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

**May 2015**

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### **Upcoming Programs:**

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

#### **SUNSET YOGA**

**Wednesday, May 6, 13, 20, & 27**  
**from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

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

Join instructor Candice Oligney from Green Monkey Yoga powered by Bala Vinyasa for an all-levels gentle yoga class while the sun prepares to set. Then stay to soak in and celebrate the closing rays of the day over the Gulf. 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: [Bala Vinyasa Yoga](#).

#### **SEA TURTLES**

**Thursday, May 7 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.

#### **SPIDERS**

**Thursday, May 14 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!

#### **MANGROVE WALK**

**Thursday, May 21 at 9:30 AM**

Come take a walk through the trees that help hold south Florida together! Learn about the different types of Mangrove trees and how they are vital to the health of our local ecosystem. The walk will take place in and around the mangroves so we recommend bringing shoes that can get wet, bug spray, water, sunscreen, and a towel.

#### **NATIVE PLANT WALK**

**Thursday, May 28 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

## News and Information:

**Thank you Resident Volunteers** Wally Lucas, Jacquie Lucas, and Robert Smith for helping us out during our busiest months of the year, January through April! Resident Volunteers live onsite at our RV spot and volunteer 20 hours a week. They help out with park maintenance, traffic control, special events, and many other things.



Wally and Jacquie Lucas selling popcorn at Nature Festival.



Robert Smith helping with park maintenance.

**Several Civic Engagement Projects** were conducted by Florida Gulf Coast University students at the Park this year. Students developed projects that incorporated environmental issues and community awareness. The groups also made videos as part of their projects.

### Project 1:

**Garret Bourg, Kyle Lessard, Nick Owen, and Maria Jackson:** Created educational activity packets for school groups and helped out at Nature Festival. [Click here](#) to watch their video.

### Project 2:

**David Shepard, Jade Hemberger, Collin Siberz, and Tim Fuentes:** Removed invasive plants throughout the park. [Click here](#) to watch their video.

### Project 3:

**Sara Hilderbrandt, David Bronner, Taylor Lang, and Kenzi Polotto:** Removed invasive plants throughout the park and helped out at Nature Festival. [Click here](#) to watch their video.



Civic Engagement group helping out at Nature Festival.



Civic Engagement group discussing their project with Lori.



Civic Engagement group removing invasive plants.

### **Volunteers: Don't forget to log all of your volunteer hours!**

Did you know that once you reach a certain amount of hours that you become eligible to receive items such as specially engraved silver name tags, park passes, and an invitation to the park's volunteer luncheon? Volunteers are very important to us and we want to make sure you are properly recognized for all of your volunteer hours. You can log your hours 1 of 3 ways, choose what's best for you:

1. Online at [www.delnorwiggins.org](http://www.delnorwiggins.org) and fill out the form.
2. Through email (send email to [Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us))
3. Time sheets in Lori's office

**Volunteers that work at other state parks:** Make sure to bring your log book to Lori so she can add those hours to your total at our Park.

Any questions? Contact:  
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