Ongoing in August – September – ONLINE PRESERVE PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT - Would you like to win a FREE exclusive photography tour for you and 5 friends? How well do you know Manatee County Preserves? Have you visited the towers, bridges, winding trails, trees, nature centers, and ponds? Test your knowledge and share your own photos of the preserve in this fun interactive contest. At the end of the competition the 3 most accurate participants throughout the duration of the contest will win an exclusive guided photography tour. No registration required. For full details or to participate, please visit the Facebook event at https://www.facebook.com/events/588674371824917/. For more information, please email coral.bass@mymanatee.org. Manatee County Preserves

Monday 31st – Saturday 5th – EXPLORERS ACADEMY VIRTUAL LEARNING: POLLINATORS WEEK – Join our education staff on the Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources Department Facebook page for Pollinators Week! New videos will be released on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday which feature general information, storytime, kids activities, and a special virtual preserve tour. Tune in each day to learn all about our amazing pollinators! Suitable for all ages. For more information please visit https://www.facebook.com/manatee.parks.natural.resources or contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org. Virtual Event – Watch on Facebook or Youtube

Wednesday 2nd, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – SOAR IN 4 FAMILY NIGHT – Due to COVID-19, the Soar in 4 model has transitioned to a monthly drive-thru program the first Wednesday of each month, held in downtown Bradenton. Each month a new ‘spotlight book’ will be featured. Families drive by 14 demonstration tables (facilitated by Manatee County teachers, non-profit organizations and volunteers) to learn how to use various materials to support the ‘spotlight book,’ as well as incorporate take-home items to continue to play, create, learn, and explore at home together. These monthly events provide families with the resources and information to become their child’s best ‘first teacher’ at home. All activities are aligned to classroom learning. Program suitable for children and their families. Visit https://www.soarin4.org/ for more information. Downtown Parking Garage – The Bishop Museum

Saturday 5th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE NEST – Please note that masks will be required to enter the building and social distancing will be enforced. Join us at the Mosaic Center for Nature, Exploration, Science, and Technology for a morning of exploration. Walk the grounds of the historic Reasoner Tract and observe botanical giants collected from around the world. Explore the canopy boardwalk among the banyans, climb to the top of the crow’s nest, take in breathtaking panoramic views, and make an exciting exit from the building via slide. Learn about upcoming programs and exciting new additions to Robinson Preserve. Suitable for all ages. No reservations required. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

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Sunday 6th, 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM – RISE & SHINE POWER FLOW YOGA – Revitalize and Rejuvenate your Mind, Body & Spirit! This yoga class is designed to blend awareness of breath, physical movement & mindfulness to promote clarity of mind while developing physical strength and stamina, increasing flexibility, burning calories and detoxifying the body! Increase your overall well-being by ending & beginning your week with this empowering & uplifting flow! Program suitable for adults. Program sponsored by Brandy Gray of MomWifeSOUL Yoga in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources. Participants must provide their own yoga mats. Online registration is highly encouraged as spaces are limited. To register please visit https://parks.mymanatee.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/search.html?primarycode=110006. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6042. $10 Participant Fee Payable online or by cash only at the door. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Monday 7th – Saturday 12th – EXPLORERS ACADEMY VIRTUAL LEARNING: NATURAL RESOURCES CAREER WEEK – Join our education staff on the Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources Department Facebook page for Natural Resources Career Week! New videos will be released on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday which feature general information, storytime, and a special “Ranger for a Day” tour. Tune in each day to learn about career opportunities in natural resources and conservation! Suitable for all ages. For more information please visit https://www.facebook.com/manatee.parks.natural.resources or contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org.

Virtual Event – Watch on Facebook or Youtube

Friday 11th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – NATURAL RESOURCES CAREER NIGHT – Are you interested in a career in nature? Join us for a virtual panel featuring local professionals and experts in the environmental and heritage resource fields. Panelists will be sharing their experiences working in nature and offer tips for beginning a career in the field of science. The program will consist of a moderated discussion with our panelists, followed by an audience Q&A, where participants will have an opportunity to learn more about our panelists. Discover careers that help make a difference in our community! Program suitable for ages 16 and up. Registration is required. Please visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/natural-resources-career-night-registration-118207753573 to register. For more information please contact elena.burke@mymanatee.org or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6036.

Virtual Event – Register via Eventbrite

Saturday 12th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE NEST – Please note that masks will be required to enter the building and social distancing will be enforced. Join us at the Mosaic Center for Nature, Exploration, Science, and Technology for a morning of exploration. Walk the grounds of the historic Reasoner Tract and observe botanical giants collected from around the world. Explore the canopy boardwalk among the banyans, climb to the top of the crow’s nest, take in breathtaking panoramic views, and make an exciting exit from the building via slide. Learn about upcoming programs and exciting new additions to Robinson Preserve. Suitable for all ages. No reservations required. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

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Sunday 13th, 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM – RISE & SHINE POWER FLOW YOGA – Revitalize and Rejuvenate your Mind, Body & Spirit! This yoga class is designed to blend awareness of breath, physical movement & mindfulness to promote clarity of mind while developing physical strength and stamina, increasing flexibility, burning calories and detoxifying the body! Increase your overall well-being by ending & beginning your week with this empowering & uplifting flow! Program suitable for adults. Program sponsored by Brandy Gray of MomWifeSOUL Yoga in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources. Participants must provide their own yoga mats. Online registration is highly encouraged as spaces are limited. To register please visit https://parks.mymanatee.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/search.html?primarycode=110006. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6042. $10 Participant Fee Payable online or by cash only at the door. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Monday 14th – Saturday 19th – EXPLORERS ACADEMY VIRTUAL LEARNING: WATER QUALITY WEEK – Join our education staff on the Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources Department Facebook page for Water Quality Week! New videos will be released on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday which feature general information, storyline, kids activities, and a virtual preserve tour. Tune in each day to learn about water quality in Manatee County and what you can do to protect it! Suitable for all ages. For more information please visit https://www.facebook.com/manatee.parks.natural.resources or contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org.

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Sunday 20th, 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM – RISE & SHINE POWER FLOW YOGA – Revitalize and Rejuvenate your Mind, Body & Spirit! This yoga class is designed to blend awareness of breath, physical movement & mindfulness to promote clarity of mind while developing physical strength and stamina, increasing flexibility, burning calories and detoxifying the body! Increase your overall well-being by ending & beginning your week with this empowering & uplifting flow! Program suitable for adults. Program sponsored by Brandy Gray of MomWifeSOUL Yoga in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources. Participants must provide their own yoga mats. Online registration is highly encouraged as spaces are limited. To register please visit https://parks.mymanatee.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/search.html?primarycode=110006. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6042. $10 Participant Fee Payable online or by cash only at the door. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

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**Monday 21st – Saturday 26th – EXPLORERS ACADEMY VIRTUAL LEARNING: NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK** – Join our education staff on the Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources Department Facebook page for National Estuaries Week! New videos will be released on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday which feature general information, storytime, kids activities, and a virtual kayak tour. Tune in each day to learn about the impact estuaries have on our health, the economy, and the environment. *Suitable for all ages.* For more information please visit https://www.facebook.com/manatee.parks.natural.resources or contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org.

**Virtual Event – Watch on Facebook or Youtube**

**Tuesday 22nd, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – STROLLER STROLLS: CONSERVATORY PARK** – Celebrate the first day of Autumn by rounding up your baby buggies, walking shoes, and your little ones for a rolling naturalist led walk through Manatee County wild spaces. Open your child’s eyes to the sights, smells, and feel of Florida’s great outdoors. Trek the nature walk trail and have your child experience wild spaces firsthand. *In order to maintain space between families, spots are limited. Program suitable for children ages 0 to 4 and their parents.* To register please contact coral.bass@mymanatee.org.

**Conservatory Park**

**Thursday 24th, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – NATURE NIGHT: KAYAKING THROUGH NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK** – If you have ever thought about kayaking, especially in our preserves, then this is for you! Listen, learn, and ask questions as Wayne Douchkoff, our kayak guide from WayneAdventures, talks about opportunities to explore Manatee County’s estuaries by kayak. Wayne will also share photos and stories from his paddling excursions in all 50 US states and 13 provinces/territories of Canada, discussing the different types of estuarine habitats found across North America. This program is part of a virtual after-hours lecture series. *Program suitable for adults.* Program sponsored by WayneAdventures in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources. Registration is required. Please visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nature-night-kayaking-through-national-estuaries-week-registration-118216939047 to register. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org.

**Virtual Event – Register via Eventbrite**

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Monday 28th – Saturday 2nd – EXPLORERS ACADEMY VIRTUAL LEARNING: BAT WEEK – Go batty with our education staff on the Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources Facebook page for bat week! New videos will be released on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday which feature general information, storytime, kids activities, and a virtual preserve tour. Tune in each day to learn all about our nocturnal neighbors - bats! Suitable for all ages. For more information please visit https://www.facebook.com/manatee.parks.natural.resources or contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org. Virtual Event – Watch on Facebook or Youtube