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A Pinellas County Government Program
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Weedon 101 Workshop: Historical Environments; Classroom Component

Thursday, April 20, 2006 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center Staff

The Weedon 101 Workshops are a series of programs offered year-round to give participants a general overview of the variety of environments, history and organisms found at Weedon Island Preserve. Each program consists of two components - a classroom presentation (held on the third Thursday of every month) and a field session (held on the following Sunday). This is the fourth workshop in the series and one that focuses on the historical environments of Weedon Island Preserve. Weedon 101 is part of a new certification program called the Weedon Naturalist. The fee for the classroom presentation is \$3. Call us today for more information on this program and to register! Recommended ages: 10 and up.

Florida Caterpillars

Friday, April 21, 2006 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Dr. David L. Wagner – University of Connecticut

Dr. David Wagner, noted specialist on caterpillars, presents a program about his research on Florida caterpillars. Dr. Wagner's talk focuses on some of the more striking characteristics including distribution, seasonal activity, food plants, and life history. He recently published a book titled, *Caterpillars of Eastern North America: A Guide to Identification and Natural History*. The cost for this program is \$3, and preregistration is requested. Recommended ages: 10 and up.

William Bartram: Naturalist and Explorer

Friday, April 21, 2006 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
J.D. Sutton - Florida Humanities Council Road Scholar Program

Join J.D. Sutton as he portrays William Bartram, son of noted botanist John Bartram. In 1775, while the first acts of revolution were taking place in the North, botanist and explorer William Bartram set out to the British colony of Florida. Bartram shares tales of his adventures—encounters with Seminoles and battles with alligators—and his awe at the beauty of Florida. Preregistration is required for this free event. Recommended ages: 10 and up.

Urban Wildlife Ecology: Coyotes

Saturday, April 22, 2006 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
D'Nara Manning and Sarah Clavio – University of South Florida

The coyote has recently adopted urban habitats and is commonly seen even in densely populated Pinellas County. Researchers from the University of South Florida give insight into the history of Florida coyotes, species information and measures necessary to reduce coyote-human conflict. The presentation includes current research being conducted at Brooker Creek Preserve. The fee for this program is \$3. Call and register today. All ages are welcome.

Weedon 101 Workshop: Historical Environments, Field Component

Sunday, April 23, 2006 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center Staff

Do you know the location of the first airport in the Tampa Bay area? If you didn't think of Weedon Island Preserve, this hike is for you. Come and join us as we explore the fascinating history of the island and the imprint of humans through time on the land. For participants in the Weedon Naturalist program, this workshop is the "History" field component. The fee for the field program is \$3. Call for more information and to register. Recommended ages: 10 and up.

Fire Ecology

Saturday, April 29, 2006 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center Staff

Fire is an integral part of the management of Florida's diverse ecosystems. What are the many benefits derived from fire? A hike through recently and not so recently burned areas demonstrates many of the fire adaptations and survival strategies of the organisms living there. The fee for the field program is \$3. Call for more information and to register. Recommended ages: 10 and up.

The Great Weedon Bird Quest

Sunday, April 30, 2006 8:00 am – 9:30 am
Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center Staff and Volunteers

Come and join us on a quest to find Weedon Island Preserve birds! You will learn the identifying marks and behaviors of our feathered year-round inhabitants and seasonal visitors, while helping us compile an annual checklist of the Preserve's birds. These hikes are designed to take advantage of all levels of birding experience. Binoculars and bird guides are available. Hikes are scheduled for the last Sunday of every month. Please join us for a relaxing morning outing led by experienced birders and staff. Call us for more information and to register. This event is free and open to the public. Recommended ages: 10 and up.

Photography Display

Tuesday, March 28 through Sunday, April 23, 2006
Mr. Frank Planes, aka Mr. WhiteCane, is a professional fine arts nature photographer who is legally blind. His photography will be on display during normal center hours.



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It Is Kind of Fun to Do The Impossible

Wednesday, April 19, 2006 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Ken Leinbach, Executive Director – Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee, WI

Join Ken Leinbach as he shares the inspirational story of how a group of neighbors in Milwaukee did the impossible by converting a crime-ridden, polluted "problem" city park into an outdoor classroom that now serves over 50,000 visitors a year. It is a rags-to-riches story where success is not measured in dollars but in changed lives. Preregistration is required. Admission: \$3. Recommended ages: 12 and up.

The Zen of Butterfly Photography - Finding Your Very Own Style

Saturday, April 22, 2006 1:00 pm – 2:00pm
Rick Cech – Author, photographer & naturalist

Spring is approaching and bringing with it many beautiful butterflies. Join us for this lively investigation of how to capture exciting butterfly photos in the wild. Rick Cech includes stories and colorful examples from his 11-year epic saga in tracking down subjects for his book *Butterflies of the East Coast: An Observer's Guide*. This program will delight anyone who seeks to observe nature more carefully, with or without a camera. Preregistration is required. Admission: \$3. Recommended ages: 12 and up.

Developing a Winning Edge

Friday, April 28, 2006 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Martin Melaver – CEO, Melaver, Inc.

The Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center and the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center invite you to a unique presentation by successful real-estate entrepreneur Martin Melaver, CEO of a "green" real-estate company in Savannah, Georgia. Learn how your business can have a profound, positive impact on the communities in which you live while at the same time turning a healthy profit. This presentation will help realtors, developers, architects, builders, urban planners and interested citizens develop new ideas and look at how to do business in an entirely new way. A reception follows Mr. Melaver's presentation. Preregistration required. Call (727) 453-6800 for more information. Admission: \$10. Recommended for adults.



If you go

- All programs are free except where indicated.
- Ask about gear (sturdy shoes, flashlights, binoculars) to bring to events.
- Mosquito repellent and sunscreen are always a good idea.
- Ample free parking is available at most locations/events except where noted.
- Registration is required for some events; call ahead.
- Space may be limited to a first-come, first-served basis.

Pinellas County Event Calendar

April • May • June 2006

Tuesdays, April 4, 11 & 18

Manage Your Money, Build Your Wealth
6 - 8 p.m.

Learn to set financial goals, save more, reduce debt, find ways to stretch your paycheck and make wise loan and credit choices at this free workshop.

Sponsored by Pinellas County Extension, Clearwater East Library, Room B, 2251 Drew St. Register: (727) 582-2673. Info: (727) 582-2113

Saturday, April 8

Family EarthFest 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Pinewood Cultural Park 2

Hug a tree at this annual family-friendly Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration featuring environmental and conservation activities, displays and vendors.

Wednesday, April 12

Wednesday Night Hikes 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center 7

Guided after-dark walkabouts reveal the food-foraging secrets of night creatures. Sturdy footwear & flashlight suggested. Register: (727) 453-6800. Repeats: April 26, May 3, May 17, May 31, June 7, June 21

Swamp Tromp 9 a.m.
Boca Ciega Millennium Park 3

Get muddy as you meander through the mangroves looking for living bay fish, crabs, mollusks and shrimp. Register: (727) 588-4882.

Saturday, April 15

20th Annual Antique Car Show
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Heritage Village 2

Car buffs will love the 100 original and restored antique autos on display as well as music, entertainment and family activities.

Bogie by Night 7:30 p.m.
Boca Ciega Millennium Park 3

Watch the park transform from day to night from the observation tower and an evening hike on the boardwalk. Register: (727) 588-4882

Escape from Fort De Soto Triathlon
7:30 a.m. Fort De Soto Park 4

Can you swim 1/2 mile, bike 10 miles, run 4 miles? Enjoy the post-race party and a custom race t-shirt. Fees vary. Preregister: (813) 874-7223; www.escapefromfdesoto.com

Saturday, April 22

Birds of Boca Ciega Millennium Park 7:30 a.m.
Boca Ciega Millennium Park 3

Both amateur and experienced birders will enjoy an informative slide show and guided bird walk along the boardwalk, tower, pine flatwoods and pond areas. Register: (727) 588-4882

Saturday, April 29

Family Fun Fishing 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Walsingham Park 8

Got bait? It's free along with breakfast and use of a fishing pole. Prizes for the first fish, biggest fish and most caught by one person. Sponsored by the Pinellas County Parks and Recreation Department, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Kiwanis of Seminole. Info: (727) 464-3347. Repeats: June 3 at Ridgcrest Park 6

Monday, May 8

Sands of Time @ Heritage Village 10 a.m. 2

Learn about the county's barrier islands during a presentation on the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum.

Saturday, May 13

Fit Kids & Families 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
John Chesnut Sr. Park 5

Family sporting event featuring kids' duathlon (run-bike-run), family in-line skating and family fun run. Register: \$10/child; before April 24; \$15/child after April 24. FREE for parents. Info: (727) 464-3347



Fit Kids & Families Saturday, May 13

Saturday, May 20

Civil War Days 23rd Annual Heritage Village Skirmish 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Heritage Village 2

Civil War Days entertains, educates and delights through exhibits, historical reenactments and hands-on activities representing 1860s military and civilian life. The highlight of the day is the annual Blue-Gray Skirmish.

Wednesday, June 14

Flag Day @ War Veterans Memorial Park 6:45 p.m. 7

Come celebrate Old Glory's birthday at this patriotic tribute.

Saturday, June 10

American Hibiscus Society Show 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Pinellas County Extension 2

Hibiscus plant sale (10 a.m.). Bloom competition entries (the public is welcome to enter hibiscus flowers) are accepted until 11:30 a.m. for judging, viewing of the winners 1-4 p.m. and a workshop at 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 17

Antique Appraisal Fair 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Heritage Village 2

Find out if your treasures are worth money or just have sentimental value when antique experts appraise your items. Donation suggested: \$5 each or \$12 for three.

- County Events** www.pinellascounty.org/events.htm
- County Summer Camps** www.pinellascounty.org/summercamps.htm
- 1 Brooker Creek Preserve www.pinellascounty.org/environment (727) 453-6800
3940 Keystone Rd., Tarpon Springs
 - 2 Pinewood Cultural Park www.pinewoodculturalpark.org (727) 582-2200
12520 Ulmerton Rd., Largo
 - Heritage Village www.pinellascounty.org/heritage (727) 582-2123
 - Florida Botanical Gardens www.flbg.org (727) 582-2100
 - Pinellas County Extension www.pinellascounty.org/extension (727) 582-2100
 - Gulf Coast Museum of Art www.gulfcoastmuseum.org (727) 518-6833
- Pinellas County Parks and Recreation** www.pinellascounty.org/park
- 3 Boca Ciega Millennium Park 12410 74th Ave. North, Seminole, (727) 588-4882
 - 4 Fort De Soto Park 3500 Pinellas Bayway South, Tierra Verde (727) 582-2267
 - 5 John Chesnut Sr. Park 2200 East Lake Rd., Palm Harbor (727) 669-1951
 - 6 Ridgcrest Park 12000 Ulmerton Rd., Largo (727) 588-4851
 - 7 War Veterans' Memorial Park 9600 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg (727) 549-6165
 - 8 Walsingham Park 12615 102nd Ave. North, Largo (727) 549-6142
 - 9 Weedon Island Preserve www.pinellascounty.org/environment (727) 453-6500
1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg

BIRTHDAY PARTIES @ HERITAGE VILLAGE 2

Select a theme (Heritage 500, Viva Victorian or Pioneer Roundup), bring the cake and beverage... we do the rest for a fun-filled, 90-minute party your birthday boy or girl won't forget. Times: Saturday 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Sunday 1:30 p.m. or by appointment during the week. Cost: Pinellas County Historical Society members \$75 for up to 10 kids; \$4/each additional child. Non-members \$90 for up to 10 kids; \$5/each additional child. Phone: (727) 582-2426

Pinewood Cultural Park "Where Art, Nature & History Come Together"

Explore 182 acres of art, nature and history in the heart of Pinellas County. Looking for a place to have a birthday party or wedding? Call us.

- Heritage Village brings county history to life with 28 historical structures, hands-on living-history fun, interpretive tours, native plant trails, special events and festivals. (727) 582-2123; www.pinellascounty.org/heritage
 - Learn how Florida grows. Take a pleasant walk through 150 acres of formal gardens, scenic landscapes and native habitats at the Florida Botanical Gardens. (727) 582-2100; www.flbg.org
 - Interested in resources and educational materials about nature, horticulture, urban wildlife, lawn and garden, and energy conservation? Pinellas County Extension offers hands-on activities for youth and adults as well as many other programs—emphasizing Solutions for Your Life workshops and events. (727) 582-2100; www.pinellascounty.org/extension
- Picnic and restroom facilities available. Parking and admission are free.



Brooker Creek Preserve "Our Wildest Place"



Fun for the whole family! Located in northeast Pinellas County, this 8,500-acre wilderness preserve features hiking trails, 10 miles of equestrian paths, guided tours, 600 species of native plants, more than 180 birds, and habitats for hundreds of native wildlife species—from white-tailed deer and bobcats to indigo snakes, butterflies and gopher tortoises. The interactive Environmental Education Center offers exhibits and hands-on programs and classes. Come enjoy the beauty and serenity of Pinellas County's Wildest Place.

Picnic and restroom facilities available. Parking and admission are free. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday - Sunday: The Friends Hiking Trail
Scenic, Exercise & Horse Trails

Saturday: Guided Hikes
Registration is required; call (727) 453-6910.

Second and Fourth Thursdays: **Book Time at Brooker Creek** 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Preschool children discover the wonders of the natural world through stories and activities connecting them to their environment. Registration is required; call (727) 453-6800.

Weedon Island Preserve "A Place to Remember"

Get back to nature! Located near the Gandy Bridge, this 3,700-acre preserve along the shores of Old Tampa Bay offers a glimpse back in time to Pinellas County's first inhabitants. Enjoy two paddling trails perfect for canoes and kayaks (rentals available), meandering hiking trails, a fishing pier, a 45-foot-high observation tower, naturalist-guided tours, breathtaking views and a picturesque boardwalk that overlooks saltwater ponds teeming with mullet and wading birds. Explore the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center, which offers interpretive programs, workshops, art exhibits and tours about the natural, cultural and archaeological history of the preserve.



Open Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Weekly activities and ongoing events include:

- Wednesday - Sunday: **Batiks Botanicas**
Art exhibit by Angela Maria Isaza continues through May 30.
- Second & Fourth Thursday: **Wee-Time at Weedon** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Preschool children discover the wonders of the natural world through stories, crafts and outdoor activities connecting them to their environment. Register: (727) 453-6500
- Friday: **Kayaking for Seniors** 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Paddlers learn basic boat control and safety. \$49/person. Register: Sweetwater Kayaks (727) 570-4844
- Saturday: **Guided Nature Hikes** 9 - 11 a.m.
Experienced volunteers lead hikes that examine the best of our cultural and environmental attributes. Register: (727) 453-6500
- Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 2 - 5 p.m. & Sunday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.: **Self-Guided Kayak/Canoe Tours**
Rentals available at Weedon Island Preserve on Riviera Bay. Cost: \$15/hour single kayaks or \$35/4 hours. \$20/hour double kayaks or \$50/4 hours.
- Saturday & Sunday: **Kayak Basics & Safety Introduction** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
\$69/person. Register: Sweetwater Kayaks (727) 570-4844
- First Sunday Monthly: **Photography Hike** 8 - 9:30 a.m.
Hike with experienced staff to capture seasonal changes, wildlife antics and the area's natural beauty. Register: (727) 453-6500
- Second Sunday Monthly: **Nature Journal Journeys** Call for times.
Examine the preserve's rich biological diversity by hiking and journaling inspired by visits with professional naturalists and photographers. Cost: \$3/person. Register: (727) 453-6500
- Last Sunday Monthly: **The Great Weedon Bird Quest** 8 - 9:30 a.m.
Binoculars and bird guides available. Register: (727) 453-6500





Join The Adventure!

Boca Ciega Millennium Park, Seminole
Sawgrass Lake Park, St. Petersburg
Wall Springs Park, Palm Harbor
(727) 464-3347
www.pinellascounty.org/park
Registration begins April 3rd

Boca Ciega Millennium Park, Seminole **Navigating Nature June 5-30**

- Each week offers a different program.
- Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: \$60/wk.
- For Students entering 1st - 5th grade

Boca Ciega Millennium Park, Seminole **Junior Naturalist Week July 17-21**

- Each week offers a different program.
- Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: \$60/wk.
- For students entering 6th - 8th grade

Sawgrass Lake Park, St. Petersburg **Sawgrass Adventures June 5-30**

- Each week offers a different program
- Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: \$60/wk.
- For students entering 3rd - 6th grades

Wall Springs Park, Palm Harbor **Wall Springs Wilderness Camp June 5-30**

- Each week offers the same program
- Repeat enrollment not recommended
- Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: \$60/wk.
- For students entering 3rd - 6th grades

What You Need To Know

- Caters to elementary, middle and high school students.
- Call for updated info & camp availability.
- Registration dates vary.
- Enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Prices range from \$60-\$125/week.
- Some before- and after-care programs available for an extra fee.
- A few scholarships based on economic need are available for Weedon Island and Brooker Creek camps.



Living History Adventures

11909 125th St. North, Largo
(727) 582-2426
www.pinellascounty.org/heritage

Time traveling campers get to relive Florida's wacky and wonderful history at four fun programs. Activities include exploring traditional crafts from the 1850s through the 1940s to arts & crafts, hiking, storytelling, games, cooking, field trips, historic house tours and more.

Days & Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Age: Kids 5-11

Cost: \$125/wk. non-members; \$100/wk. members Pinellas Co Historical Society

Before & After-Care: One hour before & after regular camp program. Cost: \$5/week

E-mail: heritagevillage@pinellascounty.org

Seaside Savvy June 12 - 16

A boatload of adventure! Jump back in time and experience early Florida coastal living.

Can You Dig It? June 19 - 23

Dig down - turn around - and plant a bunch of fun from summer gardens to sun shelters.

Tacky Tourist Trip July 10 - 14

Travel back to the good old days when Florida vacations were the "real" thing! Lay some track, ride the rails, set up your tin-can campsite, even play old-fashioned ball!

Sticks, Bricks and Mortar July 17 - 21

Travel down the paths of the pioneers, take a right on Victorian Lane, zoom into the Jazzy Twenties and discover Village architecture, even ride on the "Doodlebug" Model T and cook an outdoor kitchen picnic.



Our Wildest Place

3940 Keystone Rd., Tarpon Springs
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Wildlands Investigators

- June 5 - 9; July 10 - 14; July 24 - 28
- Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: \$125/wk
- For students entering 6th - 7th grade

Wild About Art

- June 12 - 16
- Mon. - Fri. noon - 6 p.m. Cost: \$125/wk
- For students entering 8th - 10th grade

Herpetology Camp

- June 26 - June 30
- Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: \$125/wk
- For students entering 2nd - 6th grade

Watershed Explorers

- July 17-21
- Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: \$125/wk
- For students entering 9th - 12th grade



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Island Explorers

- June 12 - 16; June 26 - 30; July 10 - 14
- Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: \$125/wk
- For students entering 6th - 8th grade

Wild About Art

- June 19 - 23
- Mon. - Fri. noon - 6 p.m. Cost: \$125/wk
- For students entering 8th - 10th grade

Herpetology Camp

- July 17 - 21
- Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: \$125/wk
- For students entering 2nd - 6th grade



For program details, come visit us at: www.pinellascounty.org/summercamps.htm Sign Your Kids Up NOW!