

Miami-Dade Parks October 2007 Calendar of Events

Monday, 1

Dog Park

Sunrise-Sunset. Free Monday thru Friday. \$5 parking Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Call 305-685-8389 for more information. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah.

Farm Village

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free Monday thru Friday. \$5 parking Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturday and Sunday for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Call 305-685-8389 for more information. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah.

Mountain Bike Trails

Sunrise-Sunset. Free Monday thru Friday. \$5 parking Saturday and Sunday. Mountain bike trails for novice, intermediate and expert riders. Call 305-685-8389 for more information. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah.

Samburu Giraffe Feeding Station

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Daily. Zoo admission: \$11.50 adults; \$6.75 ages 3-12. Have them eating out of your hands at the zoo's giraffe feeding station. For \$2 you can feed the giraffes delicious veggie treats. Call 305-255-5551 for more information. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami.

Seniors Program

Times and locations vary. Ages 55 and older. Miami-Dade Parks provides a wide variety of senior programs for adults ages 55 and older. The extensive selection of activities includes sports and fitness programs, arts and crafts and other classes specifically designed for seniors. For more information and a list of programs near you, please visit our website at www.miamidade.gov/parks or call 305-755-7988.

Amusement Center

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Daily. Three rides for \$1. Ride a colorful carousel just steps from the beach. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Call 305-361-5421 for more information. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Deering Historic Tours

10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. Daily. Free with park admission: Adults \$7; Children \$5. This tour highlights the history surrounding the Deering Estate at Cutler and the story of Charles Deering. Guests will visit the first and second floors of the Stone House and Richmond Cottage, as well as the basement/wine cellar of the Stone House. Call 305-235-1668 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Exercise for Everyone

9 – 10 a.m. Free. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Low-impact exercise for adults with physical disabilities. Call 305-234-4948 or 305-234-1673. Goulds Park, 21805 SW 114 Ave., Miami.

Deering Natural Areas Tour

11:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. Daily. Free with park admission: Adults \$7; Children \$5. Daily. Explore the secluded grounds and discover rare native flora and fauna. Call 305-235-1668 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

EcoAdventures: CRANDON PARK VISITORS AND BISCAYNE NATURE CENTER

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$5/Vehicle, \$10/Bus. Monday – Sunday (Year-round). Your gateway to the Bear Cut Preserve, a 264-acre natural barrier island habitat located on the northern tip of Key Biscayne, the Visitors Center offers guided tours, educational programs, an exhibit room and aquariums with different recreated underwater habitats. Self-guided nature trails are available. Trail guides are available in the Nature Center. For more information please call 305-361-6767. Located at 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne. Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.

EcoAdventures: CRANDON PARK'S KAYAK AND SNORKEL ADVENTURE

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Adults \$50; Children \$22 (ages 9-14). Residents: \$42; Children \$22(ages 9-14) Includes snorkeling gear rental. Daily (October - December). Kayak along the beautiful shallow waters of Key Biscayne and explore the protected areas of Bear Cut Preserve where land meets the sea. Reservations are required. Call 305-365-3018. Meet at 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne. Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.

EcoAdventures: CRANDON PARK HERITAGE TRAM TOURS

Available Upon Request/Reservation Required. Adults \$2; Children \$1, minimum 10 people. Enjoy a tram ride through the Bear Cut Preserve. Learn about the island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history, beginning with the Tequesta Indians to pirates and pioneers. Call 305-361-6767, ext 112. Located at 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne. Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.

Tuesday, 2

On Guard for Autism

5 – 6 p.m. Tuesdays. \$75. Ages 6 & up. Fencing instruction for children with autism. Call 305-226-1622. Coral Estates Park, 1405 SW 97 Ave., Miami.

Tea & Tai Chi

9:45 – 11 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays. \$3 per class limited to 10 participants. Participants will learn 12 slow-flowing movements that will improve balance and flexibility and reduce stress while enjoying a variety of flavored teas. For more information call Zarron Brown at 305-380-9106 or 305 388-4771. Westwind Lakes Park 6805 SW 152 Ave., Miami.

Senior Fitness

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$75/5 classes. Low-impact fitness class. Call 305-222-2128 for more information. Tamiami Pool, 11201 SW 24 St., Miami.

Arthritis Aquatics

11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$20/10 classes. Aquatic exercise program for adults with arthritis or physical limitations. Call 305-234-4948 or 305-234-1673. Goulds Park, 21805 SW 114 Ave., Miami.

Water Exercise

11 a.m. – 12 p.m. \$30/10 classes. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Low-impact water exercise for adults. Call 305-222-2128. Tamiami Pool, 11201 SW 24 St., Miami.

Wednesday, 3

Power Soccer

5 – 8 p.m. Wednesdays. For power chair users ages 14 and older. Team formation and practice of power chair sport. Call 305-234-4948 or 305-234-1673. Goulds Park, 21805 SW 114 Ave., Miami.

Youth Soccer

7 – 8:30 p.m. Free. Wednesdays. Soccer program for children ages 6-12 with developmental disabilities. Call 305-752-4966. Three Lakes Park, 11375 SW 136 St., Miami.

Ai Chi (Aquatic Tai Chi)

11a.m. – 12 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. \$30/10 classes. Aquatic low-impact tai chi exercises for individuals with pain and balance issues. Call 305-234-4948 or 305-234-1673 for more information. Goulds Park, 21805 SW 114 Ave., Miami.

Thursday, 4**Wheelchair Basketball Team**

Thursdays, 7 – 9 p.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Free. (August - February). Competitive wheelchair basketball for adults w/ physical disabilities. Call 305-752-4966. Miami Springs Recreation Center, 1401 Westward Dr., Miami Springs.

Deering Nite Hike

7:30 – 9 p.m. Free with park admission: Adults \$7; Children \$5. Experience the woods and it's wildlife as it comes to life at night. Please arrive 15 minutes early. Call 305-235-1668 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Friday, 5**Fencing Club**

5:30 – 7 p.m. Fridays. \$90/8 classes. Ages 10-20. Fencing instruction for people with disabilities. Call 305-222-2128 for more information. Tamiami Park, 11201 SW 24 St., Miami.

Zoo Inn

6 p.m. – 9 a.m. Every Friday and Saturday during the School Year. Bring your youth group, scout troop, biology class or adult group to spend the night and have a behind-the-scenes walking tour of the Zoo after dark and a special morning activity. Zoo Inn includes a pizza dinner, continental breakfast and souvenir. Minimum group size: 15, maximum group size: 30. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call the Zoological Society of Florida at 305-255-5551. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami.

EcoAdventures: GREYNOLDS' CREATURES OF THE NIGHT HIKE

7:30 – 9 p.m. \$3. Enjoy a PowerPoint presentation and naturalist-guided nature walk through Greynolds Park, and learn about the nocturnal creatures that are active at night! . Reservations are required. 305-948-2891. Meet at Greynolds Park Boathouse. 17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach.

Shooter Clinic

7 – 8 p.m. Fridays. Free clinic. Charge for shotgun rental, trap rounds, shells, ear and eye protection. Ages 18 and older. Learn the sport of trap shooting, including shotgun safety, game rules, field etiquette, and shooting techniques. Call 305-226-1823. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami.

Saturday, 6**Florida Paso Fino Horse Show**

9 a.m. – 11 p.m. Also Sunday, October 7. Free to Spectators. Contact Juan Pinero 786-797-5784. Tropical Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami.

Steal Away Home

Oct. 6 – Dec. 12, 2007. Free to the public. This exhibition features the work of five African-American folk artists: Clementine Hunter, Missionary Mary Proctor, Mama Johnson, Ruby C. Williams, and Alyne Harris. Call 305-638-6771 for more information. Amadlozi Gallery at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami.

Authentic Thai Cooking

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$25. Come explore the world of Thai cuisine, and take a journey through tastes, and flavors of the Orient at the beautiful Buddhist Temple in the Redland. Learn about spices, unique ingredients, and special techniques utilized in this ancient cuisine. Call the Fruit and Spice Park for more information, 305-247-5727.

Deering: Introduction to Watercolors

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$150/six-week session. Saturdays, Oct. 6 – Nov. 10. Call 305-235-1668 ext. 233 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Deering: Introduction to Clay Sculpting

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$150/six-week session. Saturdays, Oct. 6 – Nov. 10. Call 305-235-1668 ext. 233 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Deering: Beginning Digital Photography

10 – 11 a.m. \$90/six-week session. Saturdays, Oct. 6 – Nov. 10. Call 305-235-1668 ext. 233 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Deering Architecture Tour

3 p.m. Free with park admission: Adults \$7; Children \$5. Discover the architectural features of some of South Florida's earliest buildings, the Richmond Cottage (circa 1896 and 1916) and the Stone House (circa 1922). Call 305-235-1668 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

EcoAdventures: GREYNOLDS' HISTORIC OLETA RIVER CANOE TRIP

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$25/Adult; \$15/Child (Ages 7-14). Saturdays. The beauty of the Oleta River has drawn man to its shore for centuries. Relive the river's historic past with park naturalist guides as you explore this natural haven for wading birds, osprey, fish and the endangered West Indian Manatee. Reservations are required. 305-365-3018 Meet at Greynolds Park Boathouse. 17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach.

EcoAdventures: ARCH CREEK TRAIL TOURS

10 – 11a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join a naturalist guided tour through a Tropical Hardwood Hammock where you will find an assortment of interesting plants native to South Florida. Reservations are required. 305-944-6111 Meet at the Arch Creek Museum. 1855 NE 135 St., North Miami.

EcoAdventures: CRANDON PARK'S FOSSIL REEF SNORKEL ADVENTURE

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. \$40/Adult, \$22/Children (Ages 9-14). Residents: \$32/Adult, 22/Children (Ages 9-14) Includes snorkeling gear rental. Join our naturalists as you experience an underwater adventure through a rare geologic formation located in Bear Cut Preserve. Explore this shallow marine habitat where fish are aplenty and other creatures may abound. Reservations are required. 305-365-3018. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne. Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.

EcoAdventures: BEAR CUT PRESERVE NATURE WALKS

9 a.m. & 12 p.m. \$3. Saturdays & Sundays Enjoy a leisurely walk along one of the many trails of Bear Cut Preserve. Learn about butterflies, birds and the many plant and animal species that inhabit the coastal environments of South Florida. Bring your binoculars along and your water shoes in tow! 305-361-6767 Ext 112. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL 33149, Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.

EcoAdventures: MATHESON HAMMOCK CANOE TOUR

4 – 6 p.m. Also Saturday, October 20. \$25/Adults, \$15/Children (Ages 7-14)
Join a park naturalist as you canoe through winding creeks, over sea grass beds, and through mangrove forests rich in wildlife such as wading birds, raccoons and marine invertebrates. Reservations required. Call 305-365-3018 for more information. Meet at the Castle Harbor Sailing School at Matheson Hammock Park & Marina. 9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami.

EcoAdventures: KAYAK RENTALS

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays. Fee: Single or 2 Person Kayak: \$15/Hour or \$30/3 Hours. Snorkeling Gear Rental: \$7 Daily. Fully equipped "sit on top" ocean kayak rentals and snorkeling equipment available. Call 305-361-6767 Ext. 112 or Kayak Concession at 305-365-3067. Located at 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne. Parking Lot #1. North Beach Entrance Kayak Aquatic Concession located on the beach southeast of the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center.

Saturdays in the Park with Commissioner Sen. Javier Souto

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Saturdays. District 10 residents are invited to spend Saturday mornings with Commissioner Souto discussing concerns and issues. Call 305-375-4835 for locations.

NRA First Steps Course

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Call 305-226-1823 Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami.

Firearm Safety

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Call 305-226-1823. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami.

Evening Sky Viewings

8 – 11 p.m. Free. Saturdays. Look and learn with the Southern Astronomical Society and view the night sky through high-tech telescopes. Call 305-661-1375 for more information. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami.

Tai Chi Classes

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. \$60/six-week session. Saturdays thru Nov. 3. Apply your internal power with slow motion routines that promote health and longevity with instructor: J. Morris. Call 305-235-1668 ext.233. Visitors Center Exhibit Room, Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Skyward Kites

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Add the joy of kite flying to your day at the beach. Kites on sale starting at \$5 and staff will help with assembly and give instructions on how to be a master kite flyer. Call 305-893-0906 for more information. Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach.

Goal Ball

2 – 5 p.m. Free. Ages 18 and older. Saturdays. Soccer-like sport for people with visual impairments. Call 305-226-1622. Miami Springs Recreation Center, 1401 Westward Dr., Miami Springs.

Jr. Wheelchair Sport Club

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturdays. Ages 9 and older. Sport clinics for children with physical disabilities. Call 305-234-4948 or 305-234-1673 for information. Goulds Park, 21805 SW 114 Ave., Miami.

Wheelchair Tennis Program

10-11 a.m. Free. Saturdays. Ages 9 and older. All skill levels. Call 305-752-4966 for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami.

Sunday, 7

EcoAdventures: CORAL GABLES WATERWAY CANOE TOUR

9 a.m. – Noon. \$25 Adults; \$15 Children (Ages 7-14). Join the naturalist guides of AD Barnes Park as you canoe through the historic Coral Gables community via its waterways created by George Merrick, and learn about how Coral Gables was created. Reservations required. 305-365-3018. Meet at launch site at Riviera Drive and US1.

EcoAdventures: GREYNOLDS PARK GUIDED NATURE WALKS

9 am. \$3. Sundays. Explore the park trails through different ecosystems and learn about plants and animals that inhabit the area. Reservations are required. 305-948-2891 Meet at the Greynolds Park Boathouse 17530 West Dixie Hwy., North Miami Beach.

EcoAdventures: CRANDON PARK'S KEY BISCAYNE BIKE ADVENTURE

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$25/Adult, \$15/Child (Ages 9-14). \$20 (Ride your own bike). Sundays. Come and explore beautiful Key Biscayne as you bike along the streets and scenic paths of this historic barrier island. Tour Crandon Park's Bear Cut Preserve as well as the Crandon Gardens – the site of the original Miami Zoo. We'll also explore the nature trails of Bill Baggs State Park and enjoy breathtaking views of the Cape Florida Lighthouse built in 1825 – the oldest building in South Florida. Reservations are required. 305-365-3018 Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center. 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne. Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.

EcoAdventures: CRANDON PARK'S BAYSIDE CANOE ADVENTURE

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$40/Adult, \$15/Child (Ages 9-14). Residents: \$25/Person, \$15/Child (Ages 9-14). Sundays. This naturalist-led canoe trip explores the forgotten and secret part of Key Biscayne. Explore this peaceful water wilderness where great blue herons, spotted eagle rays, upside down jellyfish, and green iguanas live among the mangrove fringes. Reservations are required. 305-365-3018 Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center. 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne. Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.

EcoAdventures: NEW! GREYNOLDS' SUNRISE KAYAK TOUR

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. \$20/Adult \$15/Child (Ages 7-14). Kayak from the Greynolds Park Boathouse lagoon into the Oleta River, out to Maule Lake, over to East Greynolds Park and back to the boathouse again. Here is a chance to see the Oleta River by sunrise! Reservations are required. 305-365-3018. Meet at Greynolds Park Boathouse. 17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach.

Monday, 8

Deering: Mixed Media Class

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$150 / six-week session. Mondays, Oct. 8 – Nov. 12. Call 305-235-1668 ext. 233 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Friday, 12

EcoAdventures: ARCH CREEK'S CAMPFIRE

7:30 – 9 p.m. \$3/Person. Also Friday, October 26th. Enjoy an old-fashioned family campfire, complete with roasting marshmallows! Reservations are required. 305-944-6111 Meet at the Arch Creek Museum. 1855 NE 135 St., North Miami.

Saturday, 13

Seminole Women and their Art

1 p.m. Opening Reception on October 13. FREE. Thru Nov. 18, 2007. Presented in partnership with the Historical Museum of South Florida, this exhibition highlights the art of Seminole women. Call 305-480-1717 for more information. Roxcy O'Neal Bolton Women's History Gallery at Women's Park, 10251 W. Flagler St., Miami.

Authentic Indian Cooking

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$25. Learn traditional and new cooking techniques as Chef Laura Mani guides you through the wonderful world of Indian cuisine. Call 305-247-5727. Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave, Homestead.

Miami Dade Firefighters Picnic

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tickets available from Miami-Dade Fire Department. Call 305-253-0063. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami.

EcoAdventures: EVERGLADES SWAMP TROMP

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$45 Adults, \$15 Children (Ages 7-14). Also Sunday, October 14. Join our naturalist guides and explore a Cypress Swamp. Once there, you will go slough slogging through knee-deep waters and enter a Cypress dome habitat. This is your opportunity to truly learn about and immerse yourself in the Everglades and its beauty. Reservations required. 305-365-3018. Meet at AD Barnes Nature Center 3401 SW 72 Avenue Miami.

Natural Areas Management – Volunteer Workday

8:45 a.m. Help protect and restore our rare native habitats by removing exotic vegetation, restoring native vegetation, enhancing trails, and conducting clean-up activities. Come prepared to work outside. Closed-toe shoes are required. Long-sleeved shirts and long pants are highly recommended, as well as a hat, sun block, and insect repellent. No small children or pets. Be sure to drink plenty of fluids during the day! For more information, call 305-257-0933 ext.227. Black Creek Forest Preserve, SW 112 Ave & Black Creek Canal, Miami.

Deering Bird Walk

7:30 – 10:30 a.m. Free with park admission: Adults \$7; Children \$5. Saturday, October 13. Join one of the naturalist guides in search of some of the Deering Estate's estimated 170 perennial and migratory bird species. Call 305-235-1668 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Goalball Team

2 – 5 p.m. Saturdays, beginning Sept 15. Free. Ages 14 and up. Competitive goalball for persons with visual impairments. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Contact Zarron Brown at 305-380-9106 for more information. YET Center, 7090 NW 22 Ave., Miami.

Sunday, 14

“Mandala” Workshop

2 – 5 p.m. \$75 (ages 18 and older). Gain insight and connect with your inner being as you draw your own personal “Mandala” (circle). Meditate in an inspiring and natural environment. No drawing experience is necessary and all materials are provided. Call 305-235-1668 ext. 232 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Chicken Key Canoe Tour

8 – 11 a.m. Adults \$25; Children \$15 (ages 9-14). Also Saturday, October 28. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Call 305-235-1668 ext. 233 for reservations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

EcoAdventures: ARCH CREEK'S BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS

7:30 – 9 a.m. \$5. Get a fresh start on your Sunday morning with a dose of nature! This naturalist-led walk gives you and your family an opportunity to learn the basics of bird watching. Refreshments will be provided at the start of the program. Reservations are required. (305) 944-6111 Meet at the Arch Creek Museum. 1855 NE 135 St., North Miami.

EcoAdventures: CRANDON PARK'S KEY BISCAYNE SNORKEL & ISLAND BOAT TOUR

8:30 a.m. – Noon. \$62; includes snorkeling gear rental. Cruise around the southernmost sand barrier island of Key Biscayne with our knowledgeable and experienced naturalist guides. Enjoy breathtaking views of Biscayne Bay and the many historical and world-famous landmarks such as Stiltsville and the Cape Florida Lighthouse built in 1825. Cool off by snorkeling at nearby shallow reefs. Reservations are required. 305-365-3018. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center. 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne. Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.

EcoAdventures: MATHESON HAMMOCK CANOE TOUR

10 a.m. – Noon. Also Sunday, October 28th. \$25 Adults, \$15 Children (Ages 7-14). Join a park naturalist as you canoe through winding creeks, over sea grass beds, and through mangrove forests rich in wildlife such as wading birds, raccoons and marine invertebrates. Reservations required. 305-365-3018 Meet at the Castle Harbor Sailing School at Matheson Hammock Park & Marina. 9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami.

Wednesday, 17

EcoAdventures: ARCH CREEK'S GHOST TOURS

7:30 – 9 p.m. \$3. Also Wednesday, October 31st. Join our naturalists for an introduction to the history of Arch Creek Park that has contributed to its mystery and unexplained paranormal activities. Reservations are required. 305-944-6111. Meet at the Arch Creek Museum. 1855 NE 135 Street, North Miami.

Friday, 19

Noches Tropicales

8 p.m. FREE. This concert celebrates Hispanic music and dance and features 2007 Latin Grammy nominee Luisa Maria Güell. Call 305-271-0812 for more information. Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami.

EcoAdventures: GREYNOLDS' OWL PROWL

7:30 – 9 p.m. \$3. Learn about the fascinating life of owls and the importance of the park's natural areas as a habitat for several species of owls. Bring your observation skills - presentation includes a nature walk through the park to listen for owls! Reservations are required. 305-948-2891. Meet at Greynolds Park Boathouse. 17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach.

Saturday, 20

Authentic Chinese Cooking

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fee \$25. Join Chef Sauchi from Tim's Oriental Market for this interactive class featuring exotic vegetables, and spices indigenous to the Cantonese and Szechwan regions of China. Call 305-247-5727. Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave, Homestead.

Alvaro Torres & Maggie Carles in Concert

8 p.m. Ticket prices TBA. Popular Latin entertainers. Call 305-547-5414 for more information. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler Street, Miami.

"Affair En Plein Air" – A two-day juried art event

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Also Sunday, October 21 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Judging of art on Sunday, October 21, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Free with park admission: Adults \$7, Children \$5 (ages 4-14). The Deering Estate at Cutler and the GroveHouse Artists will host a two-day "En Plein Air" (in the open air) painting event. Artists will be painting on the grounds of the Estate and guests can admire their work in progress. Children can also participate in arts & crafts activities for an additional \$5. Call 305-235-1668 ext. 232 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Gold Coast Railroad Museum: Speaker of the Month

2 p.m. Free with museum admission: \$5 Adults/\$3 children. Speaker Bob Wilkes "Railroading Thru the Rockies." Call 305-253-0063. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152nd St., Miami.

Deering Butterfly Walk

9 – 11 a.m. Free with park admission: Adults \$7; Children \$5. Explore various habitats of the Estate while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Call 305-235-1668 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami.

EcoAdventures: ARCH CREEK'S FAMILY FUN DAYS

1– 3 p.m. \$3. Fun for the whole family! Participate in a variety of nature and historic-based activities. Reservations are required. 305-944-6111 Meet at the Arch Creek Museum. 1855 NE 135 Street, North Miami.

Sunday, 21

Sunset Cruise on the Pelican Island Skipper

4 – 6 p.m. Please arrive at 3:30 p.m. \$35 per person. Take a relaxing trip on the "Pelican Island Skipper" Pontoon Boat and discover South Florida's nature and history. Space is limited. Call 305-235-1668 ext. 233 for reservations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

EcoAdventures: NEW! CHEKKA BIKE TOUR

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$25 Adults, \$15 Children (Ages 7-14). Join the naturalist guides of AD Barnes Park on this 10-mile round trip bike tour of this newly opened section of Everglades National Park. Ride through a Sawgrass Prairie, and learn about the animals and plants that call the Everglades home. Bring your lunch, as there will be time halfway through the bike ride to stop for lunch. Reservations required. 305-365-3018. Meet at AD Barnes Nature Center. 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Monday, 22

Magic City Monday

10:30 a.m. \$3/child (chaperones admitted free). Kids can enjoy a concert featuring RITMO! AZUCAR for kids celebrating National Hispanic Month. 305-636-2350 for more information. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami.

Wednesday, 24

Deering Moonlight Canoe Tour

7 – 11 p.m. \$35 per person (ages 18 and older). Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key. Call 305-235-1668 ext. 233 for reservations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami.

Thursday, 25

EcoAdventures: CRANDON PARK'S SUNSET & MOONLIGHT KAYAK ADVENTURE

5:30 – 8 p.m. \$40/Adult, \$ 15/Child (Ages 7-14). Residents: \$ 25/Adult, \$15/Child (Ages 7-14). Also Friday, October 26th. View a spectacular South Florida sunset from the seat of a kayak as we paddle through the waters of Bear Cut and explore the forgotten and secret part of Key Biscayne by light of the rising full moon. Reservations are required. 305-365-3018. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne. Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.

Friday, 26

Hunters Moon

7:30 – 10 p.m. Admission \$10 (Children under 6 are free). Under the allure and mystique of the full moon, Southern Cross Astronomical Society will guide you through a celestial exploration of the heavens. Bring a blanket, and enjoy music, refreshments, and story telling around the campfire. Call 305-247-5727. Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave, Homestead.

Natural Areas Management – Volunteer Workday

8:45 a.m. Please meet at the Visitor's Center parking lot. Help protect and restore our rare native habitats by removing exotic vegetation, restoring native vegetation, enhancing trails, and conducting clean-up activities. Come prepared to work outside. Closed-toe shoes are required. Long-sleeved shirts and long pants are highly recommended, as well as a hat, sun block, and insect repellent. No small children or pets. Be sure to drink plenty of fluids during the day! Call 305-235-1668 ext. 228 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Saturday, 27

Habana Abierta Returns!

8 p.m. Tickets: TBA. Due to popular demand, Hispanic pop sensation, Habana Abierta returns to the Miami-Dade County Auditorium. 305-547-5414 for more information. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 W. Flagler St., Miami.

Eco Bike Tour at Deering

10 a.m. – Noon. \$15; \$10 ride your own bike. Ride along the trails and explore the scenic landscapes while learning about the Estate's historic past. Meet at the Visitor's Center at 9:45 a.m. Call 305-235-1668 ext. 233 for reservations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Neighborhood Park Concert Series

3 p.m. October 27. FREE. This concert series offers families the chance to enjoy music in the setting of a beautiful park and includes activities for children. Call 305-693-6236 for more information. Ruben Dario Park, 9825 W. Flagler Street, Miami.

METROBOO! at Metrozoo

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Included with Zoo admission: \$11.50 Adults; \$6/75 ages 3-12. Also Sunday, October 28. On this weekend celebrate Halloween with the entire family in costume at the Zoo! Kids ages 12 and below enjoy safe trick-or-treating for sweets and prizes, games, costume contests, music and more! Call 305-251-0400 or visit www.miamimetrozoo.com for more information. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami.

"Spooky Adventures"

5:30 – 9 p.m. Also October 28th. Geared absolutely to small children (under 8 years) but a great "family experience." Tickets Adults \$8/Children \$5. Advance tickets available at the Museum prior the Event. Call 305-253-0063. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami.

The Rare Event - Bidding Against Extinction

7 – 10 p.m. Fairchild Fellows, Free. Fairchild Members, \$75. Non-members, \$125. The Rare Event is an auction of hard-to-find plants and one-of-a-kind contemporary art works with the objective of bidding against extinction. Guests have the opportunity to obtain plants and art for their collections that are not easily available, in the case of the plants; or one-of-a-kind pieces, in the case of the art. To purchase tickets or for sponsorship information, please contact Mari Novo at 305-667-1651 ext. 3357 or at mnovo@fairchildgarden.org. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables.

Halloween Bash

7:30 – 11:30 p.m. Tickets rain or shine: Member \$85; Non-member \$100; VIP \$150. Drinks and food included in prices. Enjoy a ghoulish night in the garden with eerie entertainment, wicked brews and bites and a costume contest. Must be 21 or older and have valid photo ID upon entrance. To purchase tickets, go to www.fairchildgarden.org or call 305-667-1651. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables.

EcoAdventures: MATHESON HAMMOCK TO THE CORAL GABLES WATERWAY

9 a.m. – Noon. \$25.00 Adults, \$15.00 Children (Ages 7-14). Join the naturalist guides of AD Barnes Park as you canoe from Matheson Hammock Park and along the Coral Gables Waterway. Enjoy the views along the mangrove shoreline of Biscayne Bay, and then learn the history of Coral Gables and how it was created. Reservations required. 305-365-3018. Meet at the Castle Harbor Sailing School at Matheson Hammock Park & Marina. 9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami.

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Sunday, 28

Family Harvest Day

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. \$20 for adults, \$15 for senior 65 and older, \$10 for children 6-17, and free for Fairchild members and children 5 and under. Bring the family and spend the day in our **botanic** garden! Fairchild will have bountiful activities and healthy treats for kids of all ages. For sponsorship information, please contact Mari Novo at 305-667-1651, ext. 3357 or at mnovo@fairchildgarden.org. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables.