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Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer Newsletter

November 2015

Upcoming 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 November from 9:00am-10:00am

Sunset Yoga: Every Monday in November from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Class fee is \$5 plus park entry fee.

Join yoga instructors from Green Monkey Yoga for gentle yoga classes on the beach. 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.

BEACH COMBING

Sunday, November 1 & 29 at 9:30 AM

Friday, November 27 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.

BEGINNING PADDLE BOARDING

Thursday, November 5 at 9:30 AM

Ages 12 years and older

Program fee is \$15.00 for equipment plus park entry fee

Join Park staff as they teach you the basics of paddle boarding. You will learn all about paddleboard safety, the basics of paddling, and the different styles of paddleboards. You will then have an opportunity to get in the water and test your new found knowledge! Program is weather and water condition dependent. Space

is limited, **reservations are required**. Contact [Naples Beach Adventures](#) to reserve a spot and equipment at 239-431-0958.

SEA TURTLES

Thursday, November 12 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.

ART SHOW by RESIDENT ARTIST DAMARIS GONZALEZ

Saturday, November 14

from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Come meet our resident artist Damaris Gonzalez and view her photography of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park! Over the last year Damaris has spent time in the park photographing wildlife and plants and her work will be on display at the pavilion in area 5. Photographs will be available to purchase and a portion of her sales will go towards the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park.

CAST NETTING

Thursday, November 19 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!

News and Information:

New Volunteer Management Website: VSysLive!

The Florida Park System has officially launched a new volunteer management system called VSysLive. Regular Service Volunteers will soon be receiving an email about the new system and how it can work for them. It is designed to offer new and easy ways to record your hours and follow your volunteer hours. VSysLive will also send notifications regarding any expiring volunteer agreements or training.

You are NOT required to use the system. If you are uncomfortable with computers, don't have one, or they are not easy for you to use, you can continue to record your hours as you've been doing. You will always have the options of using the time sheets, emailing Lori, or submitting hours through the Friends website.

To log onto VSysLive, go to: <http://volunteers.floridastateparks.org>

Meet FGCU Volunteer Josh Breland!

Josh has been helping the rangers with early field duties and projects on Wednesday and Thursday mornings since August.

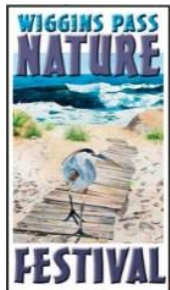


Josh Breland

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!



13th Annual Nature Fest

Saturday, December 12th, 2015 10am- 3pm

Many volunteers needed!

Join us for the annual **Wiggins Pass Nature Fest** at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park! 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 crafts such

as face painting, shell creatures, 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.



18th Annual Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show

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

Many volunteers needed!

If you would like to help with this annual event, please email Lori:

Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us

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

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