

APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS March 2009

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 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.

PONTOON BOAT CRUISE: THE BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON

Journey with a National Park Ranger and Master Naturalist on a visit to the colorful places that lend character to this vital estuary. On our pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol*, our licensed captains are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe park water tour. Join us for a two-hour journey as we cruise the lagoon on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., weather permitting. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** and **SPACE IS LIMITED**. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged for all passengers. Call (386) 428-3384 to reserve space.

Thursday 5th & 19th -1:00 PM- **“HOOK, LINE AND SINKER”** Bait, rigs and tackle tips will be discussed for surf fishing on Apollo Beach, along with the rules and regulations for keeping what you catch. Bring water and sunscreen. We have a few rods; feel free to bring your own. Meet at the Visitor Information Center Pavilion. (2 hours)

Friday 6th, 13th, & 20th - 1:00 PM- **“COAST TO COAST”** Join a Certified Master Naturalist and learn about our barrier island ecosystem. Start exploring the mangrove ecosystem and work your way to the beachside to explore coastal flora and fauna. Meet at the old Visitor Information Center Pavilion. (90 Minutes)

Wednesday 11th- 11:00 AM-**“TIMUCUAN TALK”** Walk to the top of Turtle Mound and learn what life was like for the Timucuan Indians 2,000 years ago. Bring sunscreen and water. Meet at Turtle Mound. (1 hour)

Thursday 12th & 26th-1:00 PM-“FISH MOSQUITO LAGOON” Learn tips and tricks for fishing the waters of Mosquito Lagoon. Bring your own tackle if you can, we have some supplies. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet at the Visitor Information Center Pavilion. (2 hours)

Friday 13th-10:00 AM- “CLAMMING 101” Learn how to collect this delicious bivalve from the waters of Mosquito Lagoon. Learn tips, techniques and recipes along with the Florida bag and size limits. Must wear covered shoes (no sandals or flip flops). Park at parking lot #1 and meet at the boat ramp. (1 hour)

Saturday 21st -11:00 AM- “BEACH TREASURE HUNT” Pick up your score card from the Information Center and see how many treasures you can find. Walk the beach for fun and exercise for about 1 mile. Bring sunscreen, hats and water. Meet at Parking Lot #2. (1 hour)

Friday 20th – 2:00 PM- “CASTLE WINDY WALK” Join a park ranger as you walk the Castle Windy trail and learn about the colorful history of this area. You will also have a chance to experience the flora and fauna of a Florida hammock. This is an easy 1 mile round trip walk. Meet at parking area #3. (1 hour)