



SOUTH SLOUGH SPRING CALENDAR 2012



FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 2 9 AM - 12 PM
SOUTH SLOUGH 101 TRAINING SERIES -VISITOR SERVICES OPTION MODULE "ESTUARY FACTS AND FRONT- LINE CUSTOMER SERVICE"
 The Interpretive Center front desk is a multi-faceted volunteer position that includes a wide range of duties. Training will focus on interacting with visitors, explaining trail maps and exhibits, answering phones and transferring calls, registering participants for programs, assisting education staff with preparation of materials for programs, basic data entry and publicity material assistance.
**Currently, there is no charge for the course however we are asking that individuals who choose to take the optional modules commit to 48 hours a year (about 4 hours a month) of volunteer time.*

FEBRUARY 4 8 - 10 AM
SOUTH SLOUGH BIRDING
 Explore the reserve in search of birds. An interpreter, binoculars and a spotting scope are provided. [Max-15 participants] (\$1/birder)

FEBRUARY 11 9 AM - 12 PM
BUILD A BIRDHOUSE WORKSHOP
 Create wildlife habitat for your backyard. Before the swallows and wrens begin to nest, come build a birdhouse to encourage them to live in your backyard! We'll provide the supplies and tools. Work on your own or bring a partner. [Max-15 participants] (\$10/birdhouse, limit 1 birdhouse/participant)

FEBRUARY 18 10 AM - 1 PM
Friends of South Slough Annual Meeting
 The annual member's meeting highlights FOSS's important work in 2011 and unveils the work plan for 2012. Volunteer and Friend of the Year awards will be presented. We will take part in a behind scenes look at our new aquaria installation. RSVP by February 11.

FEBRUARY 24 10 AM - 3 PM
ESTUARY EXPLORERS ~ WETLANDS
 Children 6-12 years old, join us for hands on fun in the estuary. Learn about wetlands by experimenting in the classroom and discovering wetlands in the field. Come dressed for the weather and ready to hike. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle. [Min-4 children/Max-12] (\$7/child - Sign up for 4 for classes \$20/child)

FEBRUARY 25 1 - 3 PM
FILM: life ~PLANTS AND PRIMATES~
 Watch this amazing documentary about life on earth. Narrated by Oprah Winfrey this month's episodes will be "Plants and Primates". We'll provide the big screen and popcorn. (free)

All programs begin at the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Interpretive Center unless otherwise noted.

Please call (541) 888 - 5558 to reserve your place and confirm all programs.

Programs may be cancelled due to low enrollment or hazardous weather.

MARCH

MARCH 3 8 - 10 AM
BIRDS ON THE ESTUARY
 Travel the shores of Charleston in search of winged wildlife. Interpreter, binoculars and spotting scopes provided. **Meet at the Charleston Visitors Center.** [Max-15 participants] (\$1/birder)

STEPHANIE DONALDSON ART OPENING 2 - 4 PM
 Stephanie creates nature themed art with acrylic and print on canvas. Come meet the artist as you relax in the natural beauty of scenic views of South Slough. (free)

MARCH 10 9 AM - 3:30 PM
FROM SALMONBERRY TO SAGEBRUSH - AN EDUCATOR'S WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON PLACE BASED LEARNING
 For more information and to register please visit our home page at www.southsloughestuary.org

MARCH 16 10 AM - 3 PM
ESTUARY EXPLORERS ~ FISH
 Children 6-12 years old, join us for hands on fun in the estuary. Learn about fish by viewing in the classroom and discovering fish in the field. Come dressed for the weather and ready to hike. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle. [Min-4 children/Max-12](\$7/child - Sign up for 4 for \$20/child)

March 17 9 AM - 12 PM
NATIVE PLANTINGS IN YOUR BACKYARD WORKSHOP
 Learn the benefits, ethics and techniques of using native plants in landscaping. Take home a native plant for your yard. [Min-5 participants/Max-20] (\$5/participant)

FRIENDS OF SOUTH SLOUGH NATIVE PLANT SALE 11 AM - 2 PM
 Help support the natural world and FOSS by purchasing native plants for your spring landscaping needs.

MARCH 21 10 AM - 3 PM
SOUTH SLOUGH 101 TRAINING SERIES - WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND TRAIL INTERPRETATION
 Learn techniques to work effectively with school groups as well as navigating our trail system and how to lead guided hikes. (free)*

MARCH 23 INTERPRETIVE CENTER CLOSED - STATEWIDE FURLOUGH
MARCH 24 INTERPRETIVE CENTER CLOSED

MARCH 28 & 29 ESTUARY EXPLORERS 10 AM - 3 PM
 Children 6 - 12 years old, join us for hands on fun in the estuary. Fish and Wetlands will be the theme for these 2 days. Come dressed for the weather and ready to hike. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle. [Min-4 children/Max-12](\$7/child - Sign up for 4 classes for \$20/child)

March 31 10 - 11 AM
TIDE OF THE TODDLERS ~ DEEP BLUE SEA
 Discover the natural world with your wee one, ages 1 to 5. [Max-15 children] (\$1/child)

SOUTH SLOUGH 101 TRAINING SERIES -VISITOR SERVICES OPTION MODULE "ESTUARY FACTS AND FRONT- LINE CUSTOMER SERVICE" 1 - 3:30 PM
 SEE FEBRUARY 2 FOR DESCRIPTION*



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APRIL

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SOUTH SLOUGH BIRDING 8 - 10 AM
 Explore the reserve in search of birds. An interpreter, binoculars and a spotting scope are provided. [Max-15 participants] (\$1/birder)

Introduction to Plant ID Hike 1 - 4 pm
 Discover the 10 common plants and trees of the Oregon Coast on this introductory hike. Field guides will be provided. Come dressed for the weather and ready to hike with a water bottle. [Min-4 participants/Max-12] (\$1/participant)

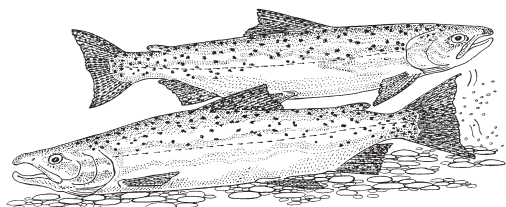
APRIL 13
ESTUARY EXPLORERS ~ WILD WATERS 10 AM - 3 PM
 Children 6-12 years old, join us for hands on fun in the estuary. Learn about watersheds by experimenting in the classroom and in the field. Come dressed for the weather and ready to hike. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle. [Min-4 children/Max-12] (\$7/child - Sign up for 4 classes for \$20/child)

APRIL 14 & 15
KAYAK INSTRUCTION WITH HELEN WILSON
 Saturday's class will focus on beginning kayak safety skills. Sunday's class will move skill instruction up to the intermediate level. Learn how to roll and stay safe on your paddle adventures. Class will paddle at Sunset Bay. [Min - 6 participants/Max - 10 each day] (\$100/participant for one day or \$150/participant for 2 days)

APRIL 21
SOUTH SLOUGH WATERSHED TO OYSTERBED EXHIBIT GRAND-OPENING 1 - 3 PM
 Come view this new, exciting exhibit! A series of two aquaria and a terrarium depict the transition from a forested freshwater stream to the shoreline of the estuary and a tidal channel populated by a native oyster bed. A hand-painted mural by renowned artist Peggy O'Neal provides the backdrop for the exhibit, highlighting elements of the watershed and estuary. The tanks will feature fish of the estuary including bay pipefish, sculpin, and gunnels. The terrarium will host native ferns and amphibians such as rough-skinned newt, western red-legged and Pacific tree frogs. (free)

APRIL 28
TIDE OF THE TODDLERS ~ BIG CEDAR WALK 10 - 11 AM
 Discover the natural world with your wee one, ages 1 to 5. Follow signs to Big Cedar trailhead from Interpretive Center. [Max-15 children](\$1/child)

BUILD A BAT BOX WORKSHOP 1 - 4 PM
 Build a bat box for your backyard wildlife habitat. We'll provide the supplies and tools. Work on your own or bring a partner. [Min-5 participants/Max-15](\$10/bathouse)



MAY

MAY 5
BIRDS ON THE ESTUARY 8 - 10 AM
 Travel the shores of Charleston in search of winged wildlife. Interpreter, binoculars and spotting scopes provided. **Meet at the Charleston Visitors Center.** (\$1/birder)

BIG CANOE TRIP 11 AM - 2 PM
 Explore South Slough on a trail that flows with the tide. Canoe, PFDs and paddles provided. Participants will be expected to paddle for 2 hours, be able to rise from a seated position on the floor to a standing position, be able to lift 50 pounds and hike up to 1 mile on uneven terrain. Feet and legs may get wet and muddy at launch points. Dress for wind and rain in synthetic layers. [Min-4 participants/ Max-6](free)

MAY 12
FILM: life ~REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS & INSECTS~ 1 - 3 PM
 Watch this amazing documentary about life on earth. Narrated by Oprah Winfrey this month's episodes will be "Reptiles and Amphibians & Insects". We'll provide the big screen and popcorn. (free)

MAY 18
ESTUARY EXPLORERS WATER LABS ~ MIGRATIONS 10 AM - 3 PM
 Children 6 - 12 years old, join us for hands on fun in the estuary. In honor of International Migratory Bird Day learn about how water is important for migrating birds. Come dressed for the weather and ready to hike. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle. [Min-4 children/Max-12] (\$7/child - Sign up for 4 for \$20/child)

MAY 19
PADDLE THE ESTUARY 9 AM - 2 PM
 Explore South Slough on a trail that flows with the tide. Provide your own kayak or canoe (no inflatables or pedals), paddles, PFDs, water and lunch. Feet and legs may get wet and muddy at launch points. Driver and shuttle will be provided. [Min-3 boats/Max-8](\$15/boat)

TIDE OF THE TODDLERS ~ FISH 10 - 11 AM
 Discover the natural world with your wee one, ages 1 to 5. [Max-15 children](\$1/child)

MAY 25 INTERPRETIVE CENTER CLOSED - STATEWIDE FURLOUGH
MAY 26 INTERPRETIVE CENTER CLOSED

Activity fees and donations cover materials and are used by the Friends of South Slough Reserve, Inc. in support of the Reserve.

The Interpretive Center, located 4 miles south of Charleston on Seven Devils Road, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Trails are open daily from dawn to dusk.

For more information visit us at
www.southsloughestuary.org