



# Eco-Events ..... August 2026

## The Natural Resources Department's Calendar of Events

*Saturday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE NEST –* Join us at the Mosaic Center for Nature, Exploration, Science, and Technology for a morning of discovery. 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. Program suitable for all ages. No reservations are required. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**

*Saturday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – GREAT BAY SCALLOP SEARCH –* Tampa Bay Watch, in partnership with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, invites snorkelers, boaters, and kayakers to participate in the 30th Annual Great Bay Scallop Search. Volunteers will help monitor the health of the bay scallop population, with this year's event expanding to include Emerson Point Preserve in Palmetto. Your involvement is crucial in supporting Tampa Bay's ongoing marine conservation efforts. *Volunteers must provide their own boat, kayak, or snorkel gear.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.tampabaywatch.org/scallop-search/>. **Emerson Point – Point Pavilion #3**

*Wednesday, Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – SOAR IN 4 FAMILY NIGHT –* Soar in 4 occurs the first Wednesday of each month in downtown Bradenton. Families visit 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. *Program sponsored by Soar in 4 in partnership with Manatee County.* No reservations required. For more information please visit [www.soarin4.org](http://www.soarin4.org). **The Bishop Museum**

*Friday, Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – TIDE TREKKER SHORELINE CLEAN UP –* Help keep Emerson Point Preserve's shoreline clean and healthy! Join us for the Tide Trekker Shoreline Cleanup, where volunteers will walk the shoreline collecting litter, debris, and marine trash before it can harm wildlife or wash back into the water. Program suitable for ages 12+ *Please wear closed-toe shoes, sun protection, reusable water bottle and clothing you don't mind getting a little dirty. We will provide water for refills plus all supplies and equipment needed.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/tide-trekker-shoreline-clean-up-emerson-point>. For more information please contact [shelby.reece@mymanatee.org](mailto:shelby.reece@mymanatee.org). **Emerson Point Preserve**

*Friday, Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – FRIDAY MORNING YOGA AT THE NEST –* Start your weekend with intention and ease. Join us for a gentle, alignment-based Hatha yoga class designed to lengthen and strengthen the body while cultivating awareness through mindful movement and breath. This slow-flow session is beginner-friendly and open to all levels. Program suitable for adults. *Please bring mats, towels, and water. Other props are provided by the instructor.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/robinson-yoga>. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**



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*Saturday, Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM – WILDLIFE SPOTLIGHT: A.M. RISERS MOODY BRANCH –* Start your morning with a peaceful birding walk through Moody Branch Wildlife Management Area, home to the region's renowned Florida Scrub-Jay population. Enjoy sunrise activity, cooler temperatures, and a slow, scenic trail as we explore one of Florida's rare endemic species and the habitats that support them. Meet at the trail head at 7:15 a.m.; program concludes at 9:00 a.m. Program suitable for adults. *Participants should bring a water bottle and wear weather-appropriate clothing. We recommend sun protection, bug spray, and closed-toed shoes. Binoculars will be provided, and participants are welcome to bring their own* Reservations are required. For more information please contact [cierra.nelson@mymanatee.org](mailto:cierra.nelson@mymanatee.org). **Moody Branch Preserve**

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*Sunday, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM – BEACH CLEAN-UP AT MANATEE BEACH –* Help protect our Gulf coastline! Join us for a beach clean-up at Manatee Beach and make a difference for local wildlife and waterways. Program suitable for all ages. *All supplies needed for the clean-up will be provided, including collection tools and bags. We will also provide ice water for refills, so please bring your reusable water bottle to stay hydrated.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/beach-clean-up-at-manatee-beach>. For more information please contact [shelby.reece@mymanatee.org](mailto:shelby.reece@mymanatee.org). **Manatee Beach Park**

*Monday, Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – SUNSET TAI CHI AT THE NEST –* Join us for this monthly class at the NEST! At sunset on the second Monday of the month, Dr. Brian Nell, a certified Tai Chi instructor, will lead the group through the gentle movements of Tai Chi. This is a great way to shake off the stressful work week. Improve your balance, loosen your joints, and improve flexibility as you relax and breathe. This class is perfect for beginners and will include an exploration of several different styles of Tai Chi and Qigong. This class is held rain or shine. Program suitable for adults. *Program sponsored by Cypress Pillar Healing Arts in partnership with Manatee County.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/robinson-tai-chi>. For more information please contact [aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org](mailto:aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org). **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST Lawn**

*Friday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – FRIDAY MORNING YOGA AT THE NEST –* Start your weekend with intention and ease. Join us for a gentle, alignment-based Hatha yoga class designed to lengthen and strengthen the body while cultivating awareness through mindful movement and breath. This slow-flow session is beginner-friendly and open to all levels. Program suitable for adults. *Please bring mats, towels, and water. Other props are provided by the instructor.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/robinson-yoga>. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**



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*Tuesday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – VOLUNTEEN NATIVE HABITAT RESTORATION – Teens ages 12-18 can help restore native habitat at Emerson Point Preserve while earning volunteer service hours and making a conservation impact! Program suitable for ages 12- 18 *All tools, supplies, and instruction will be provided. Just come dressed for outdoor work and be ready to get your hands a little dirty!* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/volunteer-native-habitat-restoration-at-emerson-point-preserve>. For more information please contact [shelby.reece@mymanatee.org](mailto:shelby.reece@mymanatee.org). **Emerson Point Preserve***

*Friday, Aug 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – FRIDAY MORNING YOGA AT THE NEST – Start your weekend with intention and ease. Join us for a gentle, alignment-based Hatha yoga class designed to lengthen and strengthen the body while cultivating awareness through mindful movement and breath. This slow-flow session is beginner-friendly and open to all levels. Program suitable for adults. *Please bring mats, towels, and water. Other props are provided by the instructor.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/robinson-yoga>. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST***

*Saturday, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE NEST – Join us at the Mosaic Center for Nature, Exploration, Science, and Technology for a morning of discovery. 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. Program suitable for all ages. No reservations are required. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST***

*Thursday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – RIP SQUAD TRAIL WORKDAY – HIDDEN HARBOR PARK – Join some of the Manatee County Natural Resources team at Hidden Harbor Park to help clear and maintain preserve trails. This is a great opportunity to spend time outdoors, see the tangible progress we're making on this trail, and connect with fellow volunteers who care about conservation. Program suitable for 8 + *No experience is necessary. Staff will provide guidance, tools, and all necessary supplies. Please bring water and sun protection.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/rip-squad-trail-workday-hidden-harbor-park-c5cuup73>. For more information please contact [shelby.reece@mymanatee.org](mailto:shelby.reece@mymanatee.org). **Hidden Harbor Park***

*Friday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – FRIDAY MORNING YOGA AT THE NEST – Start your weekend with intention and ease. Join us for a gentle, alignment-based Hatha yoga class designed to lengthen and strengthen the body while cultivating awareness through mindful movement and breath. This slow-flow session is beginner-friendly and open to all levels. Program suitable for adults. *Please bring mats, towels, and water. Other props are provided by the instructor.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/robinson-yoga>. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST***



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*Sunday, Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – PRENATAL & POSTNATAL YOGA – Light Waves Yoga is excited to offer a slow, gentle yoga class designed for pregnant and postpartum mothers. A sacred hour to breathe, move safely, and reconnect with yourself during one of life's most transformative seasons. Prenatal participants must be at least 12 weeks along. Program sponsored by Light Waves Yoga in partnership with Manatee County. All levels welcome, no experience needed. Feel comfortable texting instructor Briana with any questions: 941-254-1079. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://sites.google.com/view/light-waves-yoga/home>. \$20 Program Fee Payable Online. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST*