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TURTLE WATCH RESERVATIONS BEGIN ON MAY 15TH FOR PROGRAMS SET IN SUMMER 2015

Starting Friday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m., staff at Canaveral National Seashore will begin taking telephone reservations for this year's summer Turtle Watch programs. The number to call is (386) 428-3384 ext. 223.

The programs are open to all persons eight (8) years of age and older. Programs are limited to forty (40) persons per night with a maximum of six (6) persons per reservation call. The fee for this program is \$14.00 per person, ages 16 and above, 15 and under are free. Persons with an Access or a Senior Pass receive a 50% discount for the cardholder only. Children must be 8 years old to participate. While visitors are not guaranteed a view

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of a nesting sea turtle, the 2014 success rate exceeded 90%. Fees will not be refunded if a sea turtle is not found; however unfavorable weather conditions may be cause for a

refund of fees if the program is cancelled. During the summer, programs are scheduled most Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The programs for 2015 will be provided in both districts of the seashore, the Playalinda district (Titusville) and the Apollo district (New Smyrna Beach) programs will run from 8:00 p.m. until midnight. Available dates for Playalinda district are as follows: June 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26. Available dates for Apollo district are as follows: June 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27. Please have several dates in mind when you call, and we ask that you keep your calls brief. Further information and instruction will be sent to you within two (2) weeks of your phone call. Turtle Watch programs give park visitors a unique opportunity to learn about sea turtles and the role that the National Park Service plays in their conservation.

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