July 2021 Upcoming Programs

Waterbody paddle – Seminole Rest National Park **July 2, 9:00 -11:00 am Friday**
Explore the Indian River Lagoon while paddling from Seminole Rest Park to surrounding areas. Participants may have the opportunity to see a variety of organisms including manatees, dolphins, and different species of birds. Must have Kayak/Canoe/SUP, life preserver and whistle. **Meet at 207 River Rd., Oak Hill 32759.**

Volunteer and learn - NSB Flagler Ave. **July 5, 8:30 am – 10:30 am Monday**
Volunteers will clean up firework debris and other trash left on the beach after the Fourth of July holiday. We will also learn how trash and other obstacles interfere with sea turtle nesting and hatchlings. We will meet at the pavilion. Please be aware that the parking lot at Flagler Ave. requires a parking pass or a daily fee. Street parking is available. Please call 386-736-5927 to RSVP. Contact clmiller@volusia.org with questions.

Snorkel Program- Blue Spring State Park "paid Entry" **July 7, 8:30 – 10:30 am Wednesday**
Bring your snorkel gear to explore the wonders of the spring habitat. Participants will get the opportunity to learn about the importance of springs while enjoying crystal clear "72°F" water. Participants must be able to swim, have their own equipment, and anyone under the age of 18 will be required to wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) and be accompanied by an adult guardian at all times. There will be a park entrance fee for admittance to the park ($6 per vehicle. Limit 2-8 people in vehicle, $4 for Single Occupant, $2 Pedestrians, bicyclists, extra passengers, passengers in vehicle with holder of Annual Individual Entrance Pass. **Meet at 2100 W. French Ave. Orange City, FL 32763.**

Seine net- Spruce Creek Park **July 8, 9:00-11:00 am Thursday**
Join us on a seining adventure https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seine_fishing! Participants will have the opportunity to use a seventy-foot basket seine net to observe a variety of local organisms, and learn about microplastics, the harm they are causing in the environment and ways to cut down on the impact. **Meet at 6250 S Ridgewood Ave, Port Orange, 32127.**

Waterbody Paddle - Doris Leeper **July 15, 9:00 - 12:00 pm Thursday**
Bring a canoe, Kayak or SUP for a leisurely paddling trip on Spruce Creek**.** Learn about estuary and marsh ecosystems, along with a variety of information about the biodiversity of these important habitats. Participants must have Kayak/Canoe/SUP, life preserver and whistle. **Meet at 3251 N. Dixie Highway, New Smyrna Beach.**

Snorkel Program- Blue Spring State Park "paid Entry" **July 20, 8:30 – 10:30 am Tuesday**

Bring your snorkel gear to explore the wonders of the spring habitat. Participants will get the opportunity to learn about the importance of springs while enjoying crystal clear "72°F" water. Participants must be able to swim, have their own equipment, and anyone under the age of 18 will be required to wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) and be accompanied by an adult guardian at all times. There will be a park entrance fee for admittance to the park ($6 per vehicle. Limit 2-8 people in vehicle, $4 for Single Occupant, $2 Pedestrians, bicyclists, extra passengers, passengers in vehicle with holder of Annual Individual Entrance Pass. **Meet at 2100 W. French Ave. Orange City, FL 32763.**

Beach Bike- Esther Park **July 22, 9:00 – 11:00 am Thursday**

Take a leisurely ride from Ester Park to Ponce De Leon Inlet and back (approximately five-mile total trip). During the ride participants will learn about wrack lines, marine mammals, sea turtle nesting, and much more. Participants are required to wear a helmet and bring their own bicycle (large tired bike recommended). **Meet at 551 Esther St. New Smyrna Beach, 32169.** (please review parking area requirements, free to Volusia County Residents with a parking permit. https://permitsnsb.rmcpay.com/#account_start).

Waterbody Paddle - Blue Spring **July 28, 9:00 - 11:00 am Wednesday**

Bring a canoe, kayak, or SUP for a leisurely paddling trip near Blue Spring State Park to explore the area while learning about local wildlife and the history of the area. Participants will also learn about water quality and the importance of Florida's springs as a manatee refuge. Must have Kayak/Canoe/SUP, life preserver and whistle. **Meet at the end of W. French Avenue in Orange city. About 1 mile past Blue Spring State Park Entrance.**

Volunteer and Learn – LEC **July 30, 9:00 – 11:00 am Friday**

Volunteers will do basic garden maintenance in the raised garden beds and the pollinator garden. This may including weeding, soil preparation, planting, watering, etc. Volunteers will learn about pollinator gardens and their importance for bees, birds, and butterflies. There will also be a conversation about native plants for home gardens. Please call 386-736-5927 to RSVP. Contact clmiller@volusia.org with questions.