



Florida Panhandle Creation Tour - Cool Caves & Migrating Monarchs

Friday – Saturday, November 4-5, 2016
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. 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 exhibits to learn about the park’s history and the unique plants and animals of the area. We’ll also hike the Floodplain Trail and go through a tunnel cave as we look for native flora and fauna. We’ll have dinner (provided) and spend the night at our hotel south of Tallahassee near St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge (SMNWR).

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 help tag monarchs early Saturday morning. So, conditions permitting, we’ll meet near St. Marks lighthouse where we’ll experience butterfly tagging first hand! We’ll seine in the Gulf of Mexico and study the marine specimens that we collect. Then we’re off for the visitor center where we’ll discover more about the refuge from the 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 as they work 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. 4-5, 2016

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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There are two queen beds per room. My family is sharing a room with _____.				
Cost Per Room:	Adult Cost:		Child(ren) Cost:	
2 people in room	Number Adults = ___ x \$175 = \$ _____		Number Children (6 - 18 years) = ___ x \$170 = \$ _____	
3 people in room	Number Adults = ___ x \$155 = \$ _____		Number Children (6 - 18 years) = ___ x \$150 = \$ _____	
4 people in room	Number Adults = ___ x \$145 = \$ _____		Number Children (6 - 18 years) = ___ x \$140 = \$ _____	
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 football game because you can't get a hotel room (or the price is doubled / tripled!). For this weekend, there are no football games, but there is a seafood festival. So, **we were only able to reserve 10 hotel rooms.** After these ten rooms are taken, if any other family is interested, the price may go up on the hotel room. At that point, we'd 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. Also, we have to prepay our cave tour. So, if you join at the last minute, there 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 10 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 through 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 9 (eight weeks before the trip).
2. Your balance of 50% is due on or before October 7 (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 9 (eight weeks before trip)	\$25 per person will be deducted from your refund.
On or after October 7 (four weeks before trip)	If your cancellation results in an unused space, \$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.)

HOWEVER: 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.

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