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Science Partners Newsletter

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Daylight Savings Time Ends: “Fall Back” on Sunday, November 5



Don't forget to set your clocks back!

Officially, “Daylight Savings Time” ends and “Standard Time” begins on Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 AM. So, don't forget to **set your clocks back one hour** before you go to bed on Saturday night. And, enjoy that extra hour of sleep!

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 23

At this time of year, we pause to give thanks for our many blessings. We are especially grateful for the opportunity to partner with you for science education from a creationist perspective.

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the LORD He is God:

It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise:

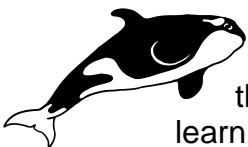
Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; And His truth endureth to all generations.



Creationist Guide to SeaWorld Field Trip: Friday, December 1

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for our minimum number is this Friday, November 3!



Join us as we explore SeaWorld from a biblical, creationist perspective. Mr. Clifton, former head of SeaWorld Orlando's Education Department, knows his way around the park! He will provide a unique and fascinating perspective of SeaWorld as we learn about the sea and the awesome creatures that live in it. Did you ever wonder why marine mammals have tails that move up and down instead of side-to-side like fish? Or why they are born tail first instead of head first like land mammals? Come along as we answer these and other questions. Explore SeaWorld from a creationist viewpoint and discover how these unique life forms were specially created for a marine environment! After our group tour ends around 2:00 p.m., you may stay on your own until the park closes at 9:00 p.m. For more info and a registration form, check out this link: https://www.sciencepartners.net/uploads/9/8/8/0/9880494/2023 - 12-01_seaworld.pdf.

Right Whale Festival: November 4-5, Fernandina Beach



The 2023 Right Whale Festival will be held at Main Beach Park, 32 N. Fletcher Ave., Fernandina Beach.

Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 5, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Right Whale Festival celebrates the annual return of endangered North Atlantic right whales to the warm coastal water off northeast Florida and Georgia, where they give birth to and nurse their young. With less than 350 remaining, this family-fun event raises awareness of the threats to right whales and how we can help in their recovery. The festival highlights local efforts to protect these whales from extinction, as well as ocean-themed activities and exhibits that emphasize education and environmentally responsible adventures and products. Admission is FREE! For more information, check this link: <https://rightwhalefestival.com/>.

Repticon Orlando: December 9-10, Central Florida Fairgrounds



Stroll down aisles of reptiles, amphibians, exotic animals, cages, supplies, and wonderful themed merchandise. The entertainment and education include presentations, interaction with live animals, and seminars covering a broad range of animal topics.

Hours: Saturday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Tickets: Please note that tickets are only sold online and are non-refundable.

Information: For more information including ticket prices, **check out this link:** <http://repticon.com/florida/orlando/>.

2024 Fish Art Contest Now Open

Wildlife Forever's 25th Anniversary Fish Art Contest is now open! Since 1997, the contest has grown into an internationally recognized youth conservation program, drawing thousands of entries each year. The Fish Art Contest uses art, science, and creative writing to foster connections to the outdoors and inspire the next generation of stewards. The program is free to enter and open to youth in kindergarten through 12th grade anywhere in the world.

To enter, participants select a fish species of their choice and create an original, hand-done illustration. Participants 4th grade and older will also submit a brief piece of creative writing or an essay pertaining to their chosen species that showcases what they have learned.



Learn more about the 2024 contest, find educational resources, submit your work, and more at <https://www.wildlifeforever.org/home/fish-art/>. The contest is open until February 28th, 2024.

Join One of Our 2023 – 2024 Creation Adventures “OPEN” Field Trips



The following **Creation Adventures** have been scheduled for the 2023 – 2024 school year by Science Partners and The Classical School, Orlando. These field trips are “**OPEN**” to all homeschooling families. Click on each link for information / registration forms with more details about each trip.

Friday, December 1, 2023: [Creationist Guide to SeaWorld](#)

PLEASE NOTE: “Minimum Number Deadline” is this Friday, November 3!

Enjoy a “Creationist Tour of SeaWorld” until around 2:00 p.m., and then stay on your own until the park closes at 9:00 p.m..

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Friday, February 2, 2024: [For the Birds](#) (Orlando Wetlands in Christmas)

Learn about birds and birding, take a nature walk, earn a Jr. Birding Certificate from FL Fish & Wildlife.

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Friday, March 15, 2024: [Manatee Snorkel Encounter](#)

Meet at dive shop in Crystal River to snorkel with manatees in the morning, and then learn about native FL plants and animals featured at Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park in the afternoon.

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Friday, April 26, 2024: [Florida’s Water Systems](#)

Beach activities at Canaveral National Seashore; educational displays and film at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge; seining in Indian River Lagoon; airboat ride on the St. Johns River.

https://www.sciencepartners.net/uploads/9/8/8/0/9880494/2024 - 04-26_floridas_water_systems.pdf

***I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonders. Psalm 9:1***

Plan a 2023 – 2024 Creation Adventure for Your Group!

Join us as we take a hike, snorkel with manatees, ride an airboat, go beachcombing, seine in a lagoon, go birding, earn a birding certificate, see the heavens in a portable planetarium, learn about bears, bugs, dinosaurs, marine science, Noah’s ark, and much more.

[To Schedule Your Creation Field Trip or Workshop:](#)

1. Go to www.sciencepartners.net. Click on the “**Creation Field Trips**” and “**Creation Workshops**” tabs to review the field trips and workshops that we offer.
2. Go to the “**Calendar**” tab to see what dates are available.
3. Once you’ve decided on an event and a date, contact us so we can begin contacting our vendors and making reservations.
4. Once everything is confirmed, you will be contacted and your event will be added to our website calendar. For homeschool families, a registration form will be linked to your event date (unless your event is “closed” for your group only). Christian school classes do not need a registration form for each participant.



Our goal is to provide participants with a unique and fascinating **creationist** perspective of God's great design in nature and to teach them how to see God's handiwork in all of creation!