



Florida Panther: Big Cat on the Brink

Saturday, September 22, 2007 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Pat Kiesylis, Florida Programs, Defenders of Wildlife

With fewer than 100 individuals left in the wild, Florida panthers stand at the brink of extinction. Join us to learn about the threats faced by these beautiful, rare cats. Habitat loss, collisions with vehicles, and public misconceptions about panther behavior will be discussed. Find out what is being done to save Florida's state animal and how it benefits the organisms that share its habitat. Admission: Free. Pre-registration is required. **Recommended for ages 8 and older.**

Photography Hike

Sunday, September 23, 2007 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center Staff and Volunteers

This program is designed to provide great photographic opportunities for photographers of all levels. We will discuss ways to setup good photographs while walking the Center trails in search of that perfect shot. We will highlight seasonal features of the Preserve as well as specific wildlife behaviors that will help participants capture the natural beauty of Brooker Creek Preserve. Admission: Free. Pre-registration is required. Recommended ages: 12 and up.

Book Time at Brooker Creek – *The Giving Tree*

Thursday, September 27, 2007 10:30 am - 11:15 am

Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center Staff

This program is designed to introduce pre-school children to the wonders of the natural world. Every second and fourth Thursday of each month, children are treated to stories and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment. This week features *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. This popular tale of few words and simple line drawings follows the life of a boy and his relationship with a tree as they grow. Admission: Free. **Recommended ages: 3 – 5.**

World Rivers Day FEST

Saturday, September 29, 2007 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Come join us as we celebrate the third international "World Rivers Day" with a FEST designed to highlight the many values of our local waterways. The FEST offers practical ideas and materials to make a difference in your home and community. Offerings include live music, shows, demonstrations, interactive exhibits, art displays by local artists, a "kid's corner" activities area, food, and drinks. Off-site parking is available. Admission: Free. **Recommended for all ages.**



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BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2007

Guided Hikes

Saturday, September 1, 2007 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Saturday, September 8, 2007 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Saturday, September 15, 2007 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Saturday, September 22, 2007 9:00 am – 11:00 am

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Take a walk through time on a guided hike along the Education Center Trail. Join us for this 0.75 mile walk as we look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Admission: Free. **All ages welcome - children younger than 6 may find this hike challenging.**

Insect Safari

Saturday, September 1, 2007 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center Staff

What makes an insect an insect? Where are the best places to find insects? We will look at a few examples of live insects in the classroom and then go outside to search for more. Each group will learn to use an insect net and magnifier to get "up-close" views of these fascinating creatures. Join us for this fun, hands-on family program. Pre-registration is required and program is limited to 20 children. Admission: Free. **Recommended for ages 6 - 10.**

Wednesday Evening Walk

Wednesday, September 5, 2007 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 19, 2007 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center Staff

Twilight is the time for nature's changing of the guard. Creatures that are active during daylight hours are quieting down, while those active at night are just beginning to move around. Join us for a pleasant evening stroll as we look for and discuss the ways that wildlife share the same spaces during different times of the day. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must and a flashlight is optional. Pre-registration is required. Admission: Free. **Recommended for adults – program suitable for children 10 and older.**



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Hours: Wed 9:00 am - 8:30 pm, Thurs - Sun 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Closed Holidays

Members of the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc. receive a discount on admission fees.

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Back in Time

Saturday, September 8, 2007 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Jay Hardman, Archaeologist, Clearwater, FL

Take a journey back in time with archaeologist Jay Hardman to prehistory and early history days along the central Gulf Coast of Florida. Hardman will relate the delicate balance between people and their environment through thousands of years of history as recorded in the archaeological record. He will put time into perspective as he discusses the many years of human occupation in this area while demonstrating the tools and sources of livelihood of past cultures. Admission: Free. Pre-registration is required. All ages welcome.

Meet The Artist – An Artist’s Vision: Florida Wildlife and Landscapes

Sunday, September 9, 2007 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Thomas Brooks, Lakeland, FL

Mood and light of the natural world dominate the paintings of this artist. For his inspiration, Brooks relies on his personal experiences as he applies acrylics on canvas to create a signature atmosphere. Join us for the opening of his exhibition and a chance to meet the artist. Admission: Free. **Recommended for adults – program suitable for children 12 and older.**

Cypress Swamp Café – Global Warming: Changing the CO₂urse

Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center Staff

Join us for this series of presentations and discussions to explore the ways you can live a sustainable lifestyle. Each evening will begin with a social time that includes refreshments and shade-grown coffee, followed by a presentation and/or discussion session. This week the Center presents an introductory session for Global Warming: Changing the CO₂urse. Global climate change is one of the most complex environmental issues being discussed today. Join us to better understand the history and science of global climate change and discuss the ways that our personal choices can have an impact. This self-directed discussion course, developed by the Northwest Earth Institute, spans several weeks. It explores the ways that personal values and habits are related to climate change and how we can change our world, one conversation at a time. Discussion groups and future meeting dates and times will be determined during this 1.5 hour introductory session. Admission: Free. Materials: \$15. **Recommended for adults.**

Morning Migratory Bird Walk

Thursday, September 13, 2007 8:00 am – 9:30 am

Thursday, September 20, 2007 8:00 am – 9:30 am

Thursday, September 27, 2007 8:00 am – 9:30 am

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Join us for an early morning stroll to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Preserve. We will walk along the boardwalks and around the center to look and listen for birds and other signs of fall. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. Admission: Free. **Recommended ages: 12 and up.**

Book Time at Brooker Creek – Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf

Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:30 am - 11:15 am

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This program is designed to introduce pre-school children to the wonders of the natural world. Every second and fourth Thursday of each month, children are treated to stories and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment. This week features *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf* by Lois Ehlert. Follow the life of a sugar maple from seed to beautiful tree in collage-style art. Admission: Free. **Recommended ages: 3 – 5.**

Spanish Language Book Time – ¡Salta, Ranita, Salta! (Jump, Frog, Jump!)

Friday, September 14, 2007, 2007 10:30 am - 11:15 am

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Join us for a new and fun experience with Spanish story time. This program is designed to introduce pre-school children to the wonders of the natural world in Spanish. Children are treated to stories and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment. How did the frog catch the fly? ¡Salta, Ranita, Salta! (*Jump, Frog, Jump!*) by Robert Kalan is a captivating and entertaining story that will be read in Spanish. The story follows a frog that chases a fly, and in turn is chased by a fish, a snake, a turtle, a net, and a group of children. Admission: Free. **Recommended ages: 3 – 5.**

Gardening for Wildlife

Saturday, September 15, 2007 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Pinellas County IFAS Extension Staff

Choosing plants that create habitat for wildlife can be a rewarding and educational experience for the entire family. An instructor from Pinellas County IFAS Extension will be on-hand to teach this free workshop. Pre-registration is required. Admission: Free. **Recommended ages: 8 and up.**

Upland Ecosystem Restoration

Saturday, September 15, 2007 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Nancy Bissett, The Natives, Davenport, FL

Florida’s upland ecosystems have been affected by the introduction of non-native species, resulting in the loss of native diversity. Since 1994, wiregrass, other native grasses, sedges, wildflowers, herbs, and shrubs have been successfully seeded on-site in areas as large as 200 acres. Join us as botanist Nancy Bissett discusses various techniques, variables encountered, and results of this restoration effort. Admission: Free. **Recommended for adults.**

Teeth Tell the Tale

Sunday, September 16, 2007 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center Staff

Carnivore, herbivore, omnivore – what do you like to eat? Did you know that you can tell what an animal eats just by looking at its teeth? We will examine skulls and scats as we learn how teeth can tell the tale of an animal’s diet. Join us for this fun, hands-on family program. Pre-registration is required. Admission: Free. **Recommended for all ages.**

The Great Naturalists Reading Series – A Naturalist in Florida: A Celebration of Eden

Friday, September 21, 2007 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center Staff

The East Lake Community Library and the Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center co-host this exciting series each month. Archie Carr’s eloquent writing in *A Naturalist in Florida: A Celebration of Eden* describes the relatively unexplored paradise of Florida as it was encroached upon. His essays not only show his brilliance as a distinguished naturalist, but his wit and talents as a poet and journalist as well. Join us for an interactive presentation and discussion of the book. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Admission: Free. **Recommended for adults.**