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### APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS February 2015

**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 ext. 0 for program information during operating hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), [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.

#### WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> AND THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup>

– **“PONTOON BOAT CRUISE TO HISTORIC SEMINOLE REST”** Take a leisurely cruise from the dock behind the Visitor Center to Seminole Rest, where there will be a tour of the historic house. We’ll see lots of wildlife and enjoy some of the same views as river steamer passengers saw in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Our comfortable pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol*, and our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe tour. Join us as we depart from the Visitor Center at 10 a.m., weather permitting.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged. There is a 50% discount for each holder of Senior or Access passes. Children 15 and under are free. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve space. (3 hours)

#### FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup> AND SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup>

– **“PONTOON BOAT CRUISE: THE BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON”** Take a leisurely cruise to the places that lend character to this vital estuary. On our pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol*, our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe park water tour. Join us for a two-hour journey as we depart from the Visitor Center 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. There is a 50% discount for each holder of Senior or Access passes. Children 15 and under are free. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve space. (2 hours)

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup> – 9 AM – “CASTLE WINDY – PLANTS OF THE PARK”** Take a walk in the dunes around the parking lot and on the Castle Windy trail with botanists who will explain how plants were used by Native Americans and early settlers, explain their unique botanical characteristics, and their areas of adaptation. Meet at parking lot #3. (2 hours)

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> – 10:00 AM “CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON”** Reservations are required and can be made beginning one 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, flip-flops or Crocs). 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 ext. 0 to reserve your spot. Meet at the visitor center at 9:45 a.m. (2 hours)

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> – 9:00 AM “TURTLE MOUND – PLANTS OF THE PARK”** Take a walk to the top of Turtle Mound with botanists who will explain how plants were used by Native Americans and early settlers, of their unique botanical characteristics, and of their areas of adaptation. Meet at Turtle Mound parking lot. (1 hour)

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> – 11:00 AM “ELDORA – PLANTS OF THE PARK”** Take a walk to the Eldora House, over the wooden bridge, and return to the parking lot with botanists who will explain how plants were used by Native Americans and early settlers, explain their unique botanical characteristics, and their areas of adaptation. Meet at Eldora parking lot. (1 hour)

**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 26<sup>TH</sup> – 10:00 AM – “SEMINOLE REST – PLANTS OF THE PARK”** Take a walk around Seminole Rest with botanists who will explain how plants were used by Native Americans and early settlers, explain their unique botanical characteristics, and their areas of adaptation. Meet at the parking lot. (1 hour)

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> – 11:00 AM – “BROWN BAG LUNCH PRESENTATION”** Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month for a special presentation by a carefully selected speaker regarding conservation and environmental issues. Please bring a bag lunch to enjoy with the speaker after the program. This month’s program will be presented Joel Wooster, a local mollusk expert and master naturalist. Programs will be held at the Apollo Beach Visitor Center outdoor pavilion, weather permitting, or inside the auditorium if there is inclement weather. (1 hour)

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> – 3:00 PM – “BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHORALE AND MUSIC OUTREACH PROGRAM”** This concert is free and open to the public. Come and enjoy this premiere performing group in the natural setting of the Seashore. Concert will be held outside of the Apollo Beach Visitor Center. Bring a chair and a friend (2 hours)

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