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Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer Newsletter

December 2015

Volunteer Spotlight:



Joe Spallone

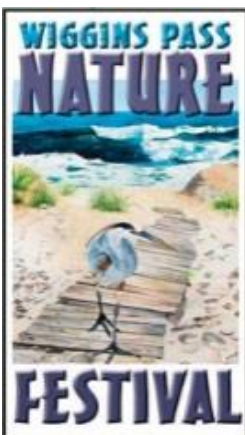
A BIG thank you to volunteer Joe Spallone! He has been doing a lot of trimming in the park this fall. We've had a lot of growth this summer due to the heavy rains and much of the park has over grown into the parking lots and road.



Bath House 2

Over the last 10 weeks resident volunteers Wally and Jacquie Lucas have repaired bath house 2 inside and out. They've repaired doors, windows, and painted among other things. Way to go Wally and Jacquie! It looks great!

This Weekend:



13th Annual Nature Fest is this Saturday!
Saturday, December 12th from 10am- 3pm
FREE with park entry fee

A day of fun has been planned for the entire family in Area 3 of the Park! The festival offers interactive and educational activities for adults and kids of all ages. Visitors will learn about the plants and wildlife of Southwest Florida while participating in a variety of activities and nature crafts such as face painting, live animals, shell seekers, nickerbean necklaces, paddle boarding courtesy of Naples Beach Adventures, fishing clinic by Bass Pro Shop, and much more! We will also have many local environmental organizations with educational exhibits. Food from Naples Beach Adventures will be on site for lunch and snacks.

Welcome back snowbirds!

Just a friendly reminder- when you get into town, contact Lori about your annual training and renewal of the volunteer agreement: Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us or 239-593-2658

Save the Dates!



18th Annual Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show

Saturday, January 16th, 2016 10am-3pm

Volunteers still needed!

Please contact Lori if you want to help:

Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us or 239-593-2658



3rd Annual Children's Art Show

Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 10am-3pm

Sunday, February 28, 2016 from 2pm-5pm

Volunteers needed!

Please contact Lori if you want to help:

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A Message from the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park:

Becoming a Friend of the Park - Make a Difference

The Friends group would like to cordially invite those of you who may not already be members of Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park to become a member and receive 12 free passes to the Park, among other benefits. The Friends mission is to promote public awareness, use and enjoyment of the Park, and to assist the Park management and staff. Your annual membership fees help the Friends group accomplish our mission as well as to improve the Park facilities by providing amenities through funds raised at our annual Art Show fund-raiser, to be held January 16, 2015. The Friends is the only organization that contributes funds directly to support the Park.

As a member of Friends, in addition to 12 free passes to the Park, you will be invited to member meetings, special events and have the opportunity to volunteer in the Park and be as involved as your time allows. Friends assist Park staff with maintenance and resource management. Friends is a 501 (C)3 charitable organization. Your membership dues and donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. For membership information please contact Gabriella Miyamoto at: dwmembershipchair@gmail.com

Upcoming Friends meetings at the Park, all are welcome:

- December 14 at 5pm, holiday party at the pavilion (please rsvp)
- January 11 at 10am
- February 8 at 10am
- March 14 at 10am
- April 11 at 11am, end of the season picnic at the pavilion

Park programs and events next page

December Programs:

All programs are free with park entry fee unless otherwise stated.

YOGA ON THE BEACH & SUNSET YOGA

Yoga on the Beach: Every Wednesday in December from 9:00am-10:00am

Sunset Yoga: Every Monday in December from 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM

Class fee is \$5 plus park entry fee.

To make a reservation and payment please call the yoga studio at 239-598-1938 or visit their website: www.greenmonkey.com.

BEACH COMBING

Sunday, December 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 9:30 AM

Friday, December 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 9:30 AM

SEA TURTLES

Thursday, December 3 at 9:30 AM

NATURAL COMMUNITIES OF A BARRIER ISLAND

Thursday, December 10 at 9:30 AM

WIGGINS PASS NATURE FEST

Saturday, December 12 from 10am- 3pm

GOPHER TORTOISES

Thursday, December 17 at 9:30 AM

NATIVE PLANT WALK

Thursday, December 24 at 9:30 AM

MANGROVE WALK

Thursday, December 31 at 9:30 AM

Any questions? Contact:

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