

SOUTH CAROLINA'S
MYRTLE BEACH STATE PARK

May 31, 2011 – September 3, 2011

An adult must accompany ages 11 and younger.
 Unless stated, most programs are free with park admission. Park admission fees always apply.
 In order to be courteous to other participants, please turn off all cell phones during programs.
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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 am	A Crabby Experience! Meet: Fishing Pier (May 31- August 30) Rental Fee of \$5 per Trap	TSI- Turtle Scene Investigation NEW! Meet: Beach at Boardwalk S4 (Fourth boardwalk south of pier) (June 1- August 31)	Forest to the Sea Meet: Nature Center (June 2- Sept 1)	Seine-Sational Fun! Meet: Fishing Pier (June 3- Sept 2)	
11:00 am					Nifty and Nocturnal! NEW! Meet: Activity Center (June 4- August 13)
1:00 pm	Plankton Meet: Activity Center (May 31- August 9)	A Better Planet! NEW! Meet: Activity Center (June 1- August 10)	Jumping Jellyfish! Meet: Activity Center (June 2- August 18)	Tales from the Sea Meet: Activity Center (June 3- August 12) \$3 Program Fee	Feeding Time Meet: Nature Center (June 4- Sept 3)
3:00 pm	The Tree of Life NEW! Meet: Activity Center (May 31- August 23)	Stingray Shuffle! Meet: Activity Center (June 1- August 24)	Litter Critters Meet: Activity Center (June 2- August 11)	Paint by Nature Meet: Nature Center (June 3- July 29) \$5 Program Fee	Crazy over Crabs Meet: Nature Center (June 4- Sept 3)

Nature Center Hours:

Tuesday- Saturday 11:30 am to 4:30 pm (hours are subject to change)

Kids ages 5 and up- Come to any three of our programs and earn a MBSP patch.

Ask about our Make a Difference patch and the Self-led Scavenger Hunts!

Check our evening program schedule- Bats, Whales, Sharks, Reptiles, and Leaf your Mark

Program Information: 843-238-0874 or www.myrtlebeachsp.com

Program Descriptions

A Crabby Experience!- (May 31- August 30) (Tuesdays- 9:30 am to 11 am)

Test your luck from the pier as we try to catch a variety of crabs, fish and other critters. **There are limited amounts of crab traps that are available on a first come, first serve basis for a rental fee of \$5 per trap. Exact change is appreciated! We begin handing out traps at 9:20 am. Bring your own raw chicken or fish for bait** or bait is sold at the pier. This is a catch & release program.

Plankton- (May 31- August 9) (Tuesdays- 1 pm- 1:45 pm)

With the use of zany plankton costumes, learn how microscopic organisms make a living in the ocean and why they look the way they do. As you observe live plankton samples under a microscope, you will be amazed what you are swimming with in the ocean!

The Tree of Life- (May 31- August 23) (Tuesdays- 3 pm- 4 pm) **NEW!**

Trees are tree-mendous life forms which hold many mysteries! Through an assortment of engaging explorations (such as an interactive costume & tree cores) unlock the secrets of how trees live, breathe and grow. We'll also enjoy the company of live woodland visitors!

TSI- Turtle Scene Investigation (June 1- August 31) (Wednesdays- 9:30 am to 10:30 am) **NEW!**

Oh no! Has there been a crime committed against a sea turtle? Help identify the intriguing clues to solve the mystery- it is up to you to solve it! Arrive at the crime scene tape to ponder and explore what happened to the sea turtle nest site. What kind of turtle was it? Did she lay eggs? Who disturbed her? Find out positive actions you can do to help sea turtles each and every time you visit the beach. **Appropriate for ages 8 and up.**

A Better Planet!- (June 1- August 10) (1 hour) **NEW! (Wednesdays- 1 pm- 2 pm)**

Have fun racing against the clock while striving to have a positive impact on our planet. It's not always easy, but there are many simple and fun ways to make a difference!

Stingray Shuffle!- (June 1- August 24) (30 minutes) (Wednesdays- 3 pm- 3:30 pm)

They fly through the seas with grace and ease. Somewhat maligned and misunderstood, they are truly gentle and good. So come to the Stingray Shuffle and have fun with costumes, games and activities as you discover the "real deal" about stingrays and their relatives.

From the Forest to the Sea- (June 2- September 1) (Thursdays- 9:30 am to 10:45 am)

Experience the natural wonders of Myrtle Beach State Park! The maritime forest will be the gateway that leads us into the vast beauty of the maritime grassland where we will observe colorful flowers, search for fluttering butterflies and see what other critters we may encounter. We will then explore the beach habitat for washed up treasures. This program will consist of a ¼ mile leisurely stroll. Wear shoes that can get wet.

Jumping Jellyfish!- (June 2- August 18) (Thursdays- 1 pm- 1:30 pm)

Do all jellyfish sting and hurt people? Does a dead jellyfish still sting? Find out these answers and more during this informative program. **Appropriate for ages 8 and up.**

Litter Critters- (June 2- August 11) (Thursdays- 3 pm- 4:30 pm)

Learn what happens to Myrtle the fish as her pond is discovered by humans in this fun, hands on demonstration about water pollution. Afterwards, we will head outside for 20 minutes and small prizes will be awarded if you become a solution to pollution! Wear shoes.

Seine-Sational Fun!- (June 3- September 2) (Fridays- 9:30 am to 10:30 am)

Discover all sorts of fish, crabs, and other critters as we pull a seine net through the surf zone. Wear clothes that can get wet. **Kids under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Tales from the Sea- (June 3- August 12) (Fridays- 1 pm- 1:45 pm)

You'll be amazed at the variety of sea life that lives around our fishing pier. Touch and learn about live sea urchins, sea stars, snails, crabs, and more. **\$3 program fee per person** Exact change is appreciated!

Paint by Nature- (June 3- July 29) (Fridays- 3 pm- 3:45 pm)

Using various objects designed by nature, paint your own masterpiece. **Bring a light-colored T-shirt, pillowcase, bag, etc. to paint.** **Wear clothes that will get splattered by paint!** **\$5 program fee per person** Exact change is appreciated!

Nifty and Nocturnal!- (June 4- August 13) **NEW! (Saturdays- 11 am to noon)**

Discover the nighttime world of the forest! Use your imagination and allow your senses to heighten as we dim our indoor lights in order to experience the fascinating abilities of elusive, woodland creatures. As our "dawn" breaks, we will further explore these animals through sounds, skulls, skins, and other natural objects.

Feeding Time- (June 4- September 3) (Saturdays- 1 pm- 1:30 pm)

Come by the nature center and see what animals are being fed and what they eat during this informal program.

Crazy over Crabs! (June 4- September 3) (Saturdays- 3 pm- 3:30 pm)

Blue, stone, speckled, lady, spider, hermit, ghost, and mole! Believe it or not, all these crazy names are local crabs. Learn about these crabs and why it is important to follow regulations to help keep crab populations healthy and sustainable. Live specimens and a silly crab costume will be on hand!

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Let's Hear it for Reptiles!- (Thursday, June 9- 6 pm- 7:30 pm)

Arm yourself with knowledge and overcome your fear of those scaly reptiles- snakes, turtles, lizards and alligators. Through the use of live animals and biofacts, learn why reptiles are a critical part of the environment and do not deserve their slimy reputation. At the end of the program, you will have the thrilling opportunity (if you dare!) to watch a snake devour a live mouse. **\$5 Program fee per person Meet at Activity Center**

"Leaf" Your Mark!- (Thursday, June 16- 6 pm- 6:45 pm)

Slam! Bam! Wham! Make lots of sound as we pound our way to a botanical masterpiece on fabric. Kids under 10 require adult supervision/participation! You may finish earlier if you complete your masterpiece quickly. **\$1 per botanical masterpiece Meet at Shelter 1 (Shelter by the nature center parking lot)**

Shark Spectacular- (Thursday, July 21- 6 pm- 7:30 pm)

Through hands on activities, learn about the sensational senses of sharks as we solve the mysteries behind the many myths surrounding these top ocean predators. After our indoor presentation, we will take a walk to the beach to search for shark teeth. Wear shoes that can get wet. **\$5 Program fee per person Meet at Activity Center**

Tale of the Whale- (Thursday, July 28- 6 pm- 7 pm)

Learn how to eat like a whale, hear what whales sound like, find out how big whales and dolphins are, what species are found off our coast and much more!

\$3 Program fee per person Meet at Activity Center

Bat Chat- (Thursday, August 11- 7:30 pm- 8:45 pm)

Bats often give us chills at the mere mention of them. Take a new look at these amazing mammals while we use a costume and power point to illustrate the often misunderstood bat. Best of all, you have a rare opportunity to see and hear these master aerialists at work. After our indoor presentation, we will go outside to observe bats hunting insects. We will listen to them with a special device called a bat detector, allowing us to hear what is normally beyond the human ear. **Wear closed toed shoes and bring a flashlight. \$5 Program fee per person Meet at Activity Center**