



Upcoming environmental programs

September 2019



- **Tiny Trekkers “The Otter Who Loved to Hold Hands”**
from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 7th.

Follow along with us as we read a book about an otter that is too worried and afraid to be left on his own. Then take a short trek and create a craft to take home. This program is recommended for children ages 2-5.



- **“The Nature of Things: “The Gillespie Museum at 60”** from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Saturday, September 7th.

In the informal style of a science café, Karen Cole, director of Stetson University’s Gillespie Museum, will present on the history of the museum and its mineral collection, focusing on how science collections are used. Stetson’s Gillespie Museum has nearly a thousand of its 15,000 historical mineral specimens on display in changing exhibits. This program is appropriate for adults and teens.



- **Nature’s Fall Fairies** from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Sunday, September 8th. Nature provides us with many materials we can use to create unique crafts. Fall is coming soon! LEC staff will guide participants in creating a whimsical fairy take-home ornament made from items found in nature. Pre-registration is required as space and materials are limited.





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- **Whoooo's Who? from 2:00-2:45 p.m. Sunday, September 15th.** Owls, mysterious, silent stalkers of the night have been important throughout history and are found in many different cultures. Discover more about owl anatomy, examine their feathers under a microscope and learn how to recognize, by sight and sound, the different species that live in Volusia County.
- **Owl Pellet Dissection & Discovery lab from 2:45-3:30 p.m. Sunday, September 15th.** Did you know that owls eat their prey whole? Owls aren't able to digest bones, so they regurgitate them as pellets. In this hands-on lab, LEC staff will guide you through examining the contents of owl pellets to learn more about what owls eat. The fee is \$5 per owl pellet.
- **Creature Feature "Fierce Foxes" from 2:30- 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 19th.** Have you ever been curious about why foxes are such sly hunters? Do you know how fast they can run or how well they can hear? Join us for the answers to these questions and to learn more fun facts. This program is designed for all ages and we encourage participants to ask questions, explore and have fun!
- **Tiny Trekkers "Heron & Turtle" from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 21st.** Follow along as we read a book about a heron and a turtle that are good neighbors doing fun things together. Then take a short trek and create a craft to take home. This program is recommended for children ages 2-5.





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- **“Vanishing of the Bees” from 2:00-3:30 p.m.**

Saturday, September 21st. This documentary takes a piercing investigative look at the economic, political and ecological implications of the worldwide disappearance of the honeybee. The film examines our current agricultural landscape and celebrates the ancient and sacred connection between man and the honeybee. To empower the audience, the documentary provides viewers with tangible solutions they can apply to their everyday lives. The bees have a message - but will we listen?



- **ARACHNOPHOBIA! (Rated S for Spiders) from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Sunday,**

September 22nd. A weaver with unmatched skill. A survivor from the dawn of time. An assassin that can taste with their feet. Are they friend or foe? Join LEC staff to learn about spider anatomy, hunting techniques and the role these amazing creatures play in nature. This program is designed for kids, ages 6 and up, as well as adult audiences. Following the presentation, participants can learn how to draw a spider.



- **“The Florida Scrub Jay- Nature’s Bold & Curious Bird” from 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

Saturday, September 28th. Why do scrub jays sometimes land on people? Why do they cache over 6,000 acorns in a year? During this classroom presentation, LEC staff will answer these questions and more about the anatomy, diet and threats this endemic species faces. Following the presentation, participants can take a short stroll into Lyonia Preserve with staff to try to observe these beautiful birds in their natural habitat and learn to recognize their calls.





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- **“Family Fun Day at the LEC” from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 28th.** Enjoy a nature exploration of family-friendly activities. There will be live animal encounters with some of our resident animal ambassadors, nature themed crafts, and animal artifacts for participants to view.
- **Popcorn and a Movie-*Winged Migration* from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 29th.** Five film crews follow a rich variety of bird migrations through 40 countries and each of the seven continents. With teams totaling more than 450 people, 17 pilots and 14 cinematographers used planes, gliders, helicopters and balloons to fly alongside, above, below and in front of their subjects. Popcorn is provided free of charge. Drinks, candy & snacks are available for purchase.



Space is limited. Pre-registration is strongly suggested and can be done by calling (386) 789-7207 ext. # 21028. Please arrive 10 minutes before the program to sign in.

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