



Florida Panhandle Creation Tour - Cool Caves & Migrating Monarchs

Friday – Saturday, November 8-9, 2019
Creation Adventures by Science Partners



“You art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for You have created all things, and for Your pleasure they are and were created.” Revelation 4:11

Join Bill and Merilee Clifton - creationists, authors, Florida Master Naturalists, and science educators – as we tour parts of the Florida Panhandle looking for evidence of our Creator. Families will drive their own vehicles. (We’ll save on motor coach costs!) On Friday, we’ll meet at **Florida Caverns State Park** (FCSP) in **Marianna**, FL at the gift shop between 1:00 and 1:30 PM Central Time (2:00 and 2:30 Eastern Time). We’ll spend the afternoon at FCSP. We’ll take **a guided tour of Florida Cavern**, the main tour cave in this cave system, and the only cave open for public tours in Florida. We’ll see cave formations such as **stalactites, stalagmites, columns, soda straws, flowstones, draperies, and rimstone pools**. We’ll learn how these formations develop. (Hint: It doesn’t take millions of years!) We’ll look through the **Visitor Center / Museum exhibits** to learn about the park’s history and its unique plants and animals. We’ll drive to our hotel south of Tallahassee near **St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge** (SMNWR), and have dinner there (provided). We’ll have a short group time after dinner to review our activities on Friday and look forward to our Saturday activities.

On Saturday our focus is on butterflies. Migrating monarch butterflies from across the eastern US gather at SMNWR in the fall before crossing the Gulf of Mexico on their migratory route to Mexico for the winter. We have confirmed with **University of Florida biologist** David Cook that we can meet him and join his **Citizen Science Project**, helping **count and tag monarch butterflies** early Saturday morning. So, conditions permitting, we’ll meet near St. Marks lighthouse where we’ll experience butterfly tagging first hand! Then we’re off for the **Visitor Center** where we’ll discover more about the refuge from **educational exhibits**. We’ll also look in the nature-oriented gift shop / book store. After lunch (provided) we’ll leave for **Gainesville** where we’ll visit **Florida Museum of Natural History’s Butterfly Rainforest** and see hundreds of free-flying butterflies in a beautiful tropical setting. It also has **thousands of butterfly and moth specimens** and photographs. The **“Rearing Lab”** lets us observe the life cycle of the butterfly close up. We can also observe scientists and researchers through glass windows working in the world’s largest research facility devoted to Lepidoptera. The museum closes at 5:00 PM. It is approximately two hours from the Orlando area.



Registration Form: FLORIDA PANHANDLE CREATION TOUR, Nov. 8-9, 2019

Last Name:		Address:		
City:		Zip:	Home Phone: ()	
E-mail:		Cell Phone: ()		
First Name - Adults:	First Name - Children:	Age:	First Name - Children:	Age:
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2.	2.		4.	
There are no queen beds per room. If sharing a room, with whom: _____.				
Cost Per Room:	Adult Cost:		Child(ren) Cost:	
2 people in room	Number Adults = ___ x \$155 = \$ _____		Number Children (6 - 18 years) = ___ x \$150 = \$ _____	
3 people in room	Number Adults = ___ x \$135 = \$ _____		Number Children (6 - 18 years) = ___ x \$130 = \$ _____	
4 people in room	Number Adults = ___ x \$125 = \$ _____		Number Children (6 - 18 years) = ___ x \$120 = \$ _____	
Adult Cost: \$ _____ + Child(ren) Cost: \$ _____ = Total: \$ _____ . 50% deposit = \$ _____ . Check # _____				

See page 2 for more information and cancellation policy.

FLORIDA PANHANDLE CREATION TOUR INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: Space is limited. To schedule this trip, we must look for a weekend when there is not an FSU or FAMU home football game because you can't get a hotel room (or the price is doubled / tripled!). We also have to plan around the Florida Seafood Festival in Apalachicola. **We were able to hold 12 hotel rooms.** After these twelve rooms are taken, if any other family is interested, we'll have to check with our contact at the hotel and let you know if there is a room available and if there is an additional cost. (Group rate is not guaranteed after 12 rooms.) Also, we have to prepay our cave tour. So, if you join at the last minute, there may or may not be space in our tour and / or you may not be able to get in on our group rate. We'll have to check on that also at that time. **So, please try to register as soon as possible!**

REQUIREMENTS: Space is limited to 12 hotel rooms! Minimum number of participants is 25. Participants should be able to hike short distances easily. A responsible adult must accompany all children. Minimum age is six years or first grade. **It is very important that each child demonstrates the ability and willingness to follow adult instructions and also be physically able to keep up with the group during the entire trip.**

COST / PAYMENTS: Cost includes creation tour guides, lodging, meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch), all entrance / admission / program fees, and educational materials. Mail deposit check and registration form to *Science Partners*, 343 Allison Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750.

1. Your deposit of 50% is due on or before September 13 (eight weeks before the trip).
2. Your balance of 50% is due on or before October 11 (four weeks before the trip).

CANCELLATIONS: *Science Partners* must make numerous deposits in preparation for this trip. Therefore:

<i>If you cancel:</i>	<i>Then:</i>
On or after September 13 (eight weeks before trip)	\$25 per person will be deducted from your refund.
On or after October 11 (four weeks before trip)	If your cancellation results in an unused space (and the possibility of the trip being cancelled), \$50 per person will be deducted from your refund. However, if another qualified participant is found to fill your space, only \$25 per person will be deducted from your refund. (See note below.)

EXCEPTION: In the event of a serious, unexpected family emergency, *Science Partners* will consider refunding even the "non-refundable" amounts. Also, in the event that *Science Partners* must cancel the trip because the minimum number was not met or any other unforeseen circumstance, *ALL* money paid will be refunded.

Questions? Contact Merilee Clifton by phone at 407-808-4458 or by email at sciencepartners@cfl.rr.com.