



Jonathan Dickinson State Park Elsa Kimbell Environmental Education and Research Center

February 2012

Around the Park...



Monthly Guided River Tours

We are now offering Guided Canoe or Kayak River Tours on a regular basis - the last Saturday morning of every month. Times may vary depending on the season, and participants will need to rent a boat or bring your own.



Ocean to Lake Backpacking Adventure

Three to five day backpacking trip, with the Loxahatchee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association; February 18 - 23. For more Information visit www.meetup.com/Florida-Trail-Association-Loxahatchee-Chapter-PBCounty.



If you are interested in volunteering at Jonathan Dickinson State Park contact Libby Reinert in the Kimbell Center.

**Kimbell Center
561-745-5551**

Kimbell Center and Park News

* **Cacheapalooza 6** - a huge success! With over 500 participants throughout the weekend "geocachers" from around the world participated in this fun, educational, and adventure-filled event. Thank you to all Cacheapalooza crew for bringing this event to the park, and we can't wait until next year! To learn more about geocaching visit geocaching.com.



* **Battle of Okeechobee Re-enactment February 4 & 5, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Okeechobee Battlefield Historic State Park.** Activities throughout the weekend will include the re-enactment with narration, alligator demonstrations, living history, Seminole jacket raffle, artisans, children's horse rides, car shows (Saturday only), folk music, and more! Admission is \$5.00 per vehicle. For more information visit okeechobeebattlefield.com.

* **Artists Association of Jupiter Exhibition January 20 - February 29** in the Kimbell Center. The exhibition includes artwork presented by the Unique Art Gallery and features paintings, photographs, glass etching, and sculpture. Park entry fee applies to view the exhibition - see below for information about the **Opening Reception February 11.**



"Camp Murphy, Under the Radar" February 16, 2:00 p.m., Tequesta Library; a presentation by Park Ranger, Barry Richardson, with information about the World War II Signal Corps and a radar maintenance training facility located on park property in the early 1940's. Please contact the Tequesta Library for more information.

Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.

* **2012 Friends of JDSP Photo Contest Submission due date has changed. All entries are due March 11.** \$15 entry fee for up to three entries, \$5 each additional photo. All proceeds benefit the Friends of JDSP. Categories include Florida Flora and Fauna, Florida Landscapes and Scenes, Jonathan Dickinson State Park, and Youth Florida Nature. Cash and other prizes will be awarded. Contact the Kimbell Center for details, 561-745-5551. Visit floridastateparks.org/jonathandickinson/events.cfm for more information.



* **JDSP Unit Management Plan** The Friends' mission is to assist park management in meeting the natural and cultural resource management objectives established for the park. These objectives are outlined in the park's Unit Management Plan which is currently in the process of being updated.

* **Artists' Association of Jupiter Opening Reception and Exhibition Sponsored by The Friends of JDSP, February 11 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Kimbell Center** A raffle will take place during the reception with a variety of prizes including boat rides, horseback tours, and items donated by the artists. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of JDSP. Park entry is free for the event after 3:30 p.m. Please call the Kimbell Center for more information.

To become a member of the Friends' and receive **12 free entries in the park** visit www.friendsofjdsp.org.



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Special Programs for you and your group...

Would you like a special program for your group? We can adjust most programs to fit any group's needs.

SCHOOLS AND HOMESCHOOLS

We can adjust most programs to fit your needs. Programs are free and entrance fee can be waived for curriculum aligned programs or service projects.

BOY SCOUTS GIRLS SCOUTS

Complete your badges in the park! We offer many programs for scouts to work on or complete badges. Programs are free with paid park Admission. Entrance fee can be waived for service projects.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES CHURCH GROUPS AND MORE

Most of our programs are available for any group. Programs are free with paid park admission. Entrance fee can be waived for service projects.

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for more
information,
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February Program Schedule

Saturday, February 4

- * Jr. Tracker Wildlife Tracks & Signs 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- * Evening Ranger Program (for overnight guests) - time and location vary 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 5

- * Ranger-guided Nature Walk 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 11

- * Snakes Alive 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- * Evening Ranger Program (for overnight guests) - time and location vary

Sunday, February 12

- * Ranger-guided Nature Walk 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 18

- * Dip-net Discovery 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- * Evening Ranger Program (for overnight guests) - time and location vary

Sunday, February 19

- * Ranger-guided Nature Walk 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 25

- * Guided River Tour 9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- * Evening Ranger Program (for overnight guests) - time and location vary

Sunday, February 26

- * Ranger-guided Nature Walk 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Every Day ~ Kimbell Center Theater

- * "A Balancing Act" (JD Park film) 1:00 & 4:00 p.m. by request

****Programs may require registration and topics may vary from what is listed. Please call the Kimbell Center for more information, 561-745-5551.**

Program Descriptions

Saturday Family Adventure Programs**

* **Jr. Tracker, Wildlife Tracks & Signs**
What wildlife lives in Jonathan Dickinson State Park? Put on your detective hats and see if you can find evidence of Florida wildlife and what they need to survive. Outdoor activity followed by a nature walk (registration suggested).



* **Snakes Alive**
Discover the world of Florida's venomous and non-venomous snakes. The program includes a slide presentation and live non-venomous snake demonstration (registration suggested).



* **Guided River Tour**
Explore the natural wonders of the Loxahatchee River. Rent a canoe or kayak at the park's River Store or bring your own and join us for a fun and leisurely paddle. **Registration is required. Canoe or kayak rental fee applies.**



* **Dip-net Discovery**
Join us at beautiful Pine Grove Lake and learn the secret inhabitants of its waters. After finding these incredible critters we will take a closer look under the microscopes and discover a new world! (Registration suggested.)



Saturday Evening Ranger Program

There's more to the park than meets the eye! Join a Park Ranger and learn about the park's wildlife, plants, or natural and cultural history. These programs are for overnight visitors. Times and locations vary.



Sunday Morning Ranger-guided Nature Walk

Experience the natural world on a leisurely walk or hike up to Hobe Mountain Observation Tower. Don't forget, the nature walk is for 'Big Kids' too! Locations vary.

