



Central Florida Habitats

Friday, December 3, 2010

Creation Adventures by Science Partners

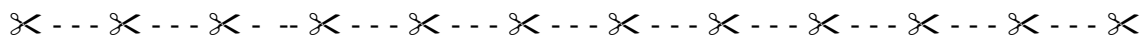


***“O LORD, how many are Thy works! In wisdom Thou hast made them all.
The earth is full of Thy creatures.” Psalm 104:24***

Bill and Merilee Clifton - creationists, authors, Florida Master Naturalists, and science educators - will lead our group as we explore Central Florida Habitats, observing plants and animals that were specifically designed to live in them. Our first stop is Blue Spring State Park, home to several habitats including hammock, marsh, swamp, flatwoods, and sand pine scrub. We will cruise the St. Johns River aboard a **hands-on, floating science laboratory!** We'll test the river water for temperature, turbidity, and salinity. We'll dip, collect, and identify marine specimens. And, we'll enjoy a fully narrated introduction to the wildlife and vegetation of this fragile ecosystem as we keep a look out for manatees, alligators, otters, turtles, birds, and more. We'll have the opportunity to earn a birding certificate in the "Wings Over Florida" junior birding program of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. After our cruise, we'll hike the boardwalk along Blue Spring Run as we look for endangered manatees. A park ranger or volunteer will give us an interpretive program about this unique environment and its vital role in the manatee's survival. After lunch, we're off to Lyonia Preserve where we will take a short hike into a scrub habitat looking for one of Florida's most endangered birds, the Florida scrub-jay. We'll learn about plants and animals created specially for the scrub environment and contrast them with flora and fauna of other habitats. Our habitat survey will end at Lyonia Preserve around 2:30 PM.

We will meet by 8:00 AM at Blue Spring State Park, 2100 West French Ave., in Orange City in back at the boat dock on the St. Johns River. Use www.mapquest.com for directions from your home. You will receive a fee waiver letter via email to present at the entrance gate. We need to be on the river by 8:30 AM. **Be sure to bring a picnic lunch.** It's always a good idea to bring sunscreen, insect repellent, water, rain poncho, and camera. Creation resources will be available for purchase during lunch. If you have questions, please contact Bill or Merilee Clifton at 407-331-3427 or sciencepartners@cfl.rr.com. On the day of the event, you may call our cell phone, 407-808-4458.

Space is limited to the first 40 (boat capacity) registrants! Minimum is 30. Family and friends are also welcome! A responsible adult must accompany all children. Minimum age for this trip is 3 years (Coast Guard / life vest regulations). Cost is \$24 for ages 3 - 12 and \$26 for ages 13 - adult. Make your check payable to **Science Partners** and send it with the registration form below to 343 Allison Ave., Longwood 32750. **Deadline for minimum number is October 29, 2010. Late registrations will be accepted, space permitting.**



Registration Form: CENTRAL FLORIDA HABITATS, December 3, 2010

Last Name:		Address:	
City:	Zip:	Home Phone: ()	
E-mail:		Cell Phone: ()	

Names of Adults:	Names of Children:	Ages:	Names of Children:	Ages:
1.	1.	1.	4.	4.
2.	2.	2.	5.	5.
3.	3.	3.	6.	6.

Cost:

# Ages 13 years - Adult ____ @ \$26 = \$	# Children 3 - 12 years = ____ @ \$24 = \$
Total Amount Enclosed: \$	Your Check Number: