Recurring Events

Saturdays, Aug 5th, Aug 12th, Aug 19th, Aug 26th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE NEST – Join us at the Mosaic Center for Nature, Exploration, Science, and Technology for a morning of discovery. Walk the grounds of the historic Reasoner Tract and observe botanical giants collected from around the world. Explore the canopy boardwalk among the banyans, climb to the top of the crow’s nest, take in breathtaking panoramic views, and make an exciting exit from the building via slide. Learn about upcoming programs and exciting new additions to Robinson Preserve. Program suitable for all ages. No reservations required. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Daily Events

Thursday, Aug 3rd, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – MICROFOREST PLANTING – Please join the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, Community Development District One (CDD1) and our allies for the planting of a high-performance microforest. Our microforest will include 50 or more native species of trees, shrubs, and ground covers planted in a way that encourages their fastest possible growth and greatest benefit to the ecological health of our park. The planting bed will be fully prepared – even with the holes dug – so all the volunteers need to do is properly install the plants. Program suitable for volunteers of all ages. Please drive to the Greenbrook Adventure Park parking lot and follow the signs, which will lead you on a short walk to the site. Bring work gloves, a small trowel, or gardener’s claw if you have them, although some will be provided. Beverages and refreshments will also be provided. For more information please contact charles.c.reith@gmail.com. Greenbrook Adventure Park

Saturday, Aug 5th, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – SOLAR ASTRONOMY AT THE NEST – See the sun as you have never seen it before. Join us for a special look through a Hydrogen Alpha solar telescope. Come see the sun in perfectly safe H-Alpha light and observe solar granulation, filaments, sunspots, and even solar flares. We will have opportunities to view the sun, the moon, and Jupiter. This is guaranteed to be a unique viewing experience. Program suitable for all ages. Program sponsored by Suncoast Stargazers in partnership with Manatee County. No reservations required. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Find the calendar online at www.mymanatee.org/ecoevents
Saturday, Aug 12th, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM – FAMILY FISHING CLUB – Looking to try some fishing? Have a burning question about a lure? Bring your tackle or borrow ours and join us for fishing club! Listen to a local angler present about their fishing experience, share with the fishing community and ask instructors anything and everything about fishing. Bait will be provided for the duration of the program. Fishing poles available to borrow for the duration of the program. ¿Le gustaría experimentar con la pesca? ¿Tiene una pregunta sobre un señuelo? ¡Traiga su equipo de pesca o hasta tome el de nosotros prestado y únase al club de pesca! Escucharan a pescadores de la comunidad presentar sobre su experiencia pescando en el área, comparta entre la comunidad de otros pescadores y pregunte cualquier duda sobre la pesca a instructores. Carnada será proveida durante el evento y cañas de pescar estarán disponibles para tomar prestadas por la duración del evento. Program suitable for all ages. Program sponsored by George H.W Bush Vamos a Pescar Education Fund and Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network in partnership with Manatee County. Reservations required. To register please visit https://manateefishingclub.eventbrite.com. For more information please contact sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6044.

Emerson Point Preserve

Monday, Aug 14th, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – SUNSET TAI CHI AT THE NEST – Join us for this monthly class at the NEST! At sunset on the second Monday of the month, Dr. Brian Nell, a certified Tai Chi instructor, will lead the group through the gentle movements of Tai Chi. This is a great way to shake off the stressful work week. Improve your balance, loosen your joints, and improve flexibility as you relax and breathe. This class is perfect for beginners and will include an exploration of several different styles of Tai Chi and Qigong. This class is held rain or shine. Program suitable for adults. Program sponsored by Cypress Pillar Healing Arts in partnership with Manatee County. Reservations required. To register please visit https://parks.mymanatee.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/search.html?primarycode=100004. For more information please contact aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org. $10 Registration Fee Payable Online. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Friday, Aug 25th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – ECOFLORA BIOBLITZ – Join us on a quest to document as many plant species as possible for the Sarasota-Manatee EcoFlora Project! We will use the user-friendly iNaturalist Neal Preserve. The observations and data we record will help to better inform decisions about the management and conservation of our natural resources. Program suitable for ages 5 and up. Program sponsored by Selby Botanical Gardens in partnership with Manatee County. Students can earn up to 3 volunteer service hours. Dress for a day in the sun and be prepared to walk up to two miles on uneven terrain, including areas that are off trail. Bring plenty of drinking water and a cell phone or camera. Only portable restrooms are available at this location. Reservations are required. To register please visit https://7082.blackbaudhosting.com/7082/Neal-Preserve-Bioblitz. For more information please contact ecoflora@selby.org. Neal Preserve