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

**September 2015**

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### **Upcoming Programs:**

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

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

***Every Wednesday in September from 9:00am-10:00am***

**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).

#### **BEACH COMBING**

***Every Friday & Sunday in September at 9:30am***

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

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

***Thursday, September 3 at 9:30am***

Join a Ranger and explore our barrier island. Learn about the Maritime Hammock plants, how they protect us, and what we can do to protect them. Exciting discoveries are made along the beach, across the dunes and through cool, shaded hammock areas. We suggest wearing comfortable clothes and bringing a water bottle, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

#### **LITERACY DAY STORY TIME**

***Tuesday, September 8 at 10:00am***

**Free park entry for participants**

Celebrate Literacy Day with a good book! Kids-join a Volunteer under a big tree in area 3 of the Park for some fun and exciting stories.

#### **MEET OUR RESIDENT ARTIST**

***Wednesday, September 9 & 16 from 9:00am-10:00am***

Come meet 2015 Resident Artist Damaris Gonzalez in area 5 of the Park. Damaris is an award winning photographer and has exhibited at several events including our Wildlife and Wildlands art show. While at the park, she will be taking photographs of wildlife and available to answer questions or simply chat.

#### **SPIDERS**

***Thursday, September 10 at 9:30am***

Spiders everywhere! Even at the Spider presentation! There's an abundance of spiders found in Florida, about 900 species! Most people will be happy to know that the majority of spiders 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, September 24 at 9:30am***

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.

## News and Information:

### Sea turtle nesting update

As of today, our sea turtle nests are holding at 58.  
We've had 39 out of the 58 nests hatch so far!



Baby Loggerhead sea turtles

A flyer for a coastal clean-up event. At the top, it features the 'Keep Collier Beautiful INC.' logo and the 'KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE' logo. The main text reads 'Coastal Cleanup September 19, 2015 8:00 AM-11:00 AM Volunteers Needed'. Below this, it lists 'Cleanup/Signup Sites: Delnor Wiggins Pass, Vanderbilt Beach, Lowdermilk Park, Naples Pier, Clam Pass, Rookery Bay NERR, Tiger Tail Beach, Golden Gate Canals, Isle of Capri, Barefoot Beach, Naples Bay (NSYC), Ann Olesky Park @ Lake Trafford Immokalee, Holdeman Creek (HARDY TRAILER TROOP)'. It also includes a QR code and the 'KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL' logo. At the bottom, it states 'Coordinated by Keep Collier Beautiful, Inc. For more info: www.keepcollierbeautiful.com 239-580-8319 or e-mail: litternet@earthlink.net'. A small note at the very bottom says 'Sponsorships available, groups of more than 10 please pre-register at or e-mail: litternet@earthlink.net'.

Flyer for Coastal Clean-up

**Join Coastal Clean-up on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 8am-11am!**  
The Park will be a host site for Keep Collier Beautiful's Coastal Clean-up on Saturday, September 19. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Jim Zimmerman at 239-580-8319 or [Litternet@earthlink.net](mailto:litternet@earthlink.net)

### Delnor-Wiggins Has New Staff Members!

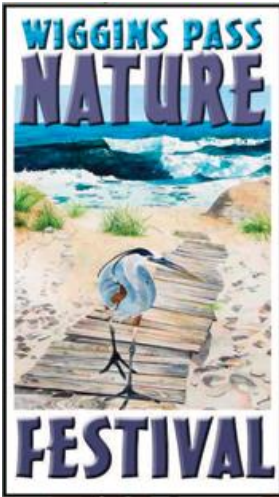


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Park Ranger

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Park Ranger

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Park Ranger

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Save the Date!

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual NATURE FEST**

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10am- 3pm**

**Many volunteers needed!**

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

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Any questions? Contact:

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