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FEDS FEED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

In addition to rip currents, invasive plants, and sea turtle nests the busy Rangers at Canaveral National Seashore will have another topic on their minds this summer: hunger.

The national Feds Feed Families campaign runs through August 31. National Park Service employees across the country have been asked to beat their department's record collection last year of over 7 tons of food. At Canaveral National Seashore each employee has been asked to donate a minimum of 5 pounds of food. That's only 5 – 16oz cans of fruit, vegetables or soups, or 1 - 5lb bag of flour.

But the Rangers want to do more, and so they have invited the public to join them in their effort. All donations collected will go to a local area food bank. The Rangers know the need is great right here at home. In Volusia and Flagler Counties, close to a third of all children do not consistently get nutritious meals. 57% of Volusia children qualify for free or reduced price meals at school. In Flagler County it is over 62%.

The food drive runs through August 31. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Apollo Beach entrance to the park or at the Visitor Information Center at 7611 S. Atlantic Avenue, New Smyrna Beach.

Summer is a difficult time for food banks. Please join the Rangers as they help restock the pantries.

For more information contact the Canaveral National Seashore Visitor Center at 386-428-3384 ext. 0.

SOURCES: Feeding America.org, Feds Feed Families.gov, U.S. Census, Florida Department of Education, Volusia County schools and Flagler County schools.

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