

Manatee Snorkel Encounter

Friday, March 4, 2011

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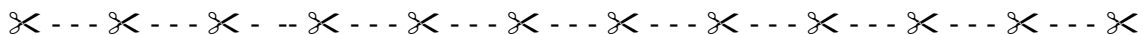
“Let heaven and earth praise Him, the waters and everything that moves in them.” Psalm 69:34

Join Bill and Merilee Clifton - creationists, authors, Florida Master Naturalists, and science educators - as we focus on Florida’s Gentle Giant, the West Indian Manatee. Our destination is Citrus County, *The Nature Coast*. In the morning, outfitted with wetsuits, masks, snorkels, and fins, we will take a pontoon boat to the manatee site where we’ll enter the crystal clear, spring-fed waters. During our encounter, we’ll observe first-hand these sociable, endangered mammals. We’ll study them “up close and personal” in their natural habitat and discover what they look like, what they feel like, how they breathe, what they eat, and more! We’ll also learn what threatens the manatee’s survival and how we can help.

After our picnic lunch, we’ll spend time at Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park. This 166-acre park, located at the headwater of the Homosassa River, is a showcase for native Florida wildlife. We’ll visit the Children’s Education Center and also see many examples of Florida wildlife, some endangered or threatened. We’ll take the Wildlife Walk through natural wildlife habitats, keeping an eye out for gators, crocodiles, snakes, deer, Florida black bear, bobcats, otter, Florida panthers, manatees (underwater floating observatory), and a variety of birds including endangered whooping cranes.

We will meet at American Pro Diving Center, 821 SE US Hwy. 19, Crystal River 34429, between 7:30 and 8:00 AM. Use www.mapquest.com or www.randmcnally.com for directions from your home. **IF YOU ARE LATE, YOU WILL LITERALLY MISS THE BOAT!** The dive shop cannot wait for anyone. They have to be back for their next scheduled group after us. Our day as a group will end at Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park around 4:00 PM. The park closes at 5:30 PM in case you’d like to stay later. **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. Questions? Contact Bill or Merilee Clifton at 407-331-3427 or sciencepartners@cfl.rr.com. On the day of the event, you may call the Cliftons’ cell phone, 407-808-4458. **Cost includes pontoon boat ride, wetsuit/mask/snorkel/fin rental, entrance to Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park, and gratuities.**

Space is limited to the first 40 registrants! Minimum number is 25. A responsible adult must accompany all children. Children may not be left unattended on the boat. **Minimum age is 6 years.** **Each person should be a fairly good swimmer.** Cost is \$65 for snorkelers 6 - 12 years old and \$70 for snorkelers 13 years and up. Make your check payable to **Science Partners** and send with registration form to 343 Allison Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750. **Deadline for minimum number is January 28, 2011.** **Late registrations may be accepted, space permitting and with dive shop’s approval.**



Registration Form: MANATEE SNORKEL ENCOUNTER – Friday, March 4, 2011

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

Names of Adults:	Names of Children:	Ages:	Names of Children:	Ages:
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Cost:

# Ages 13 and over = ___ @ \$70 = \$	# Ages 6-12 = ___ @ \$65 = \$
Total Amount Enclosed: \$	Your Check Number: