Friends of Rookery Bay

Art Gallery exhibits

Friends and Family of the Estuary
Sept. 23 to Nov. 15, 2010
Painting Annual
Nov. 18, 2010 to Jan. 29, 2011
Photography Annual
Feb. 4 to Mar. 30, 2011
Collier County Student Show
Apr. 4 to May 6, 2011

Naples Flatbread Doughnation Days

2nd Thursday of every month, Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar will donate 20% of sales to the Friends of Rookery Bay when a Rookery Bay voucher is presented.

Barnes and Noble Gift Wrapping Benefits

Nov. 27 and Dec. 11, 2010 Volunteers will be wrapping gifts for donations to the Friends, and B&N will donate a percentage of sales from the events to the Friends.

1st Annual Rookery Bay Adventure Race

Dec. 4, 2010 3k kayak and 4k run to benefit the Friends. Limited to 50 participants. Register on-line.

2nd Batfish Bash for the Bay,

Mar. 11, 2011

Title Sponsor: 5th/3rd Bank

Signature fundraising event features food and music with local flair. Tickets start at $150.

Palmetto Patch Nature Store

Located within the Environmental Learning Center

Enjoy the Environmental Learning Center

- Observation bridge, nature trails, and viewing platform
- 16,500 square foot visitor center
- 2,300 gallons and six tanks feature aquatic life found in local estuaries
- Interactive exhibits promote learning and exploration

Environmental Learning Center

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

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

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

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

Daily Programs

(included with admission to Environmental Learning Center)

Monday
11 a.m. Touch Tank
2 p.m. Educator's choice

Tuesday
11 a.m. Nature Walk
2 p.m. Shells of SW Florida

Wednesday
11 a.m. Touch Tank
2 p.m. Nature walk

Thursday
11 a.m. Slithering Snakes
2 p.m. Nature Walk

Friday
11 a.m. Munching in the Mangroves
2 p.m. Nature Walk

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2 p.m. Touch Tank

Program Guide

Nov. 2010 thru April 2011

Rookery Bay

National Estuarine Research Reserve

Rookery Bay
Environmental Learning Center
300 Tower Rd Naples, Florida
www.rookerybay.org

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Education Programs

Guided Kayak Trips

Paddle through mangrove estuaries and backwater bays with a Rookery Bay naturalist. Learn what makes this beautiful place so special. Two-hour trips are offered on Wednesdays and Fridays. Pre-registration required. $35 for members, $40 for non-members.

Cultural History Walks

Join a naturalist and discover the rich local history of Rookery Bay Reserve. Offered hourly from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays December through April. Meet at Shell Island Road Field Station. Free.

Lunch and Learn Lecture Series

Monthly lecture series features local experts discussing various environmental topics. Lunch included. SPONSOR. Free for members, $5 for non-members. Limit 50 guests.

Wing it!

Learn the basics of birding, then practice your skills on a field trip to a local park. Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar.1, Apr. 5 $15 for members, $20 for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

Host your meeting, reception or birthday party at Rookery Bay's Environmental Learning Center. Call or go on-line for details.

Special Events

National Estuaries Day

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010

Celebrate the nations estuaries! This free event includes boat rides, kayak trips, marine touch tanks, guided nature walks, fun activities for all ages and volunteer opportunities.

Spooky Science

Friday, Oct. 29, 2010

Kids in costume who are accompanied by a paying adult receive free admission. Presentations and crafts at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. will focus on a Halloween theme.

America Recycles Day

Monday, Nov. 15, 2010

It all comes back to you – $1 off admission when guests bring a cell phone, laptop, ink jet cartridge, jewelry, digital camera, video camera or MP3 players for recycling.

SW Florida Nature Festival

Friday - Sunday, Jan. 14 to 16, 2011

Three days, 40 field trips, on-site presentations, fun activities for all ages and more all on the magic and wonders of Southwest Florida nature. $10 per day, $5 12 & under, $15 wkend pass. Field trip registration opens Nov. 1 for members, Nov. 8 for non-members.

Love in the Sea

Monday, Feb. 14, 2011

2-for-1 admission for all guests who bring their "sweetie." Presentations at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. will explain which local animals "couple up" and which ones will be spending the holiday alone.

Green Living

Thursday, Mar. 17, 2011

Wear green and receive $1 off regular admission. Children can participate in a Green Scavenger Hunt. Presentations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. will explain how animals use color to survive and thrive.

Special Events

Girls Science Day

Monday, Mar. 28, 2011

Girls in grades 6 to 8 are invited to apply for this one-day program that will expose them to marine science. Participants will study marine life and systems while exploring the pristine mangroves and beaches of Rookery Bay Reserve.

Earth Day

Friday, Apr. 22, 2011

Celebrate the 41st Anniversary of Earth Day at Rookery Bay and get "Buy 1, get 1 free" admission.

Dive into Oceans Day

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Learn to SCUBA in a 17,000-gallon pool. Enjoy nature movies, laboratory tours, guided nature walks, presentations, children's crafts, and much more. Free.

Go behind the scenes at Rookery Bay by joining the volunteer program.

Volunteers are vital to the work done by the Reserve and help with projects such as:

- Water quality, fisheries, shark, bird & other research projects
- Trail and facilities maintenance
- Invasive species management
- Education programs
- Visitor services
- Special events & outreach
- Animal and aquarium care
- Office assistance
- Gardening and landscaping