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Timucuan Celebrates “Healthy Parks, Healthy People”, National Park Week with the Introduction of New Junior Ranger Program

The Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Jacksonville’s National Park, will celebrate National Park Week April 16th-24th with special programs. Please visit Kingsley Plantation and Fort Caroline and celebrate with us by participating in any of our special events, especially Junior Ranger Day on Saturday April 23.

National Park Week is an annual celebration and recognition of your National Parks. This year’s theme is “Healthy Parks, Healthy People.” Children can now become a *Let’s Move Outside* Junior Ranger by participating in activities that get their hearts pumping and bodies moving. The *Let’s Move Outside* Junior Ranger program is part of First Lady Michelle Obama’s campaign to combat childhood obesity. The program is free and features the new Junior Ranger activity entitled, *Birds of Prey*. The activity encourages children and parents to hike and explore the trails at Fort Caroline National Memorial, searching for evidence of the majestic birds of prey that live here.

National Park Week includes the special Ranger programs listed below that will be given at both Kingsley Plantation and Fort Caroline. Junior Ranger Day, April 23rd, is a day full of youth oriented programs. Kids will receive the new *Let’s Move Outside* stickers, Junior Ranger patches, and certificates for participating in the events.

The beautiful Timucuan Preserve is located within the city limits of Jacksonville, Florida. Come experience salt marshes, wildlife, miles of trails, historic sites, and the great outdoors.

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Events for National Park Week include:

Fort Caroline:

- **Sunday through Thursday April 17-21, at 3p.m. “The History of the Musket: Matchlocks, Flintlocks, and Percussion Caps”**
Rangers will present the history of the musket and its changes and uses through history.
- **April 16th through 19th at 11:00 a.m. “Woodland Walks”**
A ranger guided tour through the forests where Timucua Indians once lived.
- **April 20th and April 23rd at 11:00 a.m. “Crossbows with Ranger Cody”**
An interactive program where visitors learn about the history of the French defenses.

Kingsley Plantation:




- **Saturday April 16th and 23rd at 1:00 p.m. “From Boll to Shawl”**
An interactive demonstration of how Sea Island cotton becomes cloth.
- **Sunday April 17th and 24th at 1:00 p.m. “Playtime on the Plantation”**
A rag-doll making activity and chance to try out Plantation era toys and games.

Fort Caroline National Memorial
12713 Ft. Caroline Rd.
Jacksonville, FL 32225
904.641.7155
(30°23'7.96" N - 81°29'51.17" W)

Kingsley Plantation
11676 Palmetto Ave
Jacksonville, FL 32226
904.251.3537
(30°26'20.17" N - 81°26'15.03" W)

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