Saturday, Jun 1st, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM – GIVE-A-DAY FOR THE BAY: DUETTE PRESERVE – Join Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP), Oyster River Ecology (ORE), and Manatee County Natural Resources for a planting party at Duette Preserve! We need 50-100 volunteers to help plant over 25,000 wiregrass plugs. All volunteers will receive a free lunch. Come for the planting and stay for the food and old Florida views. The Preserve will be open in the afternoon for volunteers to explore. Program suitable for all ages. Volunteers 16 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Reservations are required. To register please visit https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/cnz9mgc/lp/fb9b10ad-d929-4736-a4a4-942b9ad04da0. For more information please contact matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org or call (941) 748-4501 ext. 6035. Duette Preserve – Ranger Station (Rawls Rd. Entrance)

Saturday, Jun 1st, 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. 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. Open house suitable for all ages. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Wednesday, Jun 5th, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM – TREE PLANTING MAINTENANCE – Join us for a few morning hours to help us maintain a tree planting in the Robinson Preserve Expansion! We will be removing bamboo poles/stakes and ribbons. Please bring a water bottle and dress for the summer weather. We will meet in the Expansion parking lot, near the kayak launch. This is a great way for students to earn service hours. Program suitable for all ages. Volunteers 16 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Reservations are required. To register please visit https://events.humanitix.com/tree-planting-maintenance. For more information please contact matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org or call (941) 748-4501 ext. 6035. Robinson Preserve – Expansion

Wednesday, Jun 5th, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – SOAR IN 4 FAMILY NIGHT – Soar in 4 occurs the first Wednesday of each month in downtown Bradenton. Families visit demonstration tables facilitated by Manatee County teachers, non-profit organizations, and volunteers to learn how to use various materials to support the ‘spotlight book,’ as well as incorporate take-home items to continue to play, create, learn, and explore at home together. These monthly events provide families with the resources and information to become their child’s best ‘first teacher’ at home. All activities are aligned to classroom learning. Program suitable for children and their families. Program sponsored by Soar in 4 in partnership with Manatee County. No reservations required. For more information please visit www.soarin4.org. The Bishop Museum

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Thursday, Jun 6th, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM – TREE PLANTING MAINTENANCE – Join us for a few morning hours to help us maintain a tree planting at Tom Bennett Park! We will be removing bamboo poles/stakes and ribbons. Please bring a water bottle and dress for the summer weather. We will meet at the South Parking Lot. This is a great way for students to earn service hours. Program suitable for all ages. Volunteers 16 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Reservations are required. To register please visit https://events.humanitix.com/tree-planting-maintenance-jap96bnh. For more information please contact matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org or call (941) 748-4501 ext. 6035. Tom Bennett Park – South Parking Lot

Friday, Jun 7th, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – SUMMER GAME NIGHTS AT THE NEST – Are you ready to learn a new game, or are you interested in sharing a much-beloved board game with others? Drop into the building for an evening of tabletop gaming fun! Borrow a nature-themed game from our game library or bring your favorite game from home. Meet new people and try something new. Role-playing games such as Dungeons and Dragons are welcome too. We only ask that all content and conversations remain family-friendly. Snacks provided. Program suitable for all ages. Reservations are not required but are suggested. To register please visit http://manateenrd.ticketleap.com/nest-game-night/. For more information please contact coral.bass@mymanatee.org.

Saturday, Jun 8th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – WORLD OCEAN DAY CELEBRATION – Join us at the NEST at Robinson Preserve to celebrate the ocean and all the creatures that call it home. Create oyster habitat, see estuary animals up close, and build and pilot an underwater robot! Step inside the NEST building to enjoy a variety of ocean-themed activities, including puzzles, puppets, and button-making. Don't miss this fun-filled, family-friendly event. Program suitable for all ages. No reservations required. To register please visit https://events.humanitix.com/world-ocean-day-2024. For more information please contact elena.burke@mymanatee.org or call (941) 748-4501 ext. 6036. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Monday, Jun 10th, 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 are required. To register please visit https://events.humanitix.com/robinson-tai-chi. For more information please contact aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

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Friday, Jun 14th, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – SUMMER GAME NIGHTS AT THE NEST – Are you ready to learn a new game, or are you interested in sharing a much-beloved board game with others? Drop into the building for an evening of tabletop gaming fun! Borrow a nature-themed game from our game library or bring your favorite game from home. Meet new people and try something new. Role-playing games such as Dungeons and Dragons are welcome too. We only ask that all content and conversations remain family-friendly. Snacks provided. Program suitable for all ages. Reservations are not required but are suggested. Program suitable for all ages. Reservations are not required but are suggested. To register please visit http://manateenrd.ticketleap.com/nest-game-night/. For more information please contact coral.bass@mymanatee.org. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Saturday, Jun 15th, 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. 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. Open house suitable for all ages. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Tuesday, Jun 18th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – ESCAPE THE NEST – Trapped inside a bird research facility with a hurricane on the way, participants must solve interactive puzzles and collect clues to escape the NEST. Dr. Corvus, a world-renowned bird behavior scientist, has boarded up the building in preparation for the impending storm, accidentally barricading her fellow researchers inside. Can you find the key to the emergency exit? Program suitable for all ages. Sessions are limited to 6 participants. Parents or guardians are allowed to accompany their children throughout the experience. Reservations are required. To register please visit https://parks.mymanatee.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/search.html?primarycode=110008. For more information please contact elena.burke@mymanatee.org or call (941) 748-4501 ext. 6036. $10 Registration fee. Online. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Wednesday, Jun 19th, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – WILDLIFE SPOTLIGHT: FUNGUS AND LICHEN – Join us for a walk through the forest to look for fungi and lichen. Learn about the different types of fungi and lichen that can be found in Florida, and discover the amazing adaptations that help fungi survive in the wild. Program suitable for adults. Reservations are required. To register please visit https://events.humanitix.com/wildlife-spotlight-fungus-and-lichen. For more information please contact elena.burke@mymanatee.org or call (941) 748-4501 ext. 6036. Johnson Preserve

Thursday, Jun 20th, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM – SEASHELL SHORE WALK – Calling all beachcombers and seashell enthusiasts! Join us for a relaxing walk on the beach to search for seashells and learn to identify them. This program will explore what makes mollusks unique and bring you up to speed on the latest research in malacology. Learn about ethical seashell-collecting methods while discovering a new appreciation for our beautiful shorelines. Program suitable for all ages. Reservations are required. To register please visit https://events.humanitix.com/seashell-shore-walk-june-2024. For more information please contact elena.burke@mymanatee.org or call (941) 748-4501 ext. 6036. Coquina Beach South – Longboat Key Bridge

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Thursday, Jun 20th, Friday, Jun 21st, Thursday, Jun 27th, & Friday, Jun 28th, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM – BAY ROVERS: UNDERWATER ROBOTICS COURSE – Form a team with other young engineers and compete in our underwater robotics challenge! Learn the basics of electronics and engineering by building an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle). This 4-day summer course will cover topics of buoyancy, tool building, and robotics design as each team learns to build their own robot designed to perform a marine survey. Program suitable for students ages 12 and up. This 2-week program meets weekly on Thursday and Friday afternoons, June 20, 21, 27 & 28. Participants must be able to attend all 4 classroom sessions. The Bay ROVers program is funded by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program's Bay Mini-Grant. Pre-registration is required. To register please visit https://forms.gle/bRBQJ3bnHysoHQZc7. For more information please contact aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Saturday, Jun 22nd, 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. 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. Program suitable for all ages. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Saturday, Jun 29th, 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. 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. Open house suitable for all ages. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST