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## Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer Newsletter

October 2016

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### Volunteer Spotlight:

#### Florida Gulf Coast University Volunteer: Caitlin Bond

Caitlin is a psychology major and a biology minor and has been helping out every Thursday morning since June. She has assisted rangers with sea turtle data collection, trash pickup, tree trimming, boardwalk clearing, and other maintenance duties.



Caitlin Bond

#### Coastal Clean-up was a Great Success this Year!

On Saturday, September 17, Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park was again a host site for Keep Collier Beautiful's annual Coastal Clean-up. From 8am-11am, 210 volunteers picked up trash all over the park and beach. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to keep our park looking beautiful!

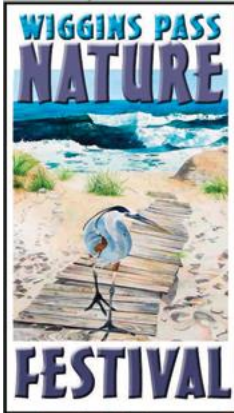


Volunteers dropping off trash bags

#### Some of the items collected:

1,180 food wrappers	225 straws
850 cigarette butts	120 plastic pieces
826 bottle caps	40 plastic bags
351 bottles and cans	13 balloons

## Information:



### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wiggins Pass Nature Fest** **Volunteers needed!**

**Saturday, October 29th, 2016 from 10am- 3pm**  
**FREE with park entry fee**

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 such as interacting with live

animals; face painting; completing Adventure Passports; making Halloween-themed nature crafts; paddle boarding courtesy of Naples Beach Adventures; and story time with local children's author James Zwerneman. **Kids are highly encouraged to wear Halloween costumes** and complete an Adventure Passport. Visitors with completed passports will receive giveaways while supplies last! We will also have many local environmental organizations displaying wildlife and conservation exhibits. Food from Naples Beach Adventures will be on site for lunch and snacks.

If you would like to volunteer at this event, please email Lori: [Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us)



## October Programs:

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

### **BEACH COMBING**

**Every Sunday in October at 9:30AM**

### **YOGA ON THE BEACH**

**Every Wednesday in October at 9:00AM**

Yoga class is \$5 plus park admission. To make a reservation and payment please call **Greenmonkey Yoga** at 239-598-1938 or visit: [www.greenmonkey.com](http://www.greenmonkey.com).

### **NATURAL COMMUNITIES OF A BARRIER ISLAND**

**Thursday, October 20 at 9:30AM**

### **SEA TURTLES**

**Thursday, October 27 at 9:30AM**

### **WIGGINS PASS NATURE FEST**

**Saturday, October 29 from 10AM-3PM**

## **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. 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 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](mailto:dwmembershipchair@gmail.com)

### **Upcoming Friends meetings at the Park, all are welcome:**

- October 10 at 10am
- November 14 at 10am
- December 12, holiday picnic, time to be determined
- January 9 at 10am
- February 13 at 10am
- March 13 at 10am
- April 10, end of season picnic, time to be determined

Any questions? Contact:

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