandon Park. First watch clips of lush seagrass as we discuss their function, then continue on as we delve deep into the tangles of the red mangrove roots and uncover their mystery. Finally finish up back on land exploring our dunes.

Virtual Presentation: 1 hour

Program Fee: \$7 per participant, or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less

Program Details: Suggested participant size: 40 participants per presentation. Ages 6+. Presentation hosted via Zoom.



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A.D. Barnes Park and Nature Center

3401 SW 72nd. Ave.

Miami, FL 33155

Contact: Sasha Shirazi

305-662-4124

Sasha.Shirazi@miamidade.gov

Onsite Programs (Offered September – May ONLY)

Birding 101

Do you know what kind of bird that is? What is that little brown one that is always at your bird feeder? What birds migrate to south Florida for the winter? Join a Miami EcoAdventures naturalist on a hike of our natural areas where we will teach you how to spot and identify native and exotic birds that call Miami their home. Program focuses on avian biology, human impact on birds and the historical significance of bird conservation in Florida

Outdoor Skills

Do you know what to do if something goes awry on your next outdoor excursion? Learn the ancient skill of survival – shelter, water, fire, food. Get back to nature and reflect on the fundamentals of survival. Knowing the basics of outdoorsmanship is essential for a fun and safe camping experience. No matter your background, from the novice camper to the seasoned backpacker, there is something for you in this class. You will also get to try out these skills by setting up a mock campsite in our field.

Program Fee: \$7 per person, OR flat rate fee of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

Onsite Programs: 2 hours; Maximum 40 participants

Ages: 5 – 12 years old

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Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center

17555 SW 79 Avenue

Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Contact: Wilfredo Cotto

305-255-4767

Wilfredo.Cotto@miamidade.gov

Onsite & Outreach Programs

Go with the Flow (Land - Onsite or outreach)

Despite being less than 3% of water on Earth, freshwater is essential for nearly all life. Learn its importance in our nearby ecosystems, such as the Everglades and our canal systems. Through games and discussion, participants will gain species identification skills of local fish, and begin to understand the importance of clean and accessible freshwater for all living things.



Scales and Tails (Land - Onsite or outreach) Learn about some common native and nonnative reptiles found here in south Florida, as well as how to identify, with a chance to meet some hands-on! These unique ectotherms (meaning “cold blooded”) are often misunderstood, but are resilient animals that play a big role in the local ecosystem. After discussion and an interactive program featuring live animals, participate in a scavenger hunt/nature walk to find and identify reptiles in the park.

Archery (Land - Onsite only)

Learn the history of archery as a sport and tool for survival in Introduction to Archery. You will also learn how to wield a bow and arrow with proper technique. Then, take some practice shots at a target with instruction from staff. ****Ages 9+ only; maximum number of participants per program is 24****

Program Fee: \$7 per person, OR flat rate fee of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

Onsite Programs: 2 hours; Maximum 40 participants

Outreach Programs: 1 hour; Maximum 60 participants

*****Please note that larger groups may be scheduled for programs with a low participant cap by planning multiple, shorter sessions in one day. However, these modifications must be made in advance or staff may not be able to accommodate the group.*****

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Castellow Hammock Park

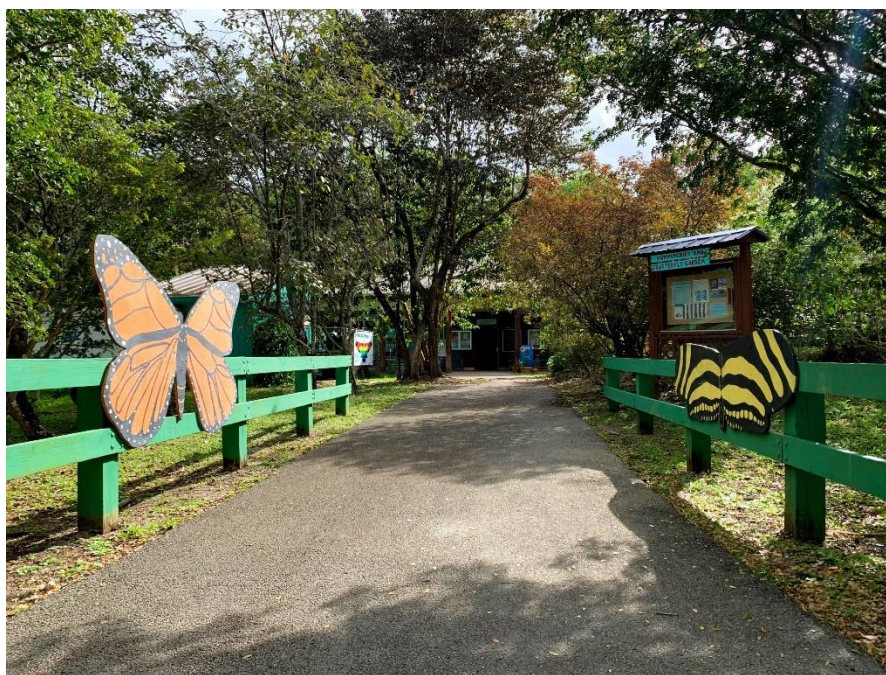
22301 SW 162nd Ave.

Miami, FL 33170

Contact: Angelina Hellriegel

305-242-7688

Angelina.Hellriegel@miamidade.gov



Onsite

Things with Wings

Fluttering, flapping, buzzing, or bumbling, come meet the flying friends in Castellow's garden. Our naturalists will take campers on a guided tour to learn about the best ways to spot the birds, butterflies, bees and bugs you can expect to see in your back yard. Observe their natural behavior and discover what they need to survive through a presentation and games. Program includes a presentation, butterfly garden walk, and butterfly craft.

Duration of program: 2 hours

Program fee: \$7 per person or a flat rate fee of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

Program details: Maximum 50 participants. Recommended for ages 6+. Only offered Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Choose Your Own Adventure

Choose one walk, one talk, and one activity/game for your camp group:

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Walks

Hammock Trail hike
Butterfly Garden walk
5 senses walk

Talks

Plants that will ruin you day
Castellow Hammock history
The power of pollinators

Activities/Games

Oh, Deer! (Game)
Create a creature (Craft)
Fishy Fishy (Game)

Duration of program: 2 hours

Program fee: \$7 per person or a flat rate fee of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

Program details: Maximum 50 participants. Recommended for ages 6+. Only offered Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.



Outreach

Things with Wings

Fluttering, flapping, buzzing, or bumbling, come meet the flying friends found in the garden. Our naturalists will teach campers about the best ways to spot the birds, butterflies, bees and bugs you can expect to see in your back yard. Observe their natural behavior and discover what they need to survive as well as how we can help them along the way. Also available as a virtual program.

Duration of program: 1 hour

Program fee: \$7 per person or a flat rate fee of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

Program details: Maximum 40 participants per presentation. If your group is larger than 40, please divide your group into two and plan for an hour presentation each. Recommended for ages 6+. Only offered Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Green Careers

One of many ways that people can have a positive impact on the environment is through green careers. In this fun and informative outreach, campers will learn about a few jobs they can have when their older that have an environmental focus. They will even get a chance to almost literally step into the shoes of people doing what they can to help nature.

Duration of program: 1 hour

Program fee: \$7 per person or a flat rate fee of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

Program details: Maximum 40 participants per presentation. If your group is larger than 40, please divide your group into two and plan for an hour presentation each. Recommended for ages 6+. Only offered Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

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Arch Creek Adventures

1855 NE 135th Street

Miami, FL 33181

305-944-6111

Aimee.Scott@miamidade.gov

ONSITE:

Tequesta Adventure

Discover the past when the now-extinct Tequesta, who roamed the mysterious Arch Creek Park from 500 BC to 1300 AD. Become an archaeologist as you dig for ancient Tequesta artifacts. Trek into the woods and learn about the native plants that were used by these peaceful peoples. Use your imagination and create works of art with clay as the Tequesta's might have.

Duration of program: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$7 per participant or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less

Maximum: 60 participants Ages 6+



Pioneering Life

Journey into the 1800s when pioneers first settled at Arch Creek Park. Learn how they survived Florida's sometime-harsh climate by practicing tent and campfire building techniques. Compete in the ultimate challenge: The Pioneer Survival Trail!

Duration of program: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$7 per participant or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less

Maximum: 40 participants

Ages: 10+

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Tequesta Adventure

Discover the past when the now-extinct Tequesta inhabited southeast Florida from 500 BCE to 1700. Learn about the different tools



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they used for survival. Use your imagination and create works of art with clay as the Tequesta's might have.

Duration of program: 1 hour

Program fee: \$7 per person or a flat rate fee of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

Program details: Maximum 40 participants per presentation. If your group is larger than 40, please divide your group into two and plan for an hour presentation each. Recommended for ages 6+.

Archaeology Adventure

Learn about the science of archaeology and its importance in understanding the past. Through a garbology activity campers will learn that one people's trash is another's artifact.

Duration of program: 1 hour

Program fee: \$7 per person or a flat rate fee of \$150 for groups of 21 or less.

Program details: Maximum 40 participants per presentation. If your group is larger than 40, please divide your group into two and plan for an hour presentation each. Recommended for ages 6+.

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Greynolds Adventures

18501 NE 22nd Avenue

Miami, FL 33160

305-944-6111 / 305-948-2891

Aimee.Scott@miamidade.gov



ONSITE: Eco-Trek Adventure

Explore the diverse habitats of Greynolds Park. Learn about the park's plants and animals while on a nature walk and what animals need to survive through these nature-based interactive games.

Duration of program: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$7 per participant or a flat rate of \$150 for groups of 21 or less

Maximum: 40 participants Ages 6+

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Deering Estate

16701 SW 72 Avenue, Miami, FL 33157

Office: 305-235-1668 Ext. 264 Fax: 305-254-5866

Christopher.Bumpus@miamidade.gov



Choose a program from Group 1 **and** a tour from Group 2. The cost is \$10 per participant (Group minimum is 20). Our programs run from 10 am – 1 pm. This can be adjusted to meet timing requirements.

Programs run rain or shine. Please be aware that no-shows or cancellations made less than 48 hours prior to the field trip will require full payment of the original booking number. Changes to booking numbers must be made 48 hours in advance or will result in full payment of the original booking number.

Group 1 Programs

Archaeology Excavation Simulation

Participants will learn about the people and cultures that existed in South Florida before modern development. They will utilize critical thinking skills and hands-on discovery learning methods to uncover real artifacts and their historic uses. Groups will apply archaeological survey methods to discover bones, pottery, and artifacts from a culture that once thrived thousands of years ago.

Duration of program: 1 hour

Program details: Maximum 150 participants. Ages: 6+.

Marine Critter Dissection

Participants will become professional ichthyologists, learning about the unique characteristics of various marine animals as well as their anatomy and physiology. After an introduction, they will be led in groups through a step-by-step dissection of a squid or fish allowing them to get a hands-on understanding of both the external and internal anatomy of these important marine animals.

Duration of program: 1 hour

Program details: Maximum 150 participants. Ages: 6+.

Rocket Launch

Participants will learn about the scientific method. Utilizing film canisters and other provided materials students will develop their very own rocket. With the scientific method they will come up with their own hypothesis on which design for their rocket will launch the highest. They will then launch their rockets to see if their hypothesis are correct. After each launch they will go back to the drawing board to make improvements and see who can get their rocket to launch the highest.

Duration of program: 1 hour

Program details: Maximum 150 participants. Ages: 6+.

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Catching Critters

Participants wade out knee deep into Biscayne Bay to explore the aquatic life of our seagrass communities, using discovery-based learning methods and nets to catch fish, shrimp and crabs (along with anything else that shows up!). Staff identifies the different species that are caught, and give participants a chance to touch any animals that are safe to handle. Participants will get wet during this and must wear closed toed shoes.

Duration of program: 1 hour

Program details: Maximum 150 participants. Ages: 9+

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Office: 305-235-1668 Ext. 264 **Fax:** 305-254-5866

Christopher.Bumpus@miamidade.gov

Group 2 Programs

Historic House Tour

Participants will take a tour of the Deering Estate's historic buildings, including the Stone House and the Richmond Cottage, to find out how the Estate has changed hands, developed and grown since the first settlers built their houses here in South Dade.

Duration of program: 1 hour

Program details: Maximum 150 participants. Ages: 6+.

Marine Debris Hike

Participants will be given a Citizen Science Worksheet and trash bags while being guided into the natural areas of the Estate. There they will study and collect the litter found throughout the park. Participants will classify what the litter is made out of and how long it will take to decompose. This data will be shared with the Ocean Conservancy as part of a Citizen Science partnership to improve understanding of marine pollution. Closed toed shoes required.

Duration of program: 1 hour

Program details: Maximum 150 participants. Ages: 9+.

Animal Encounter

Participants will be introduced to some of the local wild life we have here at the Estate. They also will get to see some of the different invasive species we find in South Florida. Students will learn about these animals while having the opportunity to hold them, touch them, and take pictures with them. Some of our animals include a red tail boa, king snake, rat snake, scorpion, lionfish, and more.

Duration of program: 1 hour

Program details: Maximum 150 participants. Ages: 6+.

Outreach Programs

We offer a 2 hour outreach program. The cost is \$10 per participant where they will be able to do two activities out of the following: Marine Critter Dissection, Rocket Launch, and Animal Encounter. There is a minimum of 20 participants and a max of 150.

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Camp Owaissa Bauer

17001 SW 264 Street

Homestead, FL 33031

Office 305-247-6016

campob@miamidade.gov

Your Camp Owaissa Bauer adventure is waiting for you! - Camp Owaissa Bauer (Camp OB) offers excitement, adventure, new skills and discoveries!

Program

Select TWO adventures.

Caves and Trails - Put on your hiking shoes and get ready to “*I Spy Natural Wonders*” through the pinerock land and hardwood hammock, then cool down and explore the caves. How were the caves formed? What kind of rock is it? The caves are 10-12 feet deep which campers can climb down into and explore!

Reptiles Rock/BUG! – Campers will have an up close, hands-on encounter with snakes, lizards, bugs and more! Campers will also learn about their habitats, what they eat and where they live.

Archery - Archery instruction is for campers 9 years and older. Campers will receive safety instruction, learn how to shoot and receive target practice.

All field trips are limited to 50 campers a day.

Field trips are conducted between 9:30 am – 1 pm, Wednesday – Fridays

Fee \$7/per camper

Park Managers and Trip Supervisors,

We are excited that you have chosen Camp Owaissa Bauer to be part of your summer program and we look forward to your visit. As a Park Destination, and receiving facility, we have put together a list of “*Trip Directions*” so that your event runs smoothly.

- ❖ All field trips drop offs and pick-ups will be at the Everglades Archery Range, which is just west of Camp OB’s entrance on the same side of 264th Street. **DO NOT STOP AT CAMP OB.**
- ❖ The Trip Supervisor will need to call 305-247-6016 when they are 10 minutes out.
- ❖ All Campers will need to remain on bus/van until the Trip Supervisor and Staff have checked in and received direction from Camp OB Instructors.
- ❖ The Trip Supervisor will be required to sign the registration form stating the number of participants and method of payment.
- ❖ The Trip Supervisor will either pay by exact change for the field trip or supply the index code for a Journal Entry.
- ❖ Once Trip Supervisor and Staff have received direction, campers and camp staff will meet their instructor at designated area.
- ❖ Camp staff will be responsible for enforcing all Camp OB safety rules and behavior of campers.
- ❖ Camp OB will have ice water available at each station. Campers and staff will need to bring their own reusable water bottles; Camp OB will not supply cups or water bottles.
- ❖ All Camp Staff and Campers must wear closed toe shoes and dress for the outdoors.
- ❖ Bug spray and sun screen are highly encouraged and recommended.

CAMP OWAISSA BAUER RULES

- ❖ **Respect** - Listen to instructor and others while speaking. Respect all living things and their living space
- ❖ **Buddies** - All campers must be supervised at all times, stay on the trails and use the buddy system.
- ❖ **Leave No Trace** - Please help us keep the park clean by using the available trash cans.
- ❖ **Exploring** - Please Explore with your eyes and only touch when the instructor says its ok
- ❖ **Have Fun** - Ask questions and learn something new!

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Archery

- ❖ Archery instructor will instruct Camp Staff and Campers on safety rules and how to shoot. Camp Staff will be required to help campers with archery and enforce safety rules.
- ❖ If Campers or Camp Staff do not adhere to safety rules they will not be allowed to participate. Safety is our # 1 priority.



Caves & Trails

- ❖ While walking the trail, Camp Staff will be required to be throughout the group in front, middle, and at the end to ensure that no Camper gets left behind.

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- ❖ For safety reasons all Camp Staff and Campers need to stay on the trail at all times. There is a lot of poison ivy and poison wood throughout CAMP OB.
- ❖ During the rainy season the caves can become slippery, all Campers need to wear closed toe and rubber sole shoes.

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Wilderness Adventures
 FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION FORM
 EVERGLADES ARCHERY RANGE
 AT CAMP O'WAISSA BAUER
 17001 SW 264th St., Homestead, FL. 33031
 305-241-6015, Fax 305-247-6007



Park/Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Park Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

SELECT 2 PROGRAMS							
(Please X)		Archery 9 YRS & Up			Reptiles Rock All Ages		Trails & Caves All Ages
MAXIMUM OF 50 CAMPERS							

DATE OF FIELD TRIP: _____ # OF KIDS: _____ # OF LEADERS: _____

 AGE RANGE: _____ ARRIVAL TIME: _____ DEPARTURE TIME: _____
 Earliest Start time is 9:30am Latest 1:00pm

COST TO PARKS IS \$7 PER CHILD.

 PAYMENT METHOD: ☐ CASH (Exact change) ☐ CHECK ☐ JOURNAL ENTRY

Index code to be charged: _____

WE WILL SEND YOU A COPY OF THE SCHEDULE FOR YOUR FIELD TRIP FOR YOUR REVIEW

** Participants must wear closed-toe shoes. Carry a refillable water bottle, water stations are available, but no cups will be provided. **

All participants must be accompanied by a chaperone at all times.

You are requested to have the following chaperone/participant ratio:

-Land based Ration: 6 year old and older, one chaperone per ten participants

-Aquatic-based Ration- 9 years old and older: one chaperone per six participants.

TEACHER/COUNSELORES, NOT PARK NATURALISTS, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOR, DISCIPLINE AND SAFETY OF
 THEIR GROUP AT ALL TIMES.

SIGNATURE OF FIELDTRIP SUPERVISOR: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ DATE: _____

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UF/IFAS-Extension

Miami-Dade County Extension

Barbara McAdam, Program Specialist

bmcadam@ufl.edu

Florida Yards & Neighborhoods

Rain Barrel/Water Conservation Workshop

Outreach Pollinator Preservation Outreach

18710 S.W. 288th Street Homestead, Fl. 33030

305-248-3311 ext. 245



Environmental Education & Activities are 1 to 3 hours. Programs come to your camp **OR** can be scheduled as a field trip to Extension Office in Homestead. **Camp staff is required to participate and supervise campers.**

Water Conservation

- ❖ Interactive educational presentations with Biscayne Aquifer Model
- ❖ Activity Booklets on Water Conservation
- ❖ Family Water Conservation Pledge take home worksheet
- ❖ Showerhead Exchange, campers can bring in their old showerheads and exchange for new water efficient showerheads.
- ❖ Rain Barrels can be purchased to install at campsite and include painting activity with campers.
- ❖ What Not to Flush Poster for camp bathrooms (2 max.)
- ❖ Can the Grease container construction, campers can take home
- ❖ Water Conservation Fortune Tellers, Learn 4 Ways, Share 4 Ways to Save Water

Right Plant/Right Place

- Plants for Butterflies & Pollinators/Establishing Pollinator Habitat in our Parks
Note: container for bulk growing seeds, cuttings as noted below will be supplied by UF. Camp must supply soil.
- Site section for pollinator garden consultation with camp manager and park manager.
 - Plant Senna ligustrina seeds for sulphur butterflies for camp site
 - Plant Salvia coccinea seeds for nectar for camp site
 - Plant Sunflower seeds for nectar for camp site
 - Plant seeds and cuttings of Florida-Friendly Landscape plants for camp site

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- Review weed management, plant care and watering schedules
- Butterfly Gardening and South Florida Butterflies including Imperiled Butterflies that need our help.
- Wings Over Florida Butterfly & Bird Identification Certificate Program
 - Campers will participate in siting butterflies, pollinators and birds followed by an identification session.
 - Printed Certificates will be mailed to campsite the following week.

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Fruit and Spice Park

24801 SW 187th Ave

Homestead, FL 33031

Contact: Missy Malaney & Iva Hegg

305-247-5727

Fruit.Spice@miamidade.gov

FIELDTRIP DESTINATION (Offered year-round)

Fee for each class is \$7.00 per child

Program Details: Maximum 50 participants; Recommended for ages 6+.

Bees & Trees: Discover bees' big impact in our ecosystem despite their tiny size! The class will discuss how bees work together and coordinate tasks among the hive to protect their queen, how they make honey and pollinate the world.

Includes tour of Fruit & Spice Park (Tree Identification & Benefits) and honey tasting.

Duration of program: 2.5 hours, including 30-minute lunch break

Note: Bring lunch and water bottle.



Nutrition: Learn why what we eat MATTERS and how the best food that nourishes our bodies grow from the earth. The class will discuss what a healthy meal looks like by going over the "Healthy MyPlate" and the different foods that make up each section.

Includes tour of Fruit & Spice Park (Tree Identification & Benefits) and an experience of what's in season.

Duration of program: 2.5 hours, including 30-minute lunch break

Note: Bring lunch and water bottle.

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Heritage Parks, Beaches & Marinas Division

Pelican Island Adventure

305-754-9330

Tommy.Salleh@miamidade.gov

ON THE BOAT:



Pelican Island

Explore Pelican Island, a spoil island located in Biscayne Bay. Learn about the island's history while on the nature trail and enjoy the surroundings of the only maritime hammock preserve on an island. Take a leisurely ride on a 45ft Catamaran as you enjoy the bay!

Duration of program: 3 hours, including 30-minute lunch break at provided park shelter and a 1 hour boat tour of Biscayne Bay (No additional fee).

Program Fee: \$10 per participant

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Maximum: 100 participants Ages 6+

- Wednesday and Thursdays
- Available starting the week of June 10th
- Onsite programs 10:30am-1:30pm



Chaperones not park staff, are responsible for the behavior, discipline, and safety of their group. Please be observant and safety conscious to prevent accidents. Please make sure that this information is relayed to all participants and trip supervisors.

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Bill Graham Farm Village

401 E 65th Street

Hialeah, FL 33013

305-953-6019

alemart@miamidade.gov

Farm Life Adventure



Join us for a day on the farm! The Bill Graham Farm Village is a re-creation of a Miami-Dade homestead from the turn of the century with some pleasant modern additions. The Farm Life program allows children to interact with our animals on a personal level. Participants are given an opportunity to engage all of their senses. Touching, smelling, hearing, and seeing farm animals increases a child's understanding of societies' long standing relationship with these animals. Children visit with chickens, pigs, goats, and sheep, as available. Time is given to allow the participants to interact and explore the lives of our animals and one of our knowledgeable farm hands will be with the group to answer any questions and speak about some of the animals. A hayride around the farm grounds is also included, as well as a shelter for lunch and free-play at Tom Sawyer Island, our outdoor adventure-themed playground.

Duration of program: 1 - 1.5 hours, including 30-minute lunch break at provided park shelter (No additional fee).

Program Fee: \$5 per participant

Maximum: 50 participants

Ages: 6+

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For information on UF-IFAS 4-H cooking and nutrition programs at Amelia Earhart Park contact:

Kimber Sarver
4-H Youth Development Agent
University of Florida/IFAS Extension
401 East 65th Street
Hialeah, Florida 33013
Office: 305-769-4050 Ext: 223
Fax: 305-769-4052
E-mail: ksarver@ufl.edu

For information on UF-IFAS 4-H STEM programs contact:

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UF | IFAS Extension
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA



Whitney Thames
4-H Youth Development Agent
University of Florida/IFAS Extension
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Larry & Penny Thompson Memorial Park

Lake Beach

12451 SW 184th St, Miami, FL 33177

305-232-1049

johnnie.jackson@miamidade.gov

Beach is opened seasonally:

Hours:

Beach only admission: Children ages 3-17 \$2.00 / Chaperones Required



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For Information on Sea Turtle Conservation Program Contact:

Leanne Hauptman

Leanne.Hauptman@miamidade.gov

(305) 310-3046