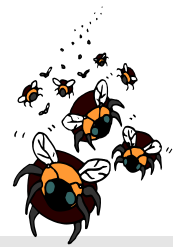




The Buzzzzz!



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From the Editor:

By Dolly Cummings

Fall is in full swing here at Camp Bayou. Volunteers are sprucing up the main activity areas in anticipation of our Fall Open House (which replaces the December Holiday Open Houses we've had in the past).

We have been setting up a number of school field trips for the fall and spring. Since we only do them on Thursdays and Fridays, and only one group per day, be sure to contact us soon if you would like to bring your group for our Nature Programs. A flyer noting some of the possibilities is located on page 5. Check the calendar at campbayou.org to see the remaining days available, or email me at campbayou@gmail.com.

The Fall season is beautiful- please visit!

Volunteers at Camp Bayou

If you are not already a Camp Bayou volunteer and are interested in joining a wonderfully dedicated team, contact Jeri at campbayou@gmail.com or call 813-641-8545 to arrange a tour on a Saturday.

Spread the Word...

Donations are always appreciated; however, if you want to support the cause but don't have the cash, consider a materials donation- check out our wish list on the last page. You can always help by spreading the word...

The Camp Bayou Outdoor Learning Center is a partnership between **Bayou Outdoor Learning & Discovery**, RCDF and Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation & Conservation



Scheduled activities at Camp Bayou

October 20- International Coastal Cleanup
9am; Register @ KeepTampaBayBeautiful.org.

October 27- Fall Open House, 9am-1pm-
Theme: "Out of the Dark". Discovering Florida's less cuddly creatures. See flyer pg 6

November 10- Veteran's Day Parade, 11am
Watch for the Camp Bayou tour cart in the parade along US41 in Ruskin.

Coming Soon! Teacher/Youth Leader workshops starting in January 2013.

Saturdays- Highlight Cart Tours 10am; 20 minute tours. Call ahead 641-8545.

Saturdays- Fossil Dig at the Paleo Preserve Museum's simulated shell pit.

For events that didn't make the newsletter, see our calendar at www.campbayou.org.

Get Social!

Find us at www.facebook.com/CampBayou; Or follow [@campbayou](https://twitter.com/campbayou) on Twitter; or [/user/campbayou](https://www.youtube.com/user/campbayou) on YouTube; or Get the feed at campbayou.blogspot.com

Citizen Science Spotlight



Bat Detective



Did you know that bats are found all over the world, including your local park? Who knew that bats use sounds you can't hear to socialize, hunt for food, and to find their way around?

Many people believe that monitoring the status of bat populations can help tell us about the health of a natural environment as a whole; the bats serve as an early warning, like a canary in a coal mine.

Jump right in and begin classifying calls. Take your ears on a drive through the database - and post what you see and hear. Listen for bats, insects and other sounds.

Visit www.batdetective.org to get started!

Monthly- Citizen Science In Action- New monitoring opportunities offered in the Camp Bayou Nature Center each month.

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Citizen Science is...

research that combines the time and interest of volunteers with the skills of scientists to learn about our world. A list of citizen science projects, with links, is located on our blog at www.citizenscienceatcampbayou.blogspot.com.

ReportPollution

Hillsborough County Adopt-a-Pond has unveiled the beta test of their latest method to report water pollution. Now you can report it by simply snapping a picture with your smartphone or tablet and sending it and a location to their special email address: reportpollution@hillsboroughcounty.org.

Fall into Phenology

You can help all of us better understand how plants change this fall season by observing plants in your neighborhood, schoolyard, or community. The Fall into Phenology campaign ends on October 31, <http://www.budburst.org/fall>

Florida Keys Hawkwatch

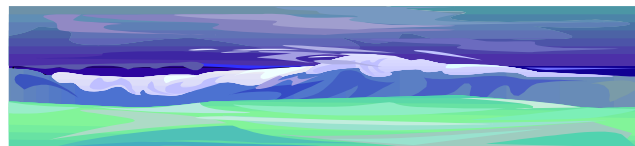
Curry Hammock State Park counts 18 species at an average of 15,000 raptors per season, 9/15- 11/13 If you are [interested](#) in helping. contact TASpublisher@gmail.com.

Wildlife Health Event Reporter

This web application was designed to record wildlife mortality observations by citizens concerned about dead or sick wildlife. <http://www.whmn.org/wher>

Marineland Right Whale Project

Citizens team with scientists in conservation efforts and stewardship for endangered North Atlantic Right Whales on their calving and wintering grounds in coastal waters of northeastern Florida. <http://marinelandrightwhale.blogspot.com>



Summer



We were given a tortoise that was kept as a pet since it was a hatchling so can't be returned to the wild. We have applied for a permit from FWC to keep the tortoise for educational programs.



Our teen volunteers, Andrew and Matthew, helped remove the debris left when the dead and dangerous old laurel oak was removed from the 'lawn'.



John, helps keep the old golf cart ready for highlight tours on Saturdays, plus other projects in the works!

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Highlights



In June, tropical storm Debby dumped so much rain that it flooded the oxbow area.



Lots of golden orb weavers have made huge webs throughout the preserve.



A beautiful double rainbow was the consolation to the rained out Night Hike.

Back to School



Matthew talks about the fish in the river.



ConservelfForward.org talks about frogs.

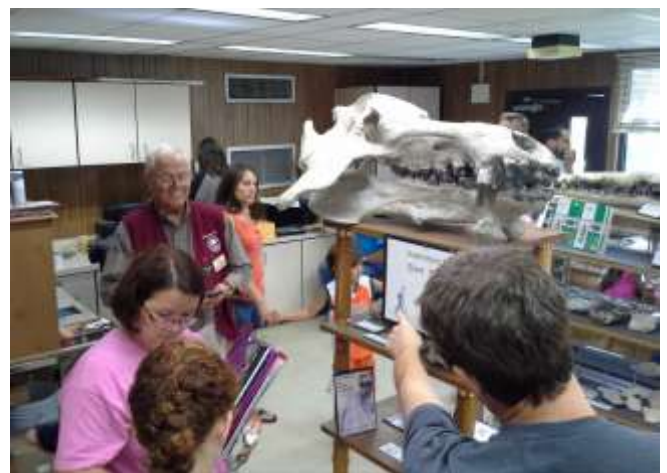


John talks about camping equipment and useful information for scouts.

Back to Nature



Bettina presents Xerxes, our corn snake.



Paleo Preserve staff show their fossils.



The membership table/teacher resource tent provided educational information. Thank you to Xerxes' sponsors- Mark Henson (6 months) & George S (1 month).

Professional Development Workshops:

- Project WILD (plus other FWC curricula)
- Project WET (plus other SWFWMD curricula)
- Project Learning Tree
- Citizen Science at Camp Bayou
- Florida Master Naturalist Program

Contact Dolly to set up a workshop at your school or to learn of upcoming workshops at Camp Bayou (see contact info below)

Our Nature Center has a library of teacher resources that you can borrow.

Stop in to see all the options!



www.campbayou.org

Teacher Resources

Sample Topics:

- river study
- gopher tortoise
- ant lions
- pollinators
- native people
- wildlife walk
- watershed model
- frogs and toads
- butterfly count

Field Trips at Camp Bayou

Time: 10am- 1pm, Thursday or Friday only

Grade level: pre-K through post secondary

Min/Max: 20- 120 students.

Contact Dolly at campbayou@gmail.com or call 813-363-5438.

Fall Open House

"Out of the Dark"

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Camp Bayou Outdoor Learning Center
4140 24th St SE, Ruskin, Hillsborough, FL



Camp Bayou is a partnership between Bayou Outdoor Learning & Discovery, Inc. (BOLD) and Ruskin Community Development Foundation Inc. (RCDF) and Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation.



Have fun while learning about Florida's less cuddly creatures!

- 9:00: Nature activity tables open- critters, crafts and more!
- 9:30: Going Buggy w/ Dr. George
- 10:00: Cockroach Races- cheer a resident racer or BYOC
- 10:30: Snake Stroll w/ Bettina & Xerxes
- 11:00: Species Walk- make a mask or wear your Halloween costume
- 11:30: National Food Day Smart Snacks (cost \$1 and up)
- 1:00: Activity tables close

Registration appreciated but not required at www.campbayou.org.
Visitor's Center: 813-641-8545
Email: campbayou@gmail.com

Membership- New or Renewal (circle one)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

<p>Camp Bayou</p> <p>Member Donation:</p> <p>\$ _____</p>

Our newsletter is announced quarterly by email and also available online at
www.campbayou.org/new.html

cut here - - - mail to: - - - Camp Bayou/BOLD - - P.O. Box 507. - - - Ruskin, FL - - - 33575-0507

Supporter Updates:

Supporters- Renew

Eagle Audubon
Cargill

Supporters- New

Gasser family
Hoobler family

Donations

Naomi Furrer- digital thermometer
Tim Davis- cabin décor
Greg Rogers- fishing reel

Volunteer hrs since

Jan 2012:

2336

Wish List

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| ➤ Vintage boating/fishing gear | ➤ Ice machine | ➤ Staple gun |
| ➤ Dwyer combo kitchen unit | ➤ Reclining beach chairs | ➤ Chain saw |
| ➤ Heavy duty blender | ➤ Pruning shears | |

Camp Bayou Outdoor Learning Center Information

Camp Bayou Preserve is located 3 miles south of SR 674 (exit 240 west off I-75) at the end of 24th St. SE, along the Little Manatee River in Ruskin.

Phone: 813-641-8545
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