



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY through December 2012 (Revised 04/24/2012)

(*Subject to change)

MONTHLY BIRD WALKS ON PEPPER CREEK TRAIL

April 28, 2012 8:00– 9:30 am (Meet at 7:45 am)

October 20, 2012 8:00– 9:30 am (Meet at 7:45 am)

November 24, 2012 8:00– 9:30 am (Meet at 7:45 am)

(No bird walks in May, June, July, August, September and December)

FREE

Novice and experienced birders are invited to take a guided bird walk on Pepper Creek Trail. Leaders from Citrus County Audubon take birders on this guided walk. Bring binoculars and field guide if you have them. This leisurely-paced walk is on a handicapped accessible (paved) trail winding through a hydric hammock along Pepper Creek. Please call the park office to register (352) 628-5343.

WILDLIFE JEOPARDY PROGRAMS

Saturday, May 12, 2012 Armadillos 12:00-12:30 pm

Saturday, December 8, 2012 Flamingos 12:00-12:30 pm

Regular park admission applies.

A Question and Answer Jeopardy-style program for all ages on a different animal each month presented in the Children's Education Center in the Wildlife Park

NATURE ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS

Monday, June 11 through Saturday, June 16, 2012

Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm; Friday: 4:00 pm and overnight; Saturday Graduation at 11:00 am

June's Nature Academy is for children 8 and 9 years of age. Camp topics include mammals, birds, reptiles, manatees, the ocean, sea turtles and saving energy through alternative sources. Indoor and outdoor activities for children include nature hunts, visiting wildlife areas in the park and scientific activities. The cost of the program is \$45 per child and includes a T-shirt and supplies. The program is limited to 20 campers. Please call Allyssa Taylor for information on registering your child at (352) 628-1508.

NATURE ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS

Monday, July 9 through Saturday, July 14, 2012

Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm; Friday: 4:00 pm and overnight; Saturday Graduation at 11:00 am

June's Nature Academy is for children 10, 11 and 12 years of age. Camp topics include mammals, birds, reptiles, manatees, the ocean, sea turtles and saving energy through alternative sources. Indoor and outdoor activities for children include nature hunts, visiting wildlife areas in the park and scientific activities. The cost of the program is \$45 per child and includes a T-shirt and supplies. The program is limited to 20 campers. Please call Allyssa Taylor for information on registering your child at (352) 628-1508.

HAUNTED TRAM RIDES

Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27, 2012

Hours 6:00 to 11:00 pm

Pepper Creek Trail is transformed for a spooky tram ride. A Haunted House, costume contests, face painters and games are included. Suggested donations are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under, \$2.00 for the Haunted House. This fund-raising event is sponsored by the Friends of Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

Wednesday, December 19 through Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve); and again on Wednesday, December 26, 2012

Hours: 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

The annual Celebration of Lights at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park will run six evenings from December 19 through Christmas Eve, and then again on December 26 for an after-Christmas party. The community is invited to come and enjoy Sebastian's Winter Wonderland, a spectacular synchronized light and sound show. A variety of entertainment will be offered nightly and refreshments will be available. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park and the suggested donation is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.