



# Eco-Events ..... December 2022

## The Parks and Natural Resources Department's Calendar of Events

### December 2022 Calendar at a Glance

#### Volunteer Opportunities

- 12/3, Keep Manatee Beautiful First Saturday Clean Up, *Jiggs Landing Preserve*
- 12/6, Native Seed Harvest, *Duette Preserve*
- 12/16, Story Walk Spruce Up, *Tom Bennett Park*
- 12/20, Emerson Enhancers: Trail Trimming, *Emerson Point Preserve*
- 12/30, Oyster Shell Drilling for Vertical Oyster Gardens, *Robinson Preserve*
- Ongoing/As Needed, RIP Squad Volunteer Days, *Location Chosen Based on Need*

#### Kid's Programs

- 12/7, Soar in 4 Family Night, *The Bishop Museum*
- 12/8, Green Explorers: Wildcrafting, *Conservatory Park*
- 12/15, Tree Tots: Size Wise, *Robinson Preserve NEST*
- 12/15, Homeschool Science Club: Holiday in the Sun, *Rye Preserve*
- 12/16, Tall Tails Tribe: Pining for Pines, *Emerson Point Preserve*
- 12/16, Homeschool Science Club: Holiday in the Sun, *Emerson Point Preserve*
- 12/17, Youth Archery, *Rye Preserve*
- 12/30, Nature Tales: Terrific Trees, *Conservatory Park*

#### Adult and Teen Programs

- 12/3, Master Gardener Tour, *Emerson Point Preserve*
- 12/3, Hike With a Librarian, *Perico Preserve*
- 12/7, Manatee Audubon Birding Tour, *Emerson Point Preserve*
- 12/7, Career Night, *Robinson Preserve NEST*
- 12/10, Master Gardener Tour, *Riverview Pointe*
- 12/15, Wildlife Spotlight: Shorebirds, *Coquina Beach South*
- 12/17, Master Gardener Tour, *Perico Preserve*
- 12/17, Master Gardener Tour, *Rye Preserve*

#### Programs for All Ages

- 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/27, 12/28, 12/29, 12/30, Mornings at the NEST, *Robinson Preserve NEST*
- 12/3, Starry Night Astronomy, *Robinson Preserve Expansion*
- 12/9, A Night Before Christmas, *G.T. Bray Park*
- 12/6, Sunset Tower Walk, *Neal Preserve*
- 12/17, Families Flock Together: Nature Ornament Making, *Robinson Preserve Expansion*
- 12/27, Wonder Walk, *Neal Preserve*
- 12/28, Explore Nature! Outreach Booth, *Conservatory Park*
- 12/29, Explore Nature! Tower Talks, *Robinson Preserve*
- 12/30, Seashell Shore Walk, *Coquina Beach South*

#### Adventure and Recreational Programs

- 12/12, Sunset Tai Chi, *Robinson Preserve NEST Lawn*



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*<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/468427307687>. For more information please contact [katiebg@ufl.edu](mailto:katiebg@ufl.edu).*

**Emerson Point Preserve – Observation Tower Parking Area**

*Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL: FIRST SATURDAY CLEAN UP –* Join a team of fellow volunteers for KMB's first Saturday Clean Up! Come out and help us Keep Manatee Beautiful by cleaning up Jiggs Landing Preserve! Suitable for all ages. *Program sponsored by Keep Manatee Beautiful in partnership with Manatee County. Reservations are required. To register please visit*

*<https://www.manateebeautiful.com/event-details/1st-saturdays-cleanup-jiggs-landing>. For more information please contact [keep@manateebeautiful.com](mailto:keep@manateebeautiful.com). **Jiggs Landing***

*Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – HIKE WITH A LIBRARIAN –* Hike with a Manatee County Librarian along the trails of Perico Preserve and discuss a non-fiction book while enjoying Florida's scenery. After the discussion, a Manatee County Natural Resources guide will talk about the local fauna and flora with an emphasis on the amazing range of bird life. If there is still time after the talk, we will walk around the park at a leisurely pace. There will be a special focus on birds and bird watching. Book title: What It's Like to Be a Bird: From Flying to Nesting, Eating to Singing--What Birds Are Doing, and Why. Program suitable for adults. Reservations are required. To register please visit

*<https://manateelibrary.libcal.com/event/9364943>. For more information please contact [rin.henshaw@mymanatee.org](mailto:rin.henshaw@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 748-5555 ext. 6334. **Perico Preserve***

*Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – STARRY NIGHT ASTRONOMY –* Join us for an astronomical extravaganza! Dozens of local astronomers will be set up in the Robinson Preserve Expansion with telescopes at the ready. Be sure to bring a sense of wonder and exploration and view the skies through high-powered telescopes. Learn how to identify heavenly bodies, and how you can stargaze at home too. Program suitable for all ages. *Program sponsored by Suncoast Stargazers in partnership with Manatee County. Reservations are required. To register please visit*

*<https://robinsonastronomy.eventbrite.com>. **Robinson Preserve – Expansion Parking Lot***

*Tuesday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM – NATIVE SEED HARVEST –* Want to learn about native seed collection and help our land managers collect seeds? Escape the city sounds and spend the morning in nature at this vast 20,000-acre preserve helping collect native seeds for dispersing later on in other Manatee County Preserves. Program suitable for volunteers 16 and older. *All harvesting tools will be provided. Please wear sun protection, closed-toe shoes, and bring a water bottle. Long sleeve shirt and long pants are recommended as participants will be walking through brush. Reservations are required. To register please contact*

*[matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org](mailto:matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org). **Duette Preserve – Ranger Station***



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*Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM – MANATEE AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRDING TOUR: EMERSON POINT – Search the skies for Florida's fabulous fliers! Our Audubon guide will lead participants on a tour through Emerson Point's coastal hammock and mangrove habitats. Check out the "locals" as well as the migratory birds that are wintering here. Program suitable for adults. Program sponsored by Manatee County Audubon Society in partnership with Manatee County. Reservations are required. To register please contact [billielknight@yahoo.com](mailto:billielknight@yahoo.com) or call (941) 592-7622.*

### **Emerson Point Preserve – Ranger's Station**

*Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 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. View info online at <https://soarin4.org/>*

### **The Bishop Museum**

*Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – CAREER NIGHT AT THE NEST – Are you interested in a career in nature? Join us at The NEST at Robinson Preserve for an informative evening showcasing local professionals and careers in the environmental and heritage resource fields. This is an opportunity to discover what it takes to get into the field of science! Network with these professionals from a variety of local organizations and discover careers that help make a difference in our community. Program recommended for high school and college students, or those interested in entering an environmentally-related career. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/433000675677>. For more information please contact*

### ***[elena.burke@mymanatee.org](mailto:elena.burke@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6036. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST***

*Thursday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – GREEN EXPLORERS: WILDCRAFTING – Holidays are approaching, and it's time to get crafty! More precisely, wildcrafting! Wildcrafting is mindfully harvesting natural items and using your imagination to make unique pieces. Green Explorers is a low-structure, highly social, and experienced-based activity. Program suitable for all ages but recommended for 6- 12 year-olds. Reservations are required. To register please contact*

### ***[coral.bass@mymanatee.org](mailto:coral.bass@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6034. Conservatory Park – Pavilion***



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*Friday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM – A NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS –* Get ready for family fun at the annual Night Before Christmas event at GT Bray's 51st St Park! Santa and Mrs. Clause will be visiting the park and taking pictures with the children. The event will feature festive activities, face painting, and a holiday movie playing at the amphitheater. Local vendors will be showing their holiday spirit and the food truck line-up has your dinner covered! Event entry is FREE, however, a donation per family of one new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots is kindly suggested. This awesome event is great for kids of all ages. *\$5 WRISTBANDS are sold for a variety of activities, including bouncing, sliding and crawling over the inflatables, and being festively face-painted. BEAT THE LINES: Wristbands will be on sale at the GT Bray Park front desk beginning 12/2/22! \*No refunds or replacements will be issued. Cash only at event entrance on 12/9. Event parking is located near the Recreation Center, accessible from 33rd Ave Dr W. NO event parking is available in 51st St Park. No reservations required. For more information please contact [mandi.green@mymanatee.org](mailto:mandi.green@mymanatee.org).* **GT Bray**

### **Park – Parking at Recreation Center**

*Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – MASTER GARDENER TOUR: RIVERVIEW POINTE –* Casually stroll through to enjoy the beautiful Riverview Pointe Preserve and learn about Florida's native plants and inhabitants of a coastal environment. Program suitable for all ages. *Program sponsored by UF IFAS Extension Master Gardener Program in partnership with Manatee County. Tour begins in the parking area of DeSoto National Memorial Park and enters into Riverview Pointe Preserve. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes for walking on uneven terrain. Bring a water bottle, sun and insect protection. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/441206910747>. For more information please contact [katiebg@ufl.edu](mailto:katiebg@ufl.edu).*

### **Riverview Pointe Preserve – Parking at DeSoto National Memorial**

*Monday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM – 6:30 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://parks.mymanatee.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/search.html?primarycode=100004>. For more information please contact [aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org](mailto:aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org). **\$10 Registration Fee. Payable***

### **Online. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**



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*Thursday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – WILDLIFE SPOTLIGHT: SHOREBIRDS – Found along the sandy coastline, shorebirds are a diverse, unique group of animals! Join us for a sunset walk along Coquina Beach to look for shorebirds like skimmers, plovers, and gulls, and learn to identify them. Discover the important role shorebirds play in our ecosystem, and enjoy the beautiful beach sunset. Binoculars recommended. Program suitable for adults. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/465259071407>. For more information please contact [elena.burke@mymanatee.org](mailto:elena.burke@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6036. **Coquina Beach – Gulfside South Pavilion***

*Thursday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – TREETOTS: SIZE WISE – Is a coconut smaller than a ladybug? No! Let's explore the world of sizes both big and small found in nature. Using songs, exploration, and activities your tiny family members will discover the amazing natural wonders, big and small, found in your very own backyard. Program suitable for newborns to 2-year-olds. Reservations are required. To register please contact [coral.bass@mymanatee.org](mailto:coral.bass@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6034. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST***

*Thursday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB: HOLIDAY IN THE SUN – Snowy winters? Not in Florida! Join us to learn about some of the migratory wildlife who enjoy the sandy Florida winters as we explore, play games, and make a holiday craft. Program recommended for students ages 7-13. *Guardians are responsible for identifying the learning maturity of their child. Please note the location of this session.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/465786960337>. For more information please contact [sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org](mailto:sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6044. **Rye Preserve – Pavilion***

*Friday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – STORY WALK SPRUCE-UP – Help us spruce up the Bennett Park Story Walk by painting the sign frames, replacing the Plexiglas, and changing out a new story for the little ones to enjoy! Program suitable for volunteers 16 and older. *All materials will be provided. Please bring a water bottle and wear sun protection and comfortable clothing that can get dirty.* Reservations are required. To register please contact [matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org](mailto:matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org). **Bennett Park – South Parking Lot***

*Friday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – TALL TAILS TRIBE: PINING FOR PINES – Oh, pine tree, oh pine tree, how beautiful thy branches. Come to Emerson Point Preserve and discover the weird, wonderful, festive pine tree! Whether long leaf or sand, scrub or slash pine, our conifers are the foundation of our forests. Using hands-on exploration, crafts, and games your preschooler will discover the importance of our pine trees. Program suitable for Preschool age children. Reservations are required. To register please contact [coral.bass@mymanatee.org](mailto:coral.bass@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6034. **Emerson Point Preserve – Classroom Pavillion***





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Friday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – SUNSET TOWER WALK – Join us for a relaxing evening stroll at Neal Preserve! Enjoy a sunset walk to the tower and take in beautiful views of Anna Maria Sound. After the sun goes down, we will return by moonlight, discovering the variety of wildlife that visits the preserve after dark. Program suitable for all ages. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/467603603967>. **Neal Preserve**

Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – MASTER GARDENER TOUR: PERICO PRESERVE – Explore one of Manatee County's coastal preserves and learn about Florida's native plants, how they benefit wildlife, and how they can be used in the home landscape. Learn about the wide variety of ecosystems on display and how the preserve was transformed into what it is today. Program suitable for all ages. *Program sponsored by Manatee County UF IFAS Extension in partnership with Manatee County.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/446074058517>. For more information please contact [katiebg@ufl.edu](mailto:katiebg@ufl.edu). **Perico Preserve – Pavilion**

Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – MASTER GARDENER TOUR: RYE PRESERVE – Take a hike through upland habitats along the beautiful Rye Branch and learn about Florida's native plants, natural history, and early settlement of the area. Program suitable for all ages. *Program sponsored by Manatee County UF IFAS Extension in partnership with Manatee County.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/446062233147>. For more information please contact [katiebg@ufl.edu](mailto:katiebg@ufl.edu). **Rye Preserve**

Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM OR 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – YOUTH ARCHERY (2 SESSIONS) – Set your sights on the exciting outdoor activity of archery! This program will provide participants with basic archery instruction, familiarization with archery equipment, and instruction in shooting techniques that create successful archers. All equipment will be provided for use. Program is suitable for children ages 6 to 16. *Program sponsored by the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in partnership with Manatee County.* Two identical sessions are offered. Please register for only one session each month. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://DecemberArchery.eventbrite.com>. For more information please contact [ecoevents@mymanatee.org](mailto:ecoevents@mymanatee.org). **Rye Preserve**



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*Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM* – FAMILIES FLOCK TOGETHER: NATURE ORNAMENT MAKING – Nature provides us with great materials for creating beautiful works of art! In this program, we will use natural materials to create special holiday ornaments. These handmade projects will be perfect for decorating your tree and make for a lovely, thoughtful gift. Don't forget to bring your creativity! Program suitable for all ages. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://parks.mymanatee.org/wbwc/webtrac.wsc/search.html?primarycode=110008>. For more information please contact [elena.burke@mymanatee.org](mailto:elena.burke@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6036. \$5 Materials fee. Payable online. Robinson Preserve Expansion – Screened Pavilion

*Tuesday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM* – EMERSON ENHANCERS: TRAIL TRIMMING – Join us for a morning on the trails at Emerson Point Preserve! We will be hiking the amazing network of trails, trimming back encroaching vines and branches, picking up any litter along the way, and learning about this incredible preserve! Volunteers must be 16 and older to volunteer without a guardian present. *Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable closed-toe shoes. Long lightweight clothing is recommended. All other materials will be provided.* Reservations are required. To register please contact [matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org](mailto:matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org). Emerson Point Preserve – Classroom Pavilion

*Tuesday, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM* – WONDER WALK: NEAL PRESERVE – “It's the most wonderful time of the year” to explore Neal Preserve. Guided by a naturalist, climb the tower and peer over the boardwalks. Search the skies for fliers and the water for swimmers. While exploring the preserve, you never know what memorable natural sight you will spy! Program suitable for all ages. Reservations not required. For more information please contact [coral.bass@mymanatee.org](mailto:coral.bass@mymanatee.org). Neal Preserve – Pavilion

*Wednesday, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM* – EXPLORE NATURE! OUTREACH BOOTH – Needing a dose of the great outdoors? Explore Nature! brings Nature to your local park! Stroll by to learn about the exciting recreational opportunities that Manatee County's parks and preserves have to offer. A naturalist guide will be on-site to answer your questions and share a variety of animal biofacts! Program suitable for all ages. *Free activities and coloring books while supplies last. No reservations required.* For more information please contact [sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org](mailto:sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6044. Conservatory Park – Playground

*Thursday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM* – EXPLORE NATURE! TOWER TALKS – Visit the top of the tower at Robinson Preserve to take in the beautiful views of Tampa Bay! Stop by to chat with a naturalist and learn about the plants, animals, and history of the preserve. Program suitable for all ages. No reservations required. For more information please contact [elena.burke@mymanatee.org](mailto:elena.burke@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6036. Robinson Preserve – Tower



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*Friday, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 the amazing adaptations that help them to survive in the wild. 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://www.eventbrite.com/e/seashell-shore-walk-december-2022-registration-465279723177>. For more information please contact

[elena.burke@mymanatee.org](mailto:elena.burke@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6036. **Coquina Beach South – Longboat Key Bridge**

*Friday, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM* – OYSTER SHELL DRILLING FOR VERTICAL OYSTER GARDENS – Volunteers wanted! Come help us drill holes into oyster shells that will be used to make Vertical Oyster Gardens, also known as VOGs. These VOGs will be installed at a later time under docks and other structures to provide a surface for live oysters to attach themselves. Oysters feed by filtering and cleaning water, a key to a healthy estuary that benefits all living things, including manatees. Program suitable for adults. *Please bring a water bottle. All other materials will be provided.* Reservations are required. To register please contact [matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org](mailto:matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org).

### **Robinson Preserve – Valentine House**

*Friday, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM* – NATURE TALES: TERRIFIC TREES – Does your kiddo enjoy stories and nature? Join us at Conservatory Park in our newest program Nature Tales. Each month we will meet at Conservatory Park for an interactive story time and activities in the great outdoors. This month we will explore the terrific trees found in your Florida backyard. Program suitable for 8 year-olds and younger. No reservations required. For more information please contact [coral.bass@mymanatee.org](mailto:coral.bass@mymanatee.org).

**Conservatory Park – Pavilion**





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### Recurring Programs

*Multiple Days, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM* – 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](mailto:ecoevents@mymanatee.org). **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**

ONGOING/AS NEEDED: RIP SQUAD VOLUNTEER WORKDAY - Join this group that works directly with County natural areas land managers on various wildlife habitat improvement projects. Email announcements are sent out a few days in advance of each event that detail the purpose, goals, and meeting information for each upcoming event. *Program suitable for volunteers ages 16 and older.* To receive email announcements about the RIP squad volunteer events, please email [shaun.swartz@mymanatee.org](mailto:shaun.swartz@mymanatee.org). **Location and time TBA - chosen based on need.**