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### APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS February 2016

**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 3<sup>RD</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup> -- 10:00 AM - "CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON"**

Reservations will be accepted a 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 or flip-flops). 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 Visitors Information Center at 9:45 a.m. We will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. (2 hours)

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup> -- "BIRDERS" PONTOON BOAT TOUR"** Take a leisurely cruise from the dock behind the Visitor Center to see the many birds of Canaveral National Seashore. A park guide will be on board to point out different species as they appear. 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. (2 hours)

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<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 19th 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.

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**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup>; SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup>; AND SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</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 3<sup>RD</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup> – “PLANTS OF THE PARK”** Join us for a series of plant walks to learn how the plants in the park were used by Native Americans and early settlers and see their unique botanical characteristics and areas of adaptation. There will be two walks on the 3rd. The first explores the area around Turtle Mound. Meet at Turtle Mound parking area at 9 AM (1-1/2 hours). The second walk at 11 AM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> also meets at the Turtle Mound parking area and walks south towards the Visitor Center. (1 hour) On the 17<sup>th</sup>, we will explore the plants on the loop trail. Meet at Parking Lot #9 at 10 AM. (2 hours) The walk on the 24<sup>th</sup> explores Castle Windy. Meet at 10 AM at Parking Lot #3. (2 hours).

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> “RUN WITH THE RANGERS”** It’s time again for our “Run with the Rangers and JR. Ranger Fun Run” This event is presented by Canaveral National Seashore and the Friends of Canaveral. You may register [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) Meet at parking Lot #1 9 AM. (3 hours)

**WEDNESDAY 17<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 by Ethel Wilson, who will discuss the fascinating history of Bethune Beach. Programs will be held at the Apollo Visitor Center outdoor pavilion, weather permitting, or inside the auditorium if there is inclement weather. (1 hour)

**THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> – “TURTLE TALK”** Learn about the 2015 nesting season of the endangered sea turtles of Canaveral National Seashore. Meet at the Visitor Center at 10 AM. (1 hour)

*About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America’s 401 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).*