

# APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS April 2009

## “GET OUTDOORS, IT’S YOURS”

“NATIONAL PARKS WEEK” **APRIL 19-25**—COME AND CELEBRATE YOUR NATIONAL PARKS WITH US AT CANAVERAL NATIONAL SEASHORE. THERE ARE SPECIAL JUNIOR RANGER EVENTS SCHEDULED ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *all programs are subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling* due to staff limitations, weather conditions, or other factors. Some programs require reservations, a minimum age, or a cost-recovery fee. Call 386-428-3384 for program information during operating hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Visit our website at [www.nps.gov/cana](http://www.nps.gov/cana) . Entrance fees apply to all interpretive program participants. All programs meet the requirements for the Canaveral National Seashore Junior Ranger program.

### **PONTOON BOAT CRUISE: THE BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON**

Journey with a National Park Ranger and Master Naturalist on a visit to the colorful places that lend character to this vital estuary. On our pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol*, our licensed captains are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe park water tour. Join us for a two-hour journey as we cruise the lagoon on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., weather permitting. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged for all passengers. Senior pass and Access pass holders receive 50 % off. Call (386) 428-3384 to reserve space.

### **“TURTLE MOUND TALK”**

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> -11:00 AM**-Learn what life would have been like for the Timucuan Indians who inhabited this area 2,000 years ago. Hat, water and sunscreen recommended. Meet at Turtle Mound. (1 hour)

### **“ELDORA WALK”**

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> -11:00 AM**- Take a stroll through time down to the Eldora State House and learn what it would have been like to live in an agricultural village around the turn-of-the-century. Meet at parking area #8. (1 hour)

### **“LAGOON DISCOVERY”**

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> -11:00 AM-** Be a marine biologist for a day and see what kind of creatures you can catch in the lagoon. Bring water, sunscreen and bug spray. Be prepared to get in the water and wear closed toed shoes. Meet at Turtle Mound. (1 hour)

### **“HOOK, LINE AND SINKER”**

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> -1:00 PM-** Bait, rigs and tackle tips will be discussed for surf fishing on Apollo Beach, along with the rules and regulations for keeping what you catch. Bring water and sunscreen. We have a few rods; feel free to bring your own. Meet at the Visitor Information Center Pavilion. (2 hours)

### **“COAST TO COAST”**

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 PM-** Join a Master Naturalist and learn about our barrier island ecosystem. Start exploring the mangrove ecosystem and work your way to the beachside to explore coastal flora and fauna. (90 Minutes)

### **“CLAMMING 101”**

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>-10:00 AM-** Learn how to collect this delicious bivalve from the waters of Mosquito Lagoon. Learn tips, techniques and recipes along with the Florida bag and size limits. Must wear covered shoes (no sandals or flip flops). Park at parking lot #1 and meet at the boat ramp. (1 hour)

### **“FISH MOSQUITO LAGOON”**

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 PM-** Learn tips and tricks for fishing the waters of Mosquito Lagoon. Bring your own tackle if you can, we have some supplies. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet at the Pavilion. (2 hours)

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10:00 AM-** Join us for an Earth Day Beach Cleanup. Walk the beach for your health and the health of the seashore. Bags will be provided, Bring water, a hat and sunscreen. Meet at Pavilion. (2 hours)

### **“CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON”**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> -1:00 PM-** Reservations will begin a week before the canoe date. Join a guide as you explore this rich and diverse estuary up close. Some experience is preferred. You must be at least 8 years old and able to paddle. You must wear covered shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Bring water, sunscreen and a hat. Dress to get wet. Individuals with their own kayaks or canoes are welcome to join in. Call (386) 428-3384 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Visitor Information Center Pavilion at 12:45 p.m. we will leave promptly at 1:00 p.m. (2 hours)