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## ***Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer Newsletter***

**July 2015**

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### **Upcoming Programs:**

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

#### **BEACH COMBING**

**Friday, July 3, 10, & 17 at 9:30 AM**

**Sunday, July 5, 12, & 19 at 9:30 AM**

Join a Volunteer for a talk about beach treasures. Learn about sea shells, sea creatures and tidal movement. This is a great interactive event.

#### **YOGA ON THE BEACH**

**Every Wednesday in July from**

**9:00 AM-10:00 AM**

**Class fee is \$5 plus park entry fee.**

Join yoga instructors from Green Monkey Yoga (formerly Bala Vinyasa Yoga) in the morning for an all-levels gentle yoga class. Bring your yoga mat, water, a towel, and bug spray! To make a reservation and payment please call the yoga studio at 239-598-1938 or visit their website:

[www.greenmonkey.com](http://www.greenmonkey.com).

#### **CAST NETTING**

**Thursday, July 2 at 9:30 AM**

Become a self-sufficient fisherman or woman by catching your own bait! Learn the basic techniques of cast netting from a Ranger. Come get your feet wet! It's fun for the whole family. Bring sunscreen and a willingness to participate.

#### **NATIVE PLANT WALK**

**Thursday, July 9 at 9:30 AM**

Join us for a walk to explore the native

plants of our barrier island. Learn about plants that hold the beach together, identify our state tree, find out what plants produce edible fruits, and much more! Comfortable clothes, water bottle, sunglasses, sunscreen are all recommended.

#### **SEA TURTLES**

**Thursday, July 16 at 9:30 AM**

Learn about the Loggerhead's life story and the role our park plays during nesting season. Turtle carapaces and skulls will be on display.

#### **GOPHER TORTOISES**

**Thursday, July 23 at 9:30 AM**

Learn about the park's shy, shelled, terrestrial friends, their habitats and why they are referred to as a "keystone species." Learn how they protect their neighbors and how you can protect them.

#### **SPIDERS**

**Thursday, July 30 at 9:30 AM**

Spiders everywhere!...Even at the Spider presentation! There's an abundance of spiders found in Florida, about 900 species! Most of you will be happy to know that the majority of them live outdoors, away from our homes. Just remember, spiders are beneficial and have a place in the ecosystem. Please join us and learn!

## News and Information:



Marked sea turtle nest

### **Sea turtle nesting update**

As of today we have a total of 46 nests on our beach! During the month of June females laid 23 nests. We have already broken our record from last year and we still have several more weeks of sea turtle nesting season left!

### **Beach Combing program now offered on Sundays and Fridays!**

Longtime volunteer Ira Rubenstein will be in area 5 presenting the beach combing program on most Sundays and Fridays at 9:30am. Come learn about the many different types of creatures that inhabit our waters and beach. Check out the above program guide for details!



Ira Rubenstein at the beach combing program



Mike McInnes, resident volunteer

### **Welcome new resident volunteer Mike McInnes**

Mike will be living onsite and volunteering 20 hours a week this summer from June through September. Mike has previously volunteered at Long Key State Park and will be helping us out with various park maintenance jobs.

## Keep Collier Beautiful & Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Do It Again!

The Park was a host site again this month for Keep Collier Beautiful (KCB) volunteer groups. Volunteers from the Double Tree Inn of Naples and the Naples Daily News cleaned the beach and park and made a major contribution to Collier County and our Park. Volunteers spent several hours throughout the park picking up trash and recycling weighing approximately 375 pounds! Click on the links below to check out the videos made by KCB of the clean-ups:

[Double Tree Inn](#) and [Naples Daily News](#)



Double Tree Inn & Naples Daily News park clean-ups

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