



# Eco-Events ..... November 2022

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

### November 2022 Calendar at a Glance

#### Volunteer Opportunities

- 11/4, Volunteer Workday: Garden Cleanup, *Emerson Point Preserve*
- 11/17, Wings Over Florida Butterfly Count, *Duette Headwaters Preserve*
- 11/18, Oyster Shell Drilling for Vertical Oyster Gardens, *Robinson Preserve*
- Ongoing/As Needed, RIP Squad Volunteer Days, *Location Chosen Based on Need*

#### Kid's Programs

- 11/2, Soar in 4 Family Night, *The Bishop Museum*
- 11/2, Science by the Sea: Introduction to the Scientific Method, *Robinson Preserve NEST*
- 11/3, Green Explorers: Fractal Frolic, *Conservatory Park*
- 11/4, Nature Tales: Birds of a Feather, *Conservatory Park*
- 11/5, Youth Archery, *Rye Preserve*
- 11/10, Tree Tots: Size Wise, *Robinson Preserve NEST*
- 11/15, 11/16, 11/18, or 11/30, Science By the Sea: How Do Scientists Collect Data, *Robinson Preserve NEST*
- 11/17, Homeschool Science Club: Walking in the Past, *Rye Preserve*
- 11/18, Tall Tails Tribe: ABC Walk, *Emerson Point Preserve*
- 11/18, Homeschool Science Club: Walking in the Past, *Emerson Point Preserve*
- 11/19, Science By the Sea: All About ROVs High School Workshop, *Emerson Point Preserve*

#### Adult and Teen Programs

- 11/7, Manatee Audubon Birding Tour: Bean Point, *Anna Maria Bayfront Park*
- 11/10, Career Night, *Robinson Preserve NEST*
- 11/12, The Science of Robinson Preserve, *Robinson Preserve NEST*
- 11/17, Wildlife Spotlight: Woodpeckers, *Conservatory Park*
- 11/19, Hike with a Librarian, *Emerson Point Preserve*
- 11/19, Wild Florida 101: Native American Heritage Tour, *Emerson Point Preserve*

#### Programs for All Ages

- 11/5, 11/12, Saturday Mornings at the NEST, *Robinson Preserve NEST*
- 11/18, Families Flock Together: Around the Campfire, *Rye Preserve*
- 11/19, Looking For Ithaca: An Odyssey, *Robinson Preserve NEST*
- 11/22, Wild Florida 101: Native American Heritage Tour, *Neal Preserve*
- 11/23, Seashell Shore Walk, *Coquina Beach*

#### Adventure and Recreational Programs

- 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, Robinson Runners, *Robinson Preserve NEST*
- 11/14, Sunset Tai Chi, *Robinson Preserve NEST Lawn*



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*Wednesday, Nov 2<sup>nd</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 Parks and Natural Resources.* No reservations required. For more information please visit <https://soarin4.org/>. **The Bishop Museum***

*Wednesday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – SCIENCE BY THE SEA: INTRODUCTION TO THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD – Join us for an in-depth look at the "Scientific Method" and how it is used for marine research. The Science by the Sea programs are intended to provide accessible science experiences for kids from historically excluded groups in STEM including gender minorities, racial/ethnic minorities, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and people from low-income or underserved communities. Program suitable for students in grades 6-12. *Program sponsored by Minorities in Shark Sciences and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://bit.ly/SciencebytheSea>. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST***

*Thursday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – GREEN EXPLORERS: FRACTAL FROLIC – What is a fractal and how is it found in nature? Come explore the world of infinite patterns! Using hands-on discovery and the participants' own creativity, attendees will have a chance to play in nature. Green Explorers is a low structure, highly social, and experienced-based activity. Program suitable for all ages, but recommended for 5 to 12-year-olds. Reservations are required. To register please contact [coral.bass@mymanatee.org](mailto:coral.bass@mymanatee.org). For more information please call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6034. **Conservatory Park – Pavilion***

*Friday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – VOLUNTEER WORKDAY: GARDEN CLEANUP – Help us enhance the Emerson Garden! We will be installing new bird feeders and beautifying this space in front of the nature center and classroom at Emerson Point Preserve by pulling weeds, planting flowers, rearranging border rocks and spreading pine straw. Program suitable for volunteers 16 and older. *Water and gloves will be provided.* Reservations are required. To register please contact [matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org](mailto:matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org). **Emerson Point Preserve – Nature Classroom***

*Friday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – NATURE TALES: BIRDS OF A FEATHER – Birds of a feather flock together! Fly to Conservatory Park and learn all about our feathered friends. Explore the sounds, body shapes, and colors that make a bird so unique. Learn about their movements and look for birds in their natural habitat during this interactive storytime. Program suitable for ages 8 and under. Reservations are required. To register please contact [coral.bass@mymanatee.org](mailto:coral.bass@mymanatee.org). For more information please call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6034. **Conservatory Park – Pavilion***



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*Saturday, Nov 5<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 Parks and Natural Resources. Two identical sessions are offered. Please register for only one session each month. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://NovemberArchery.eventbrite.com>. For more information please contact [ecoevents@mymanatee.org](mailto:ecoevents@mymanatee.org).* **Rye Preserve**

*Monday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 AM – 9:30 AM – MANATEE AUDUBON BIRDING TOUR: BEAN POINT* – Search the skies for Florida's fabulous fliers! Our Audubon guide will lead participants on a tour along the beach to the northern tip of Anna Maria Island. Check out the "locals" as well as the migratory birds that are wintering here. Program suitable for adults. *Program sponsored by Manatee Audubon Society in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources. Meet at Bayfront Park to carpool to Bean Point. We will be hiking over 2 miles in the sand. Please bring water, wear appropriate footwear and sun protection. Reservations are required. To register please contact [andy21MCAS@gmail.com](mailto:andy21MCAS@gmail.com).*  
**Anna Maria Bayfront Park**

*Thursday, Nov 10<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). For more information please call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6034. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**

*Thursday, Nov 10<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, however, all ages are welcome. 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**



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*Saturday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – THE SCIENCE OF ROBINSON PRESERVE –* Curious about what's going on at Robinson Preserve? Join us for this hands-on exploration of habitat improvements, fish tagging, and water quality research presented by scientists actively working in the waters of the preserve. This program will feature several presenters, followed by a demonstration of sampling techniques in the water. Program suitable for all ages. *Participants that wish to take part in the sampling demonstration should come prepared with close-toed shoes and clothing that can get wet.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/440458371847>. For more information please contact [aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org](mailto:aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org). **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**

*Monday, Nov 14<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 Parks and Natural Resources.* 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**

*Thursday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – WILDLIFE SPOTLIGHT: WOODPECKERS –* Do you hear knocking on a telephone pole outside your home, or a high-pitched sound of laughter? That's a woodpecker! These incredible birds have unique abilities and play an important role in our ecosystem. Join us for a relaxing walk around Conservatory Park to look for woodpeckers in their natural habitat and learn to identify them by sight and sound! Program suitable for adults. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/433002812067>. For more information please contact [elena.burke@mymanatee.org](mailto:elena.burke@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6036. **Conservatory Park**

*Thursday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – WINGS OVER FLORIDA BUTTERFLY COUNT –* Join us for our 7th Annual Butterfly Count and volunteer to keep track of butterfly biodiversity at a seldom explored preserve. Bring your camera, guidebooks, and enthusiasm for these fascinating fliers. Learn how to identify butterfly and moth species and start your own checklist. Program suitable for volunteers 16 and older. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/439849159677>. For more information please contact [matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org](mailto:matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6035. **Headwaters Preserve**





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*Thursday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB: WALKING IN THE PAST* – Come walk in history's footsteps as we explore the Indigenous cultures and pioneers that inhabited Manatee County's preserves. Learn all about the skills practiced by Florida's early inhabitants. Measure the distance you can throw a spear with an atlatl, explore ancient fishing gear, and practice your fire-building skills. 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/439733483687>. 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, Nov 18<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. Program suitable for adults. *All 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, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – TALL TAILS TRIBE: ABC WALK* – A is for ant and B is for bark. What do you think C will stand for? Come and bring your preschoolers on a nature hike searching for all the letters of the alphabet. We will trek through Emerson Point Preserve exploring different habitats and discovering new nature words. Program suitable for preschool-age children. *Reservations are required.* To register please contact [coral.bass@mymanatee.org](mailto:coral.bass@mymanatee.org). For more information please call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6034. **Emerson Point – First parking lot on the right**

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*Friday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – FAMILIES FLOCK TOGETHER: AROUND THE CAMPFIRE* – Calling all lovers of s'mores! Do you ever yearn for evenings past, sitting around the fire with friends, roasting s'mores, singing silly songs, and playing campfire games? If so, we invite you to bring the whole family along for a classic campfire experience. We will start with a short sunset hike at Rye Preserve, followed by songs, games, and s'mores around the campfire. Spaces are limited for this popular program. Please register early! Program suitable for all ages. *There is bench seating around the campfire, but feel free to bring your own camp chair. Reservations are required.* To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/440425172547>. **Rye Preserve – Campground**



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*Saturday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM* – SCIENCE BY THE SEA: ALL ABOUT ROVS HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP – Join us for a morning of marine science and learn all about Remote Operated Vehicles or ROVS used for marine research. The Science by the Sea programs are intended to provide accessible science experiences for kids from historically excluded groups in STEM including gender minorities, racial/ethnic minorities, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and people from low-income or underserved communities. Program suitable for high school students. *Program sponsored by Minorities in Shark Sciences and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://bit.ly/SciencebytheSea>. **Emerson Point Preserve – Classroom**

*Saturday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM OR 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM* – LOOKING FOR ITHACA: AN ODYSSEY – An epic Greek poem becomes an adventure of universal proportions in this 45-minute adaptation of Homer's iconic tale, presented by Asolo Rep and produced by the FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training. Looking for Ithaca: An Odyssey is an imaginative retelling of the classic journey of a family that has been fractured by war and unseen forces. The story is told through the eyes of a family fighting their way back to one another: Odysseus, a father whose yearning for his wife and child drives him to traverse the dangers hidden in the sea; Penelope, a mother protecting what's left of her home and her family; and Telemachus, a son embarking on an Odyssey of his own, looking to fill the shoes of an unknown father. They may return home, but that isn't where their journey ends. Program suitable for all ages. *Program sponsored by Asolo Rep and the FSU/Asolo Conservatory in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on while you enjoy this outdoor performance. You may also wish to bring sunscreen and bug spray.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.asolorep.org/events/detail/looking-for-ithaca-an-odyssey>. For more information please contact [sara\\_brunow@asolo.org](mailto:sara_brunow@asolo.org). **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**

*Saturday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM* – HIKE WITH A LIBRARIAN – Hike with a Manatee County Librarian along the trails of Emerson Point Preserve and discuss a non-fiction book while enjoying Florida's scenery. After the discussion, a Manatee County Parks & Natural Resources guide will talk about the local fauna and flora and the history of the area. 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 the temple mounds found at this preserve and the native peoples of our area. Book title: Florida Native American Heritage Trail. Program suitable for adults. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://manateelibrary.libcal.com/event/9364935>. For more information please contact [elena.burke@mymanatee.org](mailto:elena.burke@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6036. **Emerson Point Preserve – In front of the Classroom**



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*Saturday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM – WILD FLORIDA 101: NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR* – Join us for a guided sunset tour following archeologist Rachael Kangas around the largest temple mound of the Tampa Bay area and discover for yourself what life was like for Native Americans on Sned Island. Learn about tools of the past and the early history of Emerson Point Preserve. Program suitable for adults. *Program sponsored by Florida Public Archeologist Network in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/439759210637>. For more information please contact [sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org](mailto:sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6044. **Emerson Point Preserve –**

### **Large Pavilion**

*Tuesday, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – WILD FLORIDA 101: NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR* – Join us for a guided walk through Neal Preserve as we explore the history of the Native American tribes in the area. We'll take a closer look at the reconstructed burial mounds and climb the observation tower for a scenic view of this coastal preserve. Program suitable for ages 12 and older. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/439839962167>. For more information please contact [sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org](mailto:sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org) or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6044. **Neal Preserve – Pavilion**

*Wednesday, Nov 23<sup>rd</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/432995510227>. 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**



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### Recurring Programs

*Saturday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM – ROBINSON RUNNERS –* Join us weekly to breathe in the fresh air, challenge yourself, and create a community. Savor the trip along the 1.6 and 3.2-mile routes through Robinson Preserve and notice as life becomes a little more vibrant. The group leader will offer a warm-up, then participants may run, walk, or stroll at their own pace followed by a cool-down stretch offered at the finish. Participants will be rewarded for their efforts by our partners Fit 2 Run and Bayshore Nutrition. Program suitable for adults. *Program sponsored by Fit 2 Run and Bayshore Nutrition in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2022/57766/robinson-runners>. For more information please contact [ecoevents@mymanatee.org](mailto:ecoevents@mymanatee.org). **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST***

*Saturday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:ecoevents@mymanatee.org). **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**

**\*Please note the Robinson NEST building will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> for the Asolo Looking for Ithaca Performance and on Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The grounds and Canopy Zone play area will remain open from sunrise to sunset.\***

*Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – SCIENCE BY THE SEA: HOW DO SCIENTISTS COLLECT DATA? –* Join us for an in-depth look at how scientists collect data. The Science by the Sea programs are intended to provide accessible science experiences for kids from historically excluded groups in STEM including gender minorities, racial/ethnic minorities, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and people from low-income or underserved communities. Program suitable for students in grades 6-12. *Program sponsored by Minorities in Shark Sciences and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://bit.ly/SciencebytheSea>. **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.***