



Eco-Events October 2025

The Natural Resources Department's Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Oct 1st, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – LIBRARY LEARNING: CREEPY CREATURES – Fly into the Braden River Library for a creepy program. Learn about our unique animals who creep, crawl, and fly out at night. Using games, movements, and stories- your little one will learn to appreciate this tiny but mighty wildlife. Program suitable for children age 2-4 year olds. *Program sponsored by Manatee County Library in partnership with Manatee County.* No reservations are required. For more information please contact coral.bass@mymanatee.org. **Braden River Library**

Wednesday, Oct 1st, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – TORTOISE TALK – Join us for this informal program on the lawn of the NEST as we take our education tortoise out to graze! In the wild, foraging is an integral part of a gopher tortoise's lifestyle, so we encourage it as much as possible. Stop by and say hello, get a chance to meet him up close, and ask any questions you may have. Learn all about what tortoises need to survive, how we care for our tortoise, and what efforts we can take to protect these important members of our Florida ecosystems. Program suitable for all ages. No reservations are required. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST Lawn**

Wednesday, Oct 1st, 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, Oct 3rd, 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**

Friday, Oct 3rd, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – GAME NIGHT AT THE NEST – Are you ready to learn a new game, or are you interested in sharing a much-beloved board game with others? Drop into the building for an evening of tabletop gaming fun! Borrow a nature-themed game from our game library or bring your favorite game from home. Meet new people and try something new. Role-playing games such as Dungeons and Dragons are welcome too. We only ask that all content and conversations remain family-friendly. Program suitable for families of all ages. No reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/game-night-at-the-nest-qu72zrvj>. For more information please contact coral.bass@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**



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Saturday, Oct 4th, 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM – OYSTER REEF RESTORATION AT ROBINSON PRESERVE – Join us in making a difference for local wildlife and the health of our waterways! This volunteer event will focus on building up oyster reefs in one of Robinson Preserve's lagoons. These restored oyster beds will create essential foraging habitat for the American oystercatcher, a striking shorebird listed as a state-designated threatened species. Program suitable for ages 13 + under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/oyster-reef-restoration-at-robinson-preserve>. For more information please contact shelby.reece@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve – Valentine House Parking Lot**

Saturday, Oct 4th, 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. Open house suitable for all ages. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**

Monday, Oct 6th, 6:30 AM – 9:00 PM – HARVEST MOON PADDLE – Join us for a sunset paddle through the shores of Emerson Point Preserve. The launch at this site provides access to the mouth of the Manatee River and Terra Ceia Bay. We'll take in a breathtaking sunset before paddling back beneath the glow of the full Harvest Moon and starlit sky. Program suitable for ages 16 and older who can meet the County's minimum eligibility requirements. *This is an intermediate paddle appropriate for individuals who have paddled prior. Participants are responsible for helping unload and load kayaks in and out of the water. All participants must wear a life jacket and headlamp we will be providing them.* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/harvest-moon-paddle>. For more information please contact emily.laughlin@mymanatee.org. **Emerson Point Preserve – Emerson Classroom Pavilion**

Wednesday, Oct 8th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – TORTOISE TALK – Join us for this informal program on the lawn of the NEST as we take our education tortoise out to graze! In the wild, foraging is an integral part of a gopher tortoise's lifestyle, so we encourage it as much as possible. Stop by and say hello, get a chance to meet him up close, and ask any questions you may have. Learn all about what tortoises need to survive, how we care for our tortoise, and what efforts we can take to protect these important members of our Florida ecosystems. Program suitable for all ages. No reservations are required. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST Lawn**

Wednesday, Oct 8th, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – EXPLORE NATURE: TOWER TALK – Visit the top of the tower at Robinson Preserve to take in the beautiful views of Tampa Bay! Stop by to chat with a naturalist and learn about the plants, animals, and history of the preserve. Program suitable for all ages. No reservations are required. For more information please contact matthew.tschirgi@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve – Tower**



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Wednesday, Oct 8th, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM – LIBRARY LEARNING: VIRTUAL PRESERVES - EXPLORING NATURE CLOSE TO HOME – Experience the wonders of the outdoors—without leaving the library! Virtual Preserves is an engaging and educational program that showcases some of our local preserves, right in your own backyard. Learn what makes each preserve special, including available activities, notable wildlife, and unique historical insights. We'll journey through trails, habitats, and hidden gems using a dynamic PowerPoint presentation, enhanced with real biofacts for a hands-on, immersive experience. No hiking boots needed—just your curiosity! Program suitable for adults. Reservations are required To register please visit <https://manateelibrary.libcal.com/event/14938421>. For more information please contact david.breakfield@mymanatee.org. **South Branch Library – Meeting Room**

Thursday, Oct 9th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – TREETOTS: NIGHT NATURE – The croak of a frog and the chirp of a cricket, found all around, are night sounds. Come and discover the sounds, movements, and life of the animals who awake at sunset. TreeTots is an interactive program that uses song, action, and play to encourage the youngest family members to explore nature. Program suitable for 3-year-olds and younger. Reservation are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/treetots-night-nature>. For more information please contact coral.bass@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**

Friday, Oct 10th, 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**

Friday, Oct 10th, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB: BUG BONANZA – Join the Homeschool Science Club for an exciting, hands-on adventure into the amazing world of insects and arachnids! Students will explore how to identify common bugs, uncover their unique adaptations, and learn about the important roles these creatures play in our ecosystems. We'll collect and observe specimens in the field, then bring them back for a closer look under magnifiers and microscopes. From beetles and butterflies to ants and grasshoppers, participants will get an up-close view of the incredible diversity of the insect world. This program combines science, discovery, and fun—perfect for curious learners ready to “bug out” with us! Program suitable for ages 7-13 *Homeschool Science Club explores scientific and natural concepts through games, crafts, and activities encouraging students to be active outdoors. Guardians are responsible for identifying the learning maturity of their child. Please note the location of this session. Don't forget the waitlist if at capacity!* Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/homeschool-science-club-bug-bonanza-conservatory-park>. For more information please contact emily.laughlin@mymanatee.org. **Conservatory Park – Large Pavilion**



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Friday, Oct 10th, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – WILDLIFE SPOTLIGHT: BATS – Join us for a Twilight Bat Walk at Robinson Preserve! We'll begin with a short information session before setting out on our evening walk to look for bats. Discover the fascinating adaptations of nature's only true flying mammals and learn how you can help protect them in the wild. These nocturnal echolocators are essential to healthy ecosystems. Program suitable for adults. Reservations required To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/wildlife-spotlight-bats-7hlfhd9h>. For more information please contact emily.laughlin@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**

Saturday, Oct 11th, 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. Open house suitable for all ages. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST**

Sunday, Oct 12th, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – PARRISH FALL FESTIVAL – Join us at the Parrish Fall Festival for an evening of games, treats, pumpkin decorating, and more! Stop by and say "Hi" to the Natural Resources team and learn about our local waterways with a fun, hands-on exhibit. Event suitable for all ages. No reservations required. For more information please visit <https://parrishumc.com/fall-festival-2023-2/>. **Parrish United Methodist Church**

Tuesday, Oct 14th, 9:00 AM – 10:30 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 recommended for all ages To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/seashell-shore-walk-october-2025>. For more information please contact emily.laughlin@mymanatee.org. **Coquina Beach South – Longboat Key Bridge**

Wednesday, Oct 15th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – TORTOISE TALK – Join us for this informal program on the lawn of the NEST as we take our education tortoise out to graze! In the wild, foraging is an integral part of a gopher tortoise's lifestyle, so we encourage it as much as possible. Stop by and say hello, get a chance to meet him up close, and ask any questions you may have. Learn all about what tortoises need to survive, how we care for our tortoise, and what efforts we can take to protect these important members of our Florida ecosystems. Program suitable for all ages. No reservations are required. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST Lawn**



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Thursday, Oct 16th, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB: SPOOKY SCIENCE – Channel your inner mad scientist as we conduct a series of spooky experiments! Observe an explosive reaction, explore the effects of capillary action and write a secret message. Join us for this and more at our frightfully cool spooky science afternoon! Program recommended for students ages 7-13 *Homeschool Science Club explores scientific and natural concepts through games, crafts, and activities encouraging students to be active outdoors. Guardians are responsible for identifying the learning maturity of their child. Please note the location of this session. Don't forget to register for the waitlist if at capacity! Reservations are required. To register please visit*

*<https://events.humanitix.com/rye-hssc-oct2025>. For more information please contact sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org. **Rye Preserve – Pavilion***

Friday, Oct 17th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – TALL TAIL TRIBE: SLIMY & SPOOKY – What a perfect time of year to explore our senses! Bright orange lights, sweet sugary confections, and the crisp smell of cider in the air reminds us of childhood Halloween magic. This season allows us to explore the unknown and embrace some creepy-crawly fun. Join us for a morning of slimy science concoctions that will have your kiddo howling with laughter! Program suitable for preschool age children.

*Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/tall-tail-tribe-spooky-and-slimy>. For more information please contact coral.bass@mymanatee.org. **Emerson Point Preserve – Classroom Pavilion***

Friday, Oct 17th, 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***

Friday, Oct 17th, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB: SPOOKY SCIENCE – Channel your inner mad scientist as we conduct a series of spooky experiments! Observe an explosive reaction, explore the effects of capillary action and write a secret message. Join us for this and more at our frightfully cool spooky science afternoon! Program recommended for students ages 7-13 *Homeschool Science Club explores scientific and natural concepts through games, crafts, and activities encouraging students to be active outdoors. Guardians are responsible for identifying the learning maturity of their child. Please note the location of this session. Don't forget to register for the waitlist if at capacity! Reservations are required. To register please visit*

*<https://events.humanitix.com/emerson-hssc-oct-2025>. For more information please contact sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org. **Emerson Point Preserve – Classroom Pavilion***



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*Saturday, Oct 18th, 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. Open house suitable for all ages. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST***

*Saturday, Oct 18th, 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM – FISHING CLUB – Looking to try fishing? Have a burning question about a lure or rig? Bring your fishing gear or borrow ours and come get your answers at Fishing Club! Instructors can answer your questions, teach you the basics or just recommend the best places to fish in the preserve. ¿Le gustaría experimentar con la pesca? ¿Tiene una pregunta sobre un señuelo de pesca? ¡Traiga su equipo de pesca o hasta tome el de nosotros prestado y disfrute de un día de pesca! Los maestros les pueden responder a sus preguntas, enseñarle lo básico sobre la pesca o hasta recomendar áreas para pescar en la reserva natural. Program suitable for all ages. *Fishing poles are available to borrow on a first come, first served basis, for the duration of the program. Bait will be provided for the duration of the program. La carnada será proveída durante el evento y habrán cañas de pescar, mientras disponibles, para tomar prestadas por la duración del evento. Club para todas las edades. Reservations are not required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/oct2025-fishing-club>. For more information please contact sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org. **Perico Bayou Kayak Launch – Fishing Bridge South of Robinson****

*Saturday, Oct 18th, 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM – JOHNSON PRESERVE BRADEN RIVER PADDLE – Join Big Waters Land Trust and Manatee County Natural Resources for a guided paddle launching from Johnson Preserve. As we paddle downstream, your naturalist guide will interpret the plants and animals that call the river home and highlight ways you can help protect the Braden River watershed. We'll stop for lunch at the Linger Lodge Restaurant (participants must purchase their own meal) before returning to the kayak launch. This is an intermediate paddle, not suitable for beginners. The paddle is approximately 3.5 miles round trip. Program suitable for ages 16 and older who can meet the County's minimum eligibility requirements. Children under 16 may attend with a parent or guardian in a tandem kayak or canoe. *Program sponsored by Big Waters Land Trust in partnership with Manatee County. Participants must wear a life jacket at all times while on the water, should bring a water bottle and wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Please wear shoes that strap or tie to your feet, no flip-flops. Your feet and lower legs will get wet and muddy. You may wish to bring a towel and dry clothes/shoes to change into after the paddle. Please note there are no restrooms or water fountains at the kayak launch area. We strongly suggest that you use the restroom before you arrive. Restroom are available at Linger Lodge. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/johnson-preserve-braden-river-paddle-tickets-1397172964949?aff=oddtcreator>. **Johnson Preserve – Main Parking Lot****



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Tuesday, Oct 21st, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – VOLUNTEEN - EMERSON TRAIL CLEAN-UP – Join our VolunTeen group at Emerson Point Preserve on Oct 21 from 3:00-5pm for trail maintenance, invasive plant removal, and trimming to keep paths clear! All tools, supplies, and water refills provided, just bring a water bottle and wear closed-toe shoes. Great opportunity to earn volunteer service hours while making a difference outdoors Program suitable for ages 13 -17 Reservation are required To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/volunteen-emerson-trail-clean-up>. For more information please contact shelby.reece@mymanatee.org. Emerson Point Preserve – Pavilion # 1

Wednesday, Oct 22nd, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – TORTOISE TALK – Join us for this informal program on the lawn of the NEST as we take our education tortoise out to graze! In the wild, foraging is an integral part of a gopher tortoise's lifestyle, so we encourage it as much as possible. Stop by and say hello, get a chance to meet him up close, and ask any questions you may have. Learn all about what tortoises need to survive, how we care for our tortoise, and what efforts we can take to protect these important members of our Florida ecosystems. Program suitable for all ages. No reservations are required. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST Lawn

Friday, Oct 24th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – TIDE TREKKERS - NEAL PRESERVE PADDLE CLEAN-UP – Join Tide Trekkers at Neal Preserve Oct 24, 9am-12pm! Paddle the shoreline, remove debris & protect wildlife. Kayaks, supplies & water refills provided Program suitable for ages 13 + under 16 must be accompanied by an adult Reservation are required To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/tide-trekkers-neal-paddle-clean-up>. For more information please contact shelby.reece@mymanatee.org. Neal Preserve

Friday, Oct 24th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – NATURE TALES: MOON MADNESS – Does your kiddo enjoy stories and nature? Join us at Conservatory Park in Nature Tales. Meet monthly at Conservatory Park for an interactive story and activities. This month, we will discover our marvelous moon! Program suitable for 8 year-olds and younger. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/nature-tales-moon-madness>. For more information please contact coral.bass@mymanatee.org. Conservatory Park – Playground Pavilion

Friday, Oct 24th, 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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Friday, Oct 24th, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – HOMESCHOOL BIOLAB: ENTOMOLOGY 101: INSECT PINNING & IDENTIFICATION – Step into the role of an entomologist with Homeschool Bio Lab! In this session, students will learn how to carefully preserve insects through the art of bug pinning. We'll discuss proper collection techniques, specimen handling, species identification, and the importance of ethical practices. Once pinned, participants will explore methods for identifying insects using field guides and classification keys, gaining a deeper understanding of insect anatomy and diversity.

By the end of class, each student will have their own pinned specimen to take home, along with new skills in insect identification and taxonomy. This lab is a perfect mix of science, discovery, and hands-on practice. Program recommended for ages 10-15. *Homeschool Bio Lab is an advanced course where we explore higher scientific concepts and the scientific method through dissections, chemistry, and biology experiments. No refunds available. Reservations are required. To register please visit https://parks.mymanatee.org/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/search.html?interfaceparameter=WebTrac_NaturalResources&primarycode=110007. For more information please contact emily.laughlin@mymanatee.org. Emerson Point Preserve – Emerson Classroom*

Friday, Oct 24th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – PUMPKIN CARVING EXTRAVAGANZA – Join us for a festive evening of carving and decorating pumpkins! Light your porch with a grinning jack-o-lantern or carve a spooky scene! We provide the pumpkin and carving tools, you provide the creativity. Not sure what to carve? Choose one of our pumpkin carving templates or use your imagination and create your own designs. Program suitable for all ages. *\$10 materials fee covers one pumpkin and all necessary items including carving tools and decorating materials; no need to bring anything but yourself. Plus, we'll do all the cleanup! Additional pumpkins are available for \$10 each. Spaces are limited.*

Reservations are required. To register please visit https://parks.mymanatee.org/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/search.html?interfaceparameter=WebTrac_NaturalResources&primarycode=110008. For more information please contact aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org. \$10 Materials Fee Payable Online. Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST

Saturday, Oct 25th, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM – GUIDED BIKE RIDE AT DUETTE PRESERVE – Join Big Waters Land Trust and Manatee County Natural Resources for a leisurely bike ride through the scenic Duette Preserve, one of the region's largest and most ecologically significant natural areas. Our ride will follow approximately 12 miles of packed shell roads, perfect for a relaxed and enjoyable cycling experience suitable for most skill levels. Program suitable for all ages. Participants under 16 must attend with a parent or guardian and are required by Florida law to wear a helmet. *Program sponsored by Big Waters Land Trust in partnership with Manatee County. Participants must provide their own bike. Please bring a water bottle and wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Some sections of our route have little to no shade, while others have lots of shade. We recommend sun protection, bug spray, and closed-toe shoes. There are restrooms on site, and we will have a water cooler available for refills. You may wish to bring lunch or a snack to enjoy at the preserve after our ride. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/duette-preserve-guided-bike-ride-tickets-1397193867469?aff=oddtcreator>. Duette Preserve – Rawls Road Entrance*

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Saturday, Oct 25th, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – FAMILIES FLOCK TOGETHER: CREATURES OF THE NIGHT – What are those eyes in the middle of the night? Come explore what creatures wake up at night otherwise known as nocturnal creatures, play games and make crafts with the whole family! ¿De quienes son esos ojos por la noche? ¡Ven a explorar qué criaturas se despiertan por la noche, también conocidas como criaturas nocturnas, juega en la naturaleza y haz manualidades con toda la familia! Program suitable for children and their families. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/creatures-of-the-night-oct2025>. For more information please contact sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve – NEST Pavilion**

Wednesday, Oct 29th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – TORTOISE TALK – Join us for this informal program on the lawn of the NEST as we take our education tortoise out to graze! In the wild, foraging is an integral part of a gopher tortoise's lifestyle, so we encourage it as much as possible. Stop by and say hello, get a chance to meet him up close, and ask any questions you may have. Learn all about what tortoises need to survive, how we care for our tortoise, and what efforts we can take to protect these important members of our Florida ecosystems. Program suitable for all ages. No reservations are required. For more information please contact ecoevents@mymanatee.org. **Robinson Preserve – Mosaic NEST Lawn**

Thursday, Oct 30th, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – GREEN EXPLORERS: DECOMPOSERS BREAKDOWN – Crabs, fungus, and worms are the garbage men of the natural world. Delve into the world of some of the grossest and wildest living things found in your Florida backyard. Using hands-on discovery and the participant's creativity, homeschoolers will have a chance to play in nature. Green Explorers is a low-structured, highly social, and experienced-based activity. Program suitable for age 5- 12 year olds. Reservation are required. To register please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/green-explorers-decomposers-breakdown>. For more information please contact coral.bass@mymanatee.org. **Rye Preserve – Pavilion**

Friday, Oct 31st, 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**