March 2022 Upcoming Programs

**Bike-About - Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve**
March 2, 9:00 - 11:30 am Wednesday
Ride a segment of Martin Dairy Trails in Spruce Creek Preserve while learning about the local ecosystem. Moderate skill preferred due to rough terrain, up and down hills, and soft sand. Bicycle and helmets are required. **Meet at the dirt parking lot on Martin Dairy Rd. New Smyrna Beach, 32168. (Turn north off of Turnbull Bay Rd. just off of Pioneer Trail)**

**Volunteer and Learn - Landscaping & World Wildlife Day**
March 3, 2022 9:00 - 11:00, Thursday
Come celebrate World Wildlife day by volunteering at the Marine Science Center. Volunteers will learn about World Wildlife Day and the international treaty that has protected many species including sea turtles. Volunteers will see the sea turtle hospital and some exhibits with species protected by the treaty. After the short program, volunteers will assist with landscaping, trimming, vine removal, etc. on the grounds. **Meet at the Marine Science Center Main Building 100 Lighthouse Drive, Ponce Inlet**

**Waterbody Paddle - Callalisa Creek**
March 8, 9:00 - 11:30 am Tuesday
Enjoy a wonderful backwater paddle through a maze of mangroves. Participants will navigate oyster beds, learn about mosquito canals, and possibly see a variety of birds during this paddle. Must have kayak/canoe/SUP, life preserver, and whistle for this adventure. **Meet at 598 S. Peninsula Ave, New Smyrna Beach. 32167**

**Guided Hike - Scrub Oak Preserve**
March 11, 9:00 - 10:30 am Friday
Learn about the importance of scrub habitat, water recharge zones, and keystone species while hiking through the beautiful scenery of Scrub Oak Preserve. Participants will hike approximately 1 mile of trails and get an up-close look at the land management practices of the conservation area. **Meet at 1495 McGregor Rd. DeLand, FL 32720**

**EcoBuggy - Longleaf Lunch and learn**
March 16, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Wednesday
Take a ride through Longleaf Pine Preserve while learning about its beautiful scenery and the importance of the lands. The EcoBuggy will stop at the pavilion where participants will be able to eat lunch (not included) and learn about the problems associated with micro-plastics and marine debris. **Meet at West Entrance 3637 E. New York Ave. Deland. Participants will need to walk approximately 1/10 of a mile to load onto the Ecobuggy (if you are not able to make the walk please let us know at registration and we can make other arrangements).**
**Guided Hike - Ponce Preserve**
March 18, 9:00 - 11:00 am Friday
Take a leisurely hike to view local wildlife and beautiful scenery. Participants will hike the 41 acre park to view a shell midden, maritime hammocks, mangrove forest, and dune systems. **Meet at 4401 South Peninsula Drive. Ponce Inlet, FL 32127.**

**Bike-About - Longleaf Pine Preserve**
March 19, 9:00 - 11:00 am Saturday
Take a leisurely early morning ride through Longleaf Pine Preserve’s flatwoods, cypress domes and swamps. Participants will learn about the plants and animals of the wetlands. Bike and helmet required **Meet at the east entrance, 4551 Pioneer Trail, New Smyrna Beach.**

**Volunteer and Learn - World Water Day Storm Drain Marking**
March 22, 2022 9:00 - 11:00, Tuesday
Come celebrate World Water Day by marking storm drains with ‘No Dumping’ stickers. Volunteers will learn about World Water Day and the groundwater theme this year. Then volunteers will mark the storm drains in the Oak Hill, Edgewater area. By informing people that the storm drains flow directly to local waterways, we can prevent one form of pollution. **Meet at River Breeze Park, 250 H.H. Burch Road, Oak Hill**

**EcoBuggy - Heart Island Conservation Area**
March 23, 9:00 am - 11:00 am Wednesday
Take a ride through Heart Island Conservation Area, part of the 35,280-acre Lake George Wildlife Management Area. Natural communities include basin swamps, floodplain swamps, basin marshes, hydric hammocks, mesic flatwoods and scrub. **Meet at 6348 Lake Winona Rd. De Leon Springs, 32130. (Address is not exact)**

**Volunteer and Learn - Manatee Appreciation Day & Jetty Cleanup**
March 30 9:00 - 11:00, Wednesday
Come celebrate Manatee Appreciation Day at Lighthouse Point Park! Volunteers will learn about manatees and the threats they face. Then volunteers will help clean up the jetty and surrounding area in the park. Fishing line entanglement is one of the many threats that endanger manatees. By removing discarded line and trash from the jetty, volunteer will provide a cleaner safer environment for manatees and other wildlife. **Meet at the jetty at Lighthouse Point Park 5000 S Atlantic Ave, Ponce Inlet. Please note, there is a daily entrance fee of $10 per vehicle if you do not have a pass.**

**Paddle & Explore - Menard May Park**
March 31, 9:00 - 11:00 am Thursday
Make a short paddle across the channel from Menard May park to explore the local islands. Participants will be seine netting, and hiking to discover the wonders of the estuary. Participants will need a kayak/canoe, or stand up paddle board, life preserver, whistle and to wear closed toe water shoes. **Meet at 413 S Riverside Dr., Edgewater, FL 32132**