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Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer News AUGUST 2013



Our new Shorebird sign off the boardwalk going out to area 5 is in place thanks to the handiwork of Ranger Terry Nowak. We were able to obtain the sign from the **American Bird Conservancy** free of charge! Check it out next time you are visiting.



Keep up the great work! Great staff and volunteers are the reason we receive these reviews....

http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g34467-d532046-r171121165-Delnor_Wiggins_Pass_State_Park-Naples_Florida.html



New Staff!

Welcome Laura Pacter

Please join us in welcoming Laura Pacter to Delnor Wiggins Pass State Park as an Administrative Assistant. Pacter is from Ohio, and has resided in Florida for more than forty years. She is a graduate of Cottey College, University of South Florida, (Psychology) and Florida Gulf Coast University (Master of Public Administration). She also completed her Advanced Public Information Officer from FEMA. Laura looks forward to working closely with the talented team of Admin staff and volunteers at Delnor Wiggins Pass State Park each day.



Welcome Heather Raschke, Park Ranger

Please join us in welcoming Park Ranger Heather Raschke to Delnor Wiggins Pass State Park. Ms. Raschke is a native of Chicago, Illinois, where she recently

graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration. Currently, she is researching her next step of her education to earn a Master of Science in Environmental Education, with an emphasis on planning, and educational programming with the public regarding nature and the importance of respecting the environment. "I want to do as much as I can at Delnor Wiggins Pass State Park, and work hard at whatever I'm assigned to in the environment here," says Heather regarding her new career. Heather also brings a wealth of knowledge as an experienced guide in outdoor adventure trips, as a kayak instructor, rock climber, backpack enthusiast, and as a leader for many camping outdoor adventure trips. Heather's expertise will be a valuable asset to our talented team at Delnor Wiggins Pass State Park.



Help
Wanted!

Future "Outreach Events" will be posted in this newsletter as well as the Friends website, <http://www.delnorwiggins.org/> . We encourage our volunteers and members to join us in hosting a table. These are great opportunities to not only promote the Friends organization, but to visit some of the many great places in the area and meet new people.



OCTOBER 19th is BOO AT THE ZOO. We will have a table set up for the Friends and will need volunteers. This event is usually from 3pm until 6? Exact time TBA. Contact Donna Young if you would like to participate.

Help
Wanted!



United Arts Council
of Collier County

Your #1 Source for Arts & Culture in Collier County!



We are looking for a Volunteer who would be willing to be our United Arts Council liaison...

UPDATE! Thank you to our new representative for the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins State Park, volunteer **CAROL GARCIA**. Carol taught K-12 Art Education in NY and is a talented beautician here in Naples. She is also learning our Turtle program so that she can give this presentation to our visitors and school groups. We are thrilled to have Carol as a new volunteer!



Help
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Our wonderful volunteers come from such varied backgrounds and bring so many different skills and talents to the park. If you or anyone you know is a **Certified Deaf Interpreter** and would like to donate their services to the park when needed, please contact Donna Young, Park Services Specialist.



Here at the park we pride ourselves with being accessible to all and this is just one more way we can be of service to our visitors.



Help
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Special Events Coordinator – Do you enjoy organizing events? We have several events put on by the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins and run by many capable volunteers and members. These Friends sponsored events are the Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show in January; our first ever Children’s Art Show in February; The Nature Festival in November and The Green Flash. We are also looking into having a Park sponsored Halloween event and will need ideas and volunteers! We have been very fortunate to have had the expertise and tireless efforts of volunteer, JoAnn Linck for the past 8 years as our Special Events Coordinator. Although JoAnn is “retired” as coordinator she still volunteers at the park as a Beach Steward and is on hand to assist with any event details. If you would like to help with one or more of our events, please contact Donna Young, donna.young@dep.state.fl.us



Coach B’s Aquatics Beach Camp is here at the park through August and we are happy to have them! You will find them mostly in area 4 supervised by several very capable counselors. Our Rangers will be giving a lunchtime talk to the campers each Wednesday and Thursday during the summer. Topics we will cover include; Sea Turtles, Gopher Tortoises, Shore Birds, Shells, “Leave No Trace”, recycling, Manatees, Native Plants and more. The Rangers are having a great time teaching the campers something new each week and the kids are attentive and ask excellent questions.

FREE CAMP T-SHIRT!

COACH B's AQUATICS LLC

Open to Boys and Girls 6-14 years old

PRESENTS:
BEACH CAMP at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
 11135 Gulfshore Dr. Naples, Florida 34108

What do we do?
 The summer kids and teens will be discovering exciting things about the Gulf of Mexico, the tides, currents, beach hazards, boating safety, CPR/ First Aid, junior lifeguarding, and marine/wildlife. Kids will also enjoy surfing, skim boarding, stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, snorkeling, fitness, beach games and competition!

Typical Camp Schedule:

- **8:30 - 9:30 a.m.** - Arrival with beach games and age group check in.
- **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** - Run, swim, and paddle workout.
- **10:30 - 11:00 a.m.** - Snack and free time.
- **11:00 - 12:15 p.m.** - Instruction, activities, & group discussions on topics relating to the days theme.
- **12:15 - 12:45 p.m.** - Lunch and guest speaker.
- **12:45 - 2:00 p.m.** - Surfing, Skim boarding, SUP
- **2:00 - 3:00 p.m.** - Team Building, large group activities, free time and departure.

Theme Days:
[include but are not limited to]

- Life guarding
- Water safety
- Beach & Water Sports
- Expedition Day
- Kids Choice
- Jr. park rangers, and the Famous Friday Beach Olympics!

Dates:

- Monday - Friday
- June 10th - August 30th
- 8:30am - 3:00 pm

Rates:

- \$50.00/ day
- \$205.00/ week
- \$195.00/ additional week

To register for a summer camp you will never forget, please visit:

www.coachbaquatics.com

SAVE THE DATES!

It's that time of year again! If you or your group would like to participate in Coastal Cleanup here at the park please contact Park Services Specialist, Donna Young 239-597-6196 or donna.young@dep.state.fl.us We will meet at the boat launch parking area where all supplies and tee-shirt will be giving out to all volunteers.



Coastal Cleanup

September 21, 2013

8:00 AM—11:00 AM

Volunteers Needed

Cleanup/Signup Sites:

Delnor Wiggins Pass, Vanderbilt Beach

Lowdermilk Park, Naples Pier, Clam Pass, Rookery Bay NERR

Tiger Tail Beach, Golden Gate Canals, Isle of Capri,

Panther Preserve, Barefoot Beach, Naples Bay (NSYC),

Haldeman Creek *(exact location TBD)*

Additional Sites to be Added



National Public Lands Day

September 28th is National Public Lands Day, 8am-2pm. Thousands of volunteers around the nation will build trails and bridges, pull

invasive plants, plant trees, remove trash and have fun getting back to nature. OUR project involves transplanting some native flowering plants on the island behind the ranger station and beautifying this area of the park. If you would like to participate in Public Lands Day here at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, Contact Donna Young, Park Service Assistant to sign up or email

donna.young@dep.state.fl.us

Once again **The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass** will join forces with bala vinyasa Yoga for Yoga on the Beach! And they've added something new....PADDLEBOARD Yoga! An inaugural paddleboard event has been planned for Sunday August 25th, in the morning at 8:30 am. The community would be invited to this class and can bring their own boards or rent from the beach concession. ***You must call bala vinyasa and they will take reservations.*** Donations would be collected for the Friends. Stay tuned for the new weekly schedule of classes.

Bala Vinyasa Yoga www.bvyoga.com

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[200Hr](#) + [500Hr](#) Registered Yoga School

6200 Trail Blvd N

Naples FL 34108

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AUGUST Interpretive Programs *Beachcombing every Tuesday @ 9:30 w/ Brian*

NATIVE PLANT WALK

SHOREBIRDS

MAMMALS-Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Friday, August 16th – 9:30 am

Friday, August 23rd - 9:30 AM

Friday, August 30th – 9:30 am

VOLUNTEERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN AND GIVE OUR PROGRAMS

If you are interested, we will provide the training and support!



Naturalist's Notes

What is this odd looking blob washing up on the beach? It is a sea hare, a type of sea slug. It is a mollusk, related to the sea snails and clams, whose shell has become inconspicuous and is completely internal. There are three species that are found in Florida waters. They secrete a purple ink for defensive purposes when under stress. They are called sea hares because of two ear like projections on the head. They can swim through the water using their wing like parapodia, which also protect the gills. They are hermaphrodites, possessing both male and female sex organs, and groups will often mate in a copulatory chain or circle.



A large relative of our Florida species was used by a winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 2000 , Dr. Eric Kandel, who found that the protective reflex the animal uses to guard its gills is modified by a form of learning triggered by changes at nerve cell junctions or synapses. Subsequent work uncovered that different types of memory, from marine snails to man, are caused by different changes in such synapses.

Ira Rubenstein
Park Volunteer – Beach Steward

If you would like to write an article about something in the park, please let me know!

“Learning never exhausts the mind.”
— Leonardo da Vinci



Have a great shot you took in the park? Please share with us so we can show it off in the newsletter! Email donna.young@dep.state.fl.us

Join our Beach Steward Team!



L to R, **Bill & Jane Moore, Vicki Sowinski, JoAnn & Hank Linck, Carol Fletcher, Kaye Klug** and pictured giving a Beach Combing program is **Brian Settle**.

Welcome new Beach Stewards: Richie Twiefel, Ira Rubenstein, Jerry Guthier, Bonalyn Plante, Jim DeVore, Muffin Beaudry, Jackie Randel (updated team picture coming soon!)



“Beach Steward” is a new volunteer position in the park. Stewards at Delnor-Wiggins monitor the beach, picnic areas and parking lots and travel by bike or on foot. They interact with and answer questions that may arise from our visitors in a friendly, courteous and educational manner. Our goal is to have Beach Stewards available 7 days a week. If you would be interested in becoming a Beach Steward, please contact Donna Young Donna.young@dep.state.fl.us

The picture above shows off one of several new “No Swimming” signs for visitors to see as they walk out towards area 5. Beach Stewards can assist staff in making sure there are no swimmers in these posted areas.



We continue to work with FGCU students year round. These students help in so many areas of the park, especially on weekends when visitor numbers are even higher. Our partnership with the Office of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement has proved to be a win-win for all involved. Students are learning about this amazing park and what it takes to carry out our mission; **“Provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting, and restoring natural and cultural resources.”**

FYI – Results of Dredging

<http://www.news-press.com/article/20130811/RE/308110013/Wiggins-Pass-dredging-boosts-values>

Thank you for sharing this David Eastlake!

Grains of sand - Grains of sand magnified 240 times.

We surely never think about this when we're walking on it, or raking our fingers and toes through it, do we? This is totally amazing!

<http://inspirationgreen.com/magnified-grains-of-sand.html>



DID YOU KNOW.....??



The Florida Park Service is pleased to partner with ParksByNature Network™ and PocketRanger.com to provide visitors and Florida state park enthusiasts with a FREE smartphone app. .

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The app will download faster if you are connected to Wi-Fi. The app is also formatted for a mobile website at <http://fl.pocketranger.com>.

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The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/friends.delnorwiggins?ref=ts&ref=ts>



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