

# Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer Newsletter

# August 2016

## Volunteer Spotlight:

#### Thank you Amanda and Tony Claro for your help this summer!

Amanda and Tony worked hard these last few months and helped with a wide variety of maintenance jobs. Amanda is a high school student volunteering for the Bright Futures Scholarship. Tony had volunteered with us a few years ago also as a Bright Futures Scholarship volunteer and now, as a college student, he decided to come back and volunteer with his sister. They will return again next summer!



Amanda and Tony Claro

#### **Beach Clean-up**

The Park was a host site again in July for the Double Tree Inn and Keep Collier Beautiful (KCB) beach clean-up volunteer group. Volunteers spent several hours on the beach and throughout the park picking up trash and recycling and collected 15 bags of trash!



KCB/Double Tree Inn volunteers cleaning up the beach and park

### **Information:**

#### Sea turtle nesting update

Our sea turtle nesting season started off slow but has really picked up the pace over the last few months! We have had 52 nests on our beach and so far, 5 nests have hatched.



Loggerhead sea turtle tracks

### August Programs:

#### All programs are free with park entry fee unless otherwise stated.

#### **BEACH COMBING**

#### Every Sunday in August at 9:30AM

Join a Volunteer for a talk about beach treasures. Learn about sea shells, sea creatures and tidal movement. This is a great interactive event.

#### YOGA ON THE BEACH

*Every Wednesday in August at 9:00AM* Yoga class is \$5 plus park admission. To make a reservation and payment please call **Greenmonkey Yoga** at 239-598-1938 or visit: <u>www.greenmonkey.com</u>.

Ranger led programs will return in September

#### A Message from the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park:

#### Becoming a Friend of the Park - Make a Difference

The Friends group would like to cordially invite those of you who may not already be members of Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park to become a member and receive12 free passes to the Park, among other benefits. The Friends mission is to promote public awareness, use and enjoyment of the Park, and to assist the Park management and staff. Your annual membership fees help the Friends group accomplish our mission as well as to improve the Park facilities by providing amenities through funds raised at our annual Art Show fund-raiser. The Friends is the only organization that contributes funds directly to support the Park.

As a member of Friends, in addition to 12 free passes to the Park, you will be invited to member meetings, special events and have the opportunity to volunteer in the Park and be as involved as your time allows. Friends is a 501 (C)3 charitable organization. Your membership dues and donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. For membership information please contact Gabriella Miyamoto at: <u>dwmembershipchair@gmail.com</u>

#### Upcoming Friends meetings at the Park, all are welcome:

- October 10 at 10am
- November 14 at 10am
- December 12, holiday picnic, time to be determined
- January 9 at 10am
- February 13 at 10am
- March 13 at 10am
- April 10, end of season picnic, time to be determined

Any questions? Contact:

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