



Eco-Events July 2025

The Natural Resources Department's Calendar of Events

Saturday, Jul 5th, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – 5TH OF JULY BEACH CLEANUP – Show your patriotic spirit and help preserve our shorelines and seas! Grab your gloves, hat, and sunscreen – we'll provide the trash bags and grabbers – and take an active role in helping the environment. Your hard work will help keep the beaches beautiful and the wildlife safe. This is a great opportunity for teens looking to earn volunteer hours. Program suitable for volunteers of all ages. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/post-fourth-of-july-beach-clean-up-at-coquina-beach>. For more information please contact shelby.reece@mymanatee.org. **Coquina Beach South**

Saturday, Jul 5th, 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**

Tuesday, Jul 8th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – LIBRARY LEARNING: POP-UP MANGROVE – Discover how mangroves safeguard Florida's coastlines from ocean threats and provide vital habitats for local wildlife. Participants will also have the chance to explore an interactive pop-up mangrove exhibit. Program suitable for all ages. No reservation required. To register please visit <https://manateelibrary.libcal.com/event/14275581>. For more information please contact emily.laughlin@mymanatee.org. **Rocky Bluff Library – Meeting Room**

Wednesday, Jul 9th, 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. **The Bishop Museum**

Friday, Jul 11th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – FRIDAY MORNING YOGA AT THE NEST – NEW Program! 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, Jul 12th, 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**

Monday, Jul 14th, 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. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST Lawn**

Tuesday, Jul 15th, 8:45 PM – 9:45 PM – FROGWATCH PUBLIC: PERICO PRESERVE – Come join us for frog monitoring at our local preserves and discover the frogs that can be found in the county! Be a part of our new citizen science program and learn how to identify and record local species as we contribute data to the national FrogWatch USA database. We will talk about frog monitoring then split into groups and monitor different ponds for frog calls! Program suitable for ages 10 and up. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/frogwatch-public-perico-preserve-288c62hp>. For more information please contact emily.laughlin@mymanatee.org. **Perico Preserve – Perico Pavillion**

Thursday, Jul 17th, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – VOLUNTEERS - TRAIL CLEAN-UP – Join us for a VolunTeen Service Day at Robinson Preserve! Help trim trails and clean up the area while earning service hours, making friends, and giving back to the community. Program suitable for ages 13-17 *Long-sleeved lightweight clothing, hat, closed-toe shoes, sunglasses and sunscreen Clean-up supplies, ice water and other materials will be provided. Please bring a water bottle and service hour sheets if applicable.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/volunteers-trail-clean-up-at-robinson-preserve>. For more information please contact shelby.reece@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve South**



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Thursday, Jul 17th, 8:45 PM – 9:45 PM – FROGWATCH PUBLIC: EMERSON POINT PRESERVE – Come join us for frog monitoring at our local preserves and discover the frogs that can be found in the county! Be a part of our new citizen science program and learn how to identify and record local species as we contribute data to the national FrogWatch USA database. We will talk about frog monitoring then split into groups and monitor different ponds for frog calls! Program suitable for ages 10 and up. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/copy-of-frogwatch-public-emerson-pointe-preserve>. For more information please contact emily.laughlin@mymanatee.org. **Emerson Point Preserve – Emerson Front Parking Lot**

Friday, Jul 18th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – FRIDAY MORNING YOGA AT THE NEST – NEW Program! 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, Jul 19th, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – SOLAR OBSERVING AT THE NEST – See the sun as you have never seen it before. Join us for a special look through a Hydrogen Alpha solar telescope. Come see the sun in perfectly safe H-Alpha light and observe solar granulation, filaments, sunspots, and even solar flares. We will have opportunities to view the sun and the moon during the day. This is guaranteed to be a unique viewing experience. Program suitable for all ages. *Program sponsored by Suncoast Stargazers in partnership with Manatee County.* Reservations not required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/solar-observing-at-the-nest>. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**

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Tuesday, Jul 22nd, 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM – OYSTER RESTORATION PROJECT AT ROBINSON PRESERVE – This exciting oyster restoration project will create new oyster reefs that support local wildlife and improve the health of our coastal waters. Bring your sense of adventure and come prepared to get wet and muddy! Program suitable for 16 and up *This volunteer event will be outdoors in full sun and include working on trails, in mangrove habitat, and in a lagoon with mucky soils with. All participants must wear close-toed shoes and clothing that can get wet and dirty.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/oyster-restoration-project>. For more information please contact shelby.reece@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve North**



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Tuesday, Jul 22nd, 9:00 AM – 10:20 AM – SEASHELL SHORE WALK – Calling all beachcombers and seashell enthusiasts! Join us for a relaxing walk on the beach to search for seashells and learn to identify them. This program will explore what makes mollusks unique and the amazing adaptations that help them to survive in the wild. Learn about ethical seashell-collecting methods while discovering a new appreciation for our beautiful shorelines. Program suitable for all ages.

Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/seashell-shore-walk-july-2025>. For more information please contact emily.laughlin@mymanatee.org.

Coquina Beach South – Longboat Key Bridge

Saturday, Jul 26th, 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.

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