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> Implementation of Fee Charges for Interpretive Programs Canaveral National Seashore for 2007

Canaveral National Seashore Superintendent Carol A. Clark has announced the implementation of two changes to interpretive fee programs starting in **January 2007.**

For over a decade the seashore has offered turtle watch interpretive programs at no cost to the public. Turtle watch programs have been offered during the months of June and July after hours when the seashore is closed to the general public. These programs give park visitors an opportunity to learn about sea turtles and the role that the National Park Service plays in their conservation as well as the possibility of watching turtles nest and lay eggs.

Reservations for the 2007 Turtle Watch programs will begin in May 2007. The fee is \$14.00 per person, and payment may be made by check, money order or cash. These programs are open to persons eight years of age and older. Programs are limited to thirty people per night and a maximum of six persons per reservation.

In addition, the interpretive fee for guided Pontoon Boat Tours will be raised to \$20.00 per person. The fee for these tours has been set at \$13.00 person since 1999.

Golden Age Pass and the Golden Access Pass holders may receive a 50% discount for these special interpretive programs.

These special guided interpretive programs allow visitors an opportunity to closely connect with the natural resources of Canaveral National Seashore. The amount of the fee has been determined by comparing programs from other areas that offer similar programs of the same duration and staffing requirement. These fees will be used towards the direct support of these interpretive programs.

Comments regarding this fee charge may be addressed to: Superintendent

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