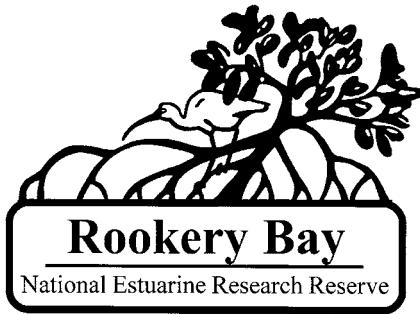


Yours to
Enjoy...Explore...Protect



Program and Event Guide
2009 - 2010

Rookery Bay
Environmental Learning Center
300 Tower Rd Naples, Florida

www.rookerybay.org

Summer Hours (May to October)
Monday thru Friday
9 am to 4 pm

Winter Hours (November to April)
Monday thru Saturday
9 am to 4 pm

Admission

\$5 adults, \$3 children 6-12
Children under 6 are free

(239) 417-6310 x401
info@rookerybay.org

Located off Collier Blvd/Hwy 951
between Naples and Marco Island

Enjoy...Learning Center

Interactive exhibits focus on the plants, animals and cultural resources of the 110,000-acre Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. The two-story exhibit hall features daily programs as well as aquariums, nature store, art gallery, butterfly garden and nature trails to help visitors enjoy, explore and protect our estuaries and coastal habitat.

Explore...Kayak

Rookery Bay Reserve is pleased to offer biweekly naturalist-led kayaking adventures. Visitors can explore mangrove fringing waterways along Henderson Creek while learning about the amazing natural history of this special place. Visit our website or call for details.

Protect...Volunteer

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Rookery Bay Reserve. Over 400 volunteers work within the Reserve annually on a variety of projects, including visitor services, educational programs, research and stewardship, aquarium care, administrative assistance, special events, grounds crew, and more. Contact us to start volunteering in one of North America's most pristine mangrove estuaries today!

**Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center
Events and Programs 2009-2010**

SEPTEMBER

Art Exhibit: Rookery Bay, The Continuum by Kathy Spalding Giclees of Kathy Spalding's inspiring work on display and for sale September 25 - November 15

Monday 9/7

CLOSED/LABOR DAY

Thursday 9/17
6 to 8:30 pm

Eco-Tour Provider Series: Gulf of Mexico Mysteries and Issues. Walk-ins welcome. FREE. More info at www.rookerybay.org/CTP-Home.html

Saturday 9/19
8 am to 12 pm

Coastal Cleanup: Join hundreds of other volunteers and help clean the estuary of Rookery Bay. Several cleanup sites established. Pre-register.

Saturday 9/26
10 am to 3 pm

National Estuary Day! Fun for the entire family: boat tours, guided walks, kayak trips, kids crafts, films, presentations and much more. FREE!
Children's Exhibit and Living Food Web Exhibit opening

OCTOBER

Thursday 10/15
5:30 to 7 pm

Art Reception with special appearance by artist Kathy Spalding. Join us for a reception highlighting the work of Kathy Spalding in Rookery Bay Reserve. Free.

Thursday 10/22
9 am to 12 pm

Quick-Start Your Kayak: Introductory level course to paddling: safety, simple rescues, basic paddling instruction. \$40, members \$35. Pre-register. Limit 10.

NOVEMBER

Winter hours begin: Monday through Saturday 9 am to 4 pm

Wednesday 11/11

CLOSED/VETERAN'S DAY

11/12 - 15

Paradise Coast Kayak Symposium hosted by Rookery Bay and Saltwater Sports. Seminars, paddling instruction and more. www.saltwatersportsflorida.com for details.

Wednesday 11/18
5:30 to 7 pm

Art Exhibit Opening Reception: "Painting Annual", presented by the United Arts Council of Collier County and Friends of Rookery Bay. FREE

11/26 - 11/28

CLOSED/THANKSGIVING DAY WEEKEND

DECEMBER

Tuesday 12/15
8 am to 12 pm

Wing It! A Beginning Birders' Workshop: Learn the basics of birding, then practice your skills on a field trip to a local park. \$20, members \$15. Limit 20. Pre-register.

Friday 12/25-26

CLOSED/CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

JANUARY 2010

Friday 1/1-2

CLOSED/NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

Tuesday 1/5
8 am to 12 pm

Wing It! A Beginning Birders' Workshop: Learn the basics of birding, then practice your skills on a field trip to a local park. \$20, members \$15. Limit 20. Pre-register.

Friday 1/8
6:30 pm – 8 pm

Amazing Adventures Presentation: Tommy Owen and Charles Vaught present on their adventurous kayak trip down the length of the Mississippi River. Refreshments. Doors open at 6 pm. \$5, members FREE

**Saturday 1/15 –
Sunday 1/17**

6th Annual SW Florida Nature Festival: Birding and other guided trips, family programs, presentations, children’s activities; check website for details. \$10 per day for adults, free for kids 12 and under. Field trips offered Friday through Sunday. On-site festivities Saturday and Sunday only. On-line field trip registration begins 11/1/09.

Monday 1/18

CLOSED/MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Saturday 1/30
7 am to 2 pm

Photo Safari with Dave Graff. Explore photo opportunities off the Reserve’s beaten path. Instruction, field time, review. SLR knowledge required. \$20, members \$15. Limit 10. Pre-register.

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2/2
8 am to 12 pm

Wing It! A Beginning Birders’ Workshop: Learn the basics of birding, then practice your skills on a field trip to a local park. \$20, members \$15. Limit 20. Pre-register.

Thursday 2/4
5:30 pm – 7 pm

Art Exhibit Opening Reception: “Photography Annual”, presented by the United Arts Council of Collier and Friends of Rookery Bay. FREE

Friday 2/5
6:30 to 8 pm

Amazing Adventures Presentation: Botanist Maureen Bonness presents her exotic travels to Namibia. Refreshments. Doors open at 6 pm. \$5, members FREE

Wednesday 2/10
9 am to 12 pm

Quick-Start Your Kayak: Introductory level course to paddling: safety, simple rescues, basic paddling instruction. \$40, members \$35. Pre-register. Limit 10.

MARCH

Tuesday 3/2
8 am to 12 pm

Wing It! A Beginning Birders’ Workshop: Learn the basics of birding, then practice your skills on a field trip to a local park. \$20, members \$15. Limit 20. pre-register.

Friday 3/5
6:30 pm – 8 pm

Amazing Adventures Presentation: Renee Wilson presents on her whirlwind trip through five national parks from Rocky Mountain to Grand Canyon. Refreshments. Doors open at 6 pm. \$5, members FREE.

APRIL

April 3 - 30

Art Exhibit: Collier County Student Art Show

Friday 4/2
6:30 to 8 pm

Amazing Adventures Presentation: Deborah Jansen & Ralph Arwood, “Whale Watching in the Sea of Cortez” Refreshments. Doors open at 6 pm. \$5, members FREE

Monday 4/5
10 am to 3 pm

Girls’ Science Day: A day of hands-on learning and fun for girls in grades 6 to 8. Pre registration and application process required. \$30 (scholarships available) Limit 15

Tuesday 4/6
8 am to 12 pm

Wing It! A Beginning Birders’ Workshop: Learn the basics of birding, then practice your skills on a field trip to a local park. \$20, members \$15. Limit 20.

MAY

TBA
10 am to 3 pm

Summer hours begin: Monday through Friday 9 am to 4 pm

Dive Into Oceans Family Day: Discover how fascinating our oceans really are. Try SCUBA diving or enjoy a variety of inside and outdoor activities for the entire family. FREE

Event details and pre-registration at www.rookerybay.org or (239) 417-6310 x401