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## March 2024



### Morning Meditation Hike

7:30-9:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**OUTDOOR:** Bring your coffee and enjoy a few quiet peaceful moments by the wetland in our open-air outdoor classroom. We'll then embark on a guided hike to learn about the flora and fauna of Lyonia Preserve.

Participants should bring water; wear closed toed shoes and be prepared to hike on unpaved sugar sand trails for approximately 1.5 miles. This program is recommended for adults.



### Tiny Trekkers

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**INDOOR/OUTDOOR:** We love books about nature and want to share some of our favorites with you. Come join the fun as we experience the sights and sounds of the outdoors during a nature themed story reading. After the story, an LEC volunteer will guide you on a short hike through Lyonia Preserve. This program is recommended for children ages 2-7 and participants should wear closed toed shoes, bring water, and be prepared to hike on unpaved sugar sand trails.

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## Bountiful Blueberries Hike

**10:30-11:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**OUTDOOR:** Join Anisa Khalid, Ph.D. Student & Research Assistant with University of Florida, Gainesville on an enlightening stroll through Lyonia Preserve to discover the origins and diversity of a beloved American fruit: the blueberry. This hike will introduce you to Florida's native blueberry species and delve into the intriguing history of blueberry domestication. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your knowledge of these delectable fruits in their natural habitat! This program is appropriate for ages 12 and up.



## Wildlife Festival

**9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**INDOOR/OUTDOOR:** Join us for guided hikes, ecobuggy tours, guest speakers, environmental exhibitors, kids' activities, food for purchase, and more. Free admission! Fun for the whole family!



## Lyonia Photography Club Classroom Meeting

**10:00-11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**INDOOR:** Lyonia Preserve has unlimited opportunities for photographing birds, reptiles, and plants. Volunteers from West Volusia Audubon Society lead this monthly program series. Today's session includes class instruction on photography techniques. All skill levels and camera types (from cell phone cameras to fancy digital cameras) are welcome!

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### Nature at Night: Coontie & Florida Atala Butterflies

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**INDOOR:** Paul Rebmann, a Florida Master Naturalist, nature photographer and host of the Wild Florida Photo website will speak about Coontie plants and their connection to the rare Atala butterflies. Coonties are interesting plants with leaves that emerge from the ground and look like little palms or ferns. This program will explain what coonties are, their history, including use by humans going back to the early inhabitants of Florida. After the discussion, stay to enjoy pizza and non-alcoholic beverages provided by the Friends of Lyonia Environmental Center. All ages welcome.



### Lyonia Photography Club Preserve Hike

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

**OUTDOOR:** Lyonia Preserve has unlimited opportunities for photographing birds, reptiles, and plants. Volunteers from West Volusia Audubon Society lead this monthly program series. Today's program features a hike that will provide field opportunities to hone your skills. All skill levels and camera types (from cell phone cameras to fancy digital cameras) are welcome! Join us! Let's see what plants and animals we can photograph!



### Introduction to Container Gardening for Small Spaces Part 1

Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

**INDOOR INDOOR/OUTDOOR:** This is the first of a two-part series on gardening for small spaces. The first class is a general introduction to container gardening. The second class is a more in-depth hands-on class and will be held two weeks after the first class. It is recommended to attend Part 1 before taking Part 2. People who complete both classes will be entered to win a 3.5 ft tall Greenstalk tower garden complete with soil and seeds. Space is limited so register early. Participants will be encouraged to document their gardening progress and become gardening ambassadors. This program is recommended for adults.

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## **Nibbles with a Naturalist**

**2:00-2:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**INDOOR:** New program alert! Join us for the first of a new recurring series, where one of our staff naturalists presents a casual program on a nature topic, while you enjoy snacks provided by the Friends of Lyonia Environmental Center. Our first program is all about jellyfish. This program is appropriate for ages 12 and up.



## **St. Patrick's Day Sunday Science**

**2:00-2:30**  
**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**INDOOR:** Who doesn't love the magic of rainbows, leprechauns, and pots of gold! This month we are feeling lucky to offer this program for families and children ages 7 and up. We'll be conducting some fun and festive science experiments to help welcome the spring season.



## **SUNRISE IN THE SCRUB HIKE**

**7:00-8:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**OUTDOOR:** This is a hike for the early riser! Bring your coffee and join LEC staff on a guided hike in Lyonia Preserve. Participants should dress for the weather and wear close-toed shoes. We will be hiking approximately 1.5 miles on unpaved sugar sand trails. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

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### WHAT'S FOR BREAKFAST?

**10:00-10:30 a.m.**  
**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**INDOOR:** It's feeding time at LEC! Each of our animal ambassadors has a specific diet. Learn more about our salt and freshwater fish, marine invertebrates, turtles, alligators, snakes, and lizards. Bring your camera for a photo opportunity with a live animal encounter! All ages welcome.



### The Future of Water is in Your Hands

**11:00 – 12:00**  
**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**INDOOR:** Join us for a World Water Day tour in the gallery to trace the journey of water. Learn about how scrub habitat plays a role in our water supply and things you can do at home to conserve water. After the journey of water tour, make a craft to show the future of water is in your hands. Appropriate for adults and families with children ages 7 and up.



### FULL MOON NIGHT HIKE

**Time: 7:00-8:30 P.M.**  
**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**OUTDOOR:** Come see Lyonia Preserve in an entirely different 'light' during a full moon guided hike! Participants should dress for the weather and wear close-toed shoes and be prepared to hike on sugar sand trails. Headlamps or flashlights are required. Registration is limited. This program is for adults only.

**The LEC will be closed Friday, March 29.**

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### Introduction to Container Gardening for Small Spaces Part 2

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

**INDOOR/OUTDOOR:** This is the second of a two-part series on gardening for small spaces. People who complete both classes will be entered to win a 3.5 ft tall Greenstalk tower garden complete with soil and seeds. Space is limited. Registration for this class opens on March 16. It is recommended to attend Part 1 before taking Part 2. Participants will be encouraged to document their gardening progress and become gardening ambassadors. This program is recommended for adults.



### NATURE BRANCH WEAVING

Time: 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

**INDOOR:** Branch weaving brings the idea of loom weaving and nature together. Learn to create your own branch weaving using repurposed materials, and items found in nature while encouraging the use of fine motor skills and personal creativity. This program has limited space and pre-registration is required. It is recommended for ages 12 and up.

**The LEC will be closed Sunday, March 31**