

FLORIDA'S WATER SYSTEMS

Friday, April 26, 2024

Creation Adventures by Science Partners



He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. Psalm 72:8

Come enjoy the great outdoors of Florida with Bill & Merilee Clifton - creationists, authors, Florida Master Naturalists, and science educators. The Cliftons will lead our group from **Canaveral National Seashore (CNS)** to **Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge** (if open), **Indian River Lagoon (IRL)** and the **St. Johns River (SJR)**, exploring Florida's Water Systems from the perspective of God's design in creation.

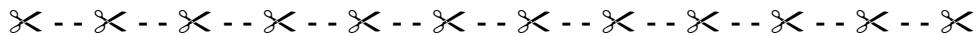
We will meet at 7:30 AM at Bridgewater Marketplace Shopping Center on East Colonial Drive in the parking lot between Winn Dixie and Subway and **depart for CNS by 8:00 AM** after a brief orientation. This shopping center is located just east of the intersection of Hwy. 408 (East-West Expressway, Exit 23 - Titusville) and Hwy. 50 / Colonial Drive. For directions and time estimate, use Subway's address, 13212 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando 32826. **At CNS, we'll begin with an orientation, beach walk, and sea bean hunt at this saltwater ecosystem.** CNS entrance fee is \$20 per vehicle (subject to change) unless your group is tax exempt and receives a fee waiver or you have a National Parks pass. Then, we're off to **MINWR, where we'll see educational displays and a film on the ecology of the area.** **Be sure to bring a picnic lunch.** After lunch, **at IRL we'll wade into the brackish water with seining nets.** Our *Capture and Release* permit allows us to **study the marine specimens we catch** and then return them to the water. We never know what we might find, but have caught fish, shrimp, crabs, seahorses, jellyfish, puffer fish, horseshoe crabs, stingrays, and more! Sometimes we see dolphins and manatees. **TIE-ON SHOES ARE REQUIRED TO GET IN THE WATER!** *These can be old tennis shoes, athletic-type shoes, etc. They must tie on so they won't come off in the water. Slip-ons, beach shoes or boots, zippered shoes, Crocs, etc. are NOT acceptable. If you don't have tie-ons, you'll need to go to a discount or thrift store and buy a cheap pair.* **Bring a towel, change of clothes (just in case), and dry shoes in a plastic bag for wet things, and a container of water to rinse feet after seining.** Our last stop is the **SJR** where we'll **observe the plant and animal life of this freshwater habitat from an airboat.** Watch for alligators, bald eagles, other birds, turtles, and more! There's an awesome gift / snack shop at the airboat place. **Our day as a group will end after the airboat ride at approximately 3:30 PM in Christmas, FL.** Creation resources will be available for purchase. Questions? Email Merilee Clifton at sciencepartners@cfl.rr.com or call / text 407-808-4458.

Minimum number is 25; maximum is 54 (capacity for three airboats). A responsible adult must accompany and supervise all children. Please note that our day is long and very active. **Deadline for minimum number is March 29, 2024. Later registrations may be accepted, space permitting.**

TO REGISTER:

(1) Make your **check or money order** payable to **Science Partners** and **mail** it along with your completed registration form below to **343 Allison Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750**, or

(2) Make your **Zelle** payment to **Science Partners** at **407-808-4458** and also **email or text** your names, cell number, and email address to Science Partners.



Registration Form: FLORIDA'S WATER SYSTEMS – Friday, April 26, 2024

Family's Last Name:		Homeschool Group:		
E-mail:		Cell Phone:		
Adult Names:	Children's Names and Ages:		Children's Names and Ages:	
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2.	2.	2.	5.	5.
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Cost:				
# Ages 2 - 12 years = ____ @ \$45 = \$ _____		# Ages 13 years + = ____ @ \$49 = \$ _____		
Total Amount: \$ _____		Circle Payment Type: Check Money Order Zelle		