

Ebb Tide


Estero Bay Buddies

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National Estuaries Day
Paddling Event –
Kayak Trip on the Estero River!



Bunche Beach – A Free Day at the Bay!

By Terry Cain

Come out and enjoy “a free day at the bay” to celebrate and experience National Estuaries Day on Saturday, November 5th, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Learn



Photo from Bunche 2010

about our local estuaries and why they are important to our environment and economy. Activities will include a guided bird walk, a guided beach walk, live critters in a touch tank,

and a kayak excursion (bring your own or borrow ours). To date vendors include Lee Co. Parks & Recreation, EBB, Turtle Time, and Eco-Action Group from FGCU. For more information contact Terry Cain @ 239-707-3015.



Saturday, October 15, 2011 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Estero River Outfitters,
20991 South Tamiami Trail Estero, FL 33928**

In honor of National Estuaries Days, the Estero Bay Buddies, with help from the Charlotte Harbor National Estuaries Program, are offering two different paddles along the Estero River. This is an opportunity for people to learn about the wonders and beauty of the Estero River and to learn more about our own special estuary, the Estero Bay. Estuaries are areas where the rivers meet the sea and provide a home to many of the juvenile forms of fish and shellfish that are popular food items.

The Intermediate paddle is a two-hour paddle downstream that departs at 8:30 a.m. The Beginner paddle is a one-hour paddle upstream with a basic paddling tutorial at 8:00 a.m. and departs at 8:15 a.m. Arrive early for registration. All kayaking equipment is provided. Bring your own refillable drink bottle. We will supply the water! It is recommended that you also bring a hat, sunscreen, binoculars and clothing/shoes that can get wet. The paddle meets at the Estero River Outfitters, 20991 South Tamiami Trail Estero, FL 33928.

Call (239) 910-5091 for more information or call (239) 992-4050 to register. Each trip has a maximum capacity of twenty participants. \$10 per person.

THE EBB TIDE IS ON-LINE

Wonder what this newsletter looks like in color? Want to recommend a story to a friend? Find the online edition at:

www.esterobaybuddies.org

Got questions? Please email them to:

info@esterobaybuddies.org

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Sherry Furnari, editor

Welcome New & Returning Members

We'd like to welcome our new members and thank our returning members who joined/rejoined during April – September and hope that you will join us at meetings and activities.

Joe Aten	Ft. Myers	2009
Charlie & Tina Bansonek	Ft. Myers	new
Jim & Marilyn Bartlett	Carmel, IN	new
Angelina Boyce	Ft. Myers	new
Brenda Brooks	Lehigh Acres	2009
Gail & Paul Edwards	Ft. Myers	2002
Rosie Emery	Naples	new
Patricia Fay	Estero	new
Harry Gottlieb	Ft. Myers Beach	2010
Vincent Lang	Elmhurst, IL	2006
Nancy Kilmartin	Ft. Myers	2004
Don McCumber	Lehigh Acres	new
Sheron Smith	unknown	new

Calendar of Events

October 15th, Saturday — EBB Estero River Paddling Event, 8am—10:30am.

October 27th, Thursday — Environmental Breakfast, 7am-9am.

October 29th, Saturday — Great Outdoor Adventure Day @ Lovers Key State Park, 10am—3pm.

October 30th, Sunday – Monofilament Madness Marine Clean Up.

November 5th, Saturday — A Free Day at the Bay, Bunche Beach, 8am—12pm.

November 3rd-6th, The Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival, Sanibel Causeway.

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Newsletter of the Estero Bay Buddies

Volume 10 Number 3

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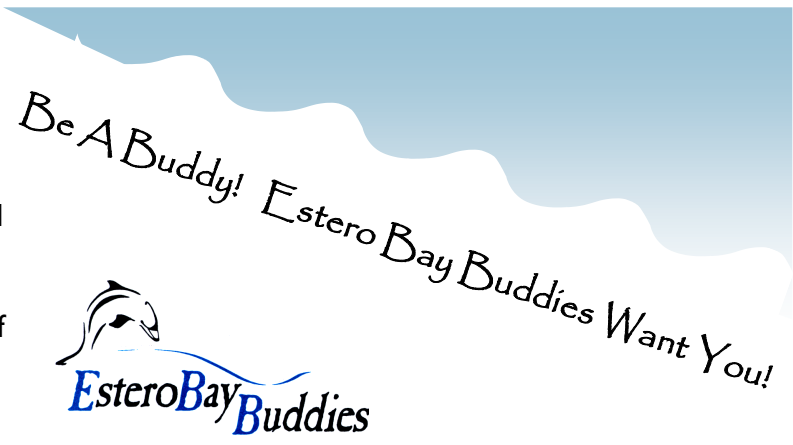
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Robert Brooks	Manager
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Erin Maehl	Administrative Staff Assistant
Jon Meyer	Environmental Specialist I

Please send contributions to:
Estero Bay Buddies
700-1 Fisherman's Wharf
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

EBB contact phone (Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve office):
239.463.3240

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If you would like to become an EBB member, or if it's time to renew your membership please write a check to: Estero Bay Buddies
 and mail with the membership form to: 700-1 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
 Student \$5; Individual \$10; Family \$15; Contributing \$25; Supporting \$50; Non-profit \$25; Association (Homeowner, Condo or Civic) \$25; Business \$100; Donor \$100-500.

Membership Form

Yes! I would like to make a difference by joining the Estero Bay Buddies, Inc.

Name(s): _____ New Member

Mailing Address: _____ Renewal

(city) (state) (zip code)

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Annual Membership Dues:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$5 (Ages 17 & under are free) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Association (Homeowner, Condominium or Civic) \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Corporate \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor \$100 - \$500 |

Additionally, I/we would like to make a contribution in the amount of \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please return with check payable to Estero Bay Buddies, Inc. The Estero Bay Buddies, Inc. is a non-profit organization.

- I would prefer to support the "Buddies" with dues as a member and/or through monetary donations.
- I would like to become an active volunteer and participate in resource management, research/monitoring and education activities.

Special Offer: One free EBB T-shirt with a new membership of \$10 or more!

Exclusive EBB design and logo lets people know you care about Estero Bay. Great for fishermen and fisherwomen, environmental activists, old-timers, boaters, personal-water craft riders, divers and everyone else who cares about the health of Florida's waters!

Request newly designed white T-shirts or older T-shirts with colors of turquoise, granite or 40th Anniversary Clyde Butcher photo on white. State size and color. Size: S to XXL.



Membership Form

New/renewing members, please check all boxes that apply to your interests.

Resource Management

- Exotic Plant Control (Removal/herbicide treatment of Melaleuca, Brazilian Pepper, and other exotics.)
- Habitat Restoration
- Nature Trail Construction and Maintenance
- Monitoring/Patrol of the Preserve State Park
- Resource Watch/Patrol of the Aquatic Preserve (Boaters, Canoe and Kayak enthusiasts)
 - Monitoring Mangrove Forests
 - Monitoring Bird Rookeries
 - Monitoring Indian Shell Mounds
- Assistance with Resource Inventories
- Participating in Coastal Clean Ups

Education

- Conducting Guided Nature Walks
- Environmental Education/Public Outreach

Research and Monitoring

- Citizen Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring
- Computer (Managing Data using Windows XP, ACCESS DataBase and EXCEL spreadsheets)

Advocacy

- Computer/Desktop Publishing (Newsletter, Brochures, Flyers, etc.)
- Office Assistance Support (reception, hospitality, answering phones, mailings, etc.)
- Land Acquisition
- Fund-raising events
- Letter Writing Campaigns

Other

- Become a board member
- Other (please explain in detail)

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Attention Members: Since we are now e-mailing the newsletter to our membership, we don't have the flexibility of showing when membership fees are due for each member. Therefore, we will be e-mailing you with a reminder a few weeks prior to when membership fees are dues. Thanks very much for your continued support for the Buddies!!!



What's Happening Around the Estero Bay area...

Great Outdoor Adventure Day

FORT MYERS BEACH - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Lovers Key State Park will host the annual Great Outdoor Adventure Day on October 29, 2010. Visitors can experience all the recreational opportunities that Lovers Key offers at the Great Outdoor Adventure Day. Guided adventures will be running throughout the day. (the bulk of which are FREE OF CHARGE!). Adventures include; bicycle tours of Black Island, birding and estuary walks, geocaching excursions, fishing and cast netting clinics and creative activities for kids of all ages.

Triak, paddleboard, kayak and canoe demonstrations and guided kayak tours will offer both novice and expert paddlers something to celebrate. Demonstrations, on-water instruction and other paddling-related opportunities have been scheduled. Kayak, canoe and bike use accompanies tours; while day and half day rentals are available at the gift shop.

Exhibitors will include environmental organizations, nature centers and outdoor equipment and healthy lifestyle vendors. The band "Cruzanvibes" will play throughout the event and food and beverages will be on sale.

Admission to the event is included with the park entrance fee (\$8 per vehicle for up to 8 people, \$4 for single occupancy vehicle, and \$2 for pedestrians & bicyclists).

Several EBB members are attending and will have a booth set up containing environmental educational materials. Come, stop by and say hello!



The event will take place:
Saturday, October 29, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Lovers Key State Park
8700 Estero Blvd
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

For more info, contact:
Brittany Petit, (239) 463-4588 , brittany.petit@dep.state.fl.us

FGCU Student Interns Working at Estero Bay Preserve State Park

By Jon Meyer

If you are hiking around the Estero Bay Preserve State Park you might see two volunteers working in gray shirts. These two gentlemen are Justin Lamb and Nick Solomone. They are Student Interns from Florida Gulf Coast University. They are going to be helping with exotic plant removal, photo points for documenting the state of EBSP, prescribed fire, and other important tasks.

Justin Lamb is working on his Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Studies. Justin grew up in Bonita Springs where he gathered a host of local environmental knowledge. He spends at least three days of the week out in Estero Bay fishing and enjoying the natural environment. Justin is looking to pursue a career working with watershed or fisheries biology here in southwest Florida.

Nick Solomone is also working on his Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Studies. Nick grew up in Del Ray Beach, Florida. He enjoys fishing and hunting which fuels his passion for the outdoors. Nick is looking to pursue a career with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as a Law Enforcement Officer.

If you see Justin or Nick, stop by and say hi and thank them for all the hard work they are doing for the Estero Bay Preserve State Park.



Left: Nick Solomone Right: Justin Lamb

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Rookery Monitoring Volunteer Receives Certificate

Judie Von Eiff, an Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve volunteer, reported a banded pelican that was observed during rookery surveys in July with USGS and received the attached document showing the location and date the bird was banded. It is very exciting to see how far these birds are traveling. Judie, thank you for sharing this with us and for volunteering!

Please report bands at www.reportband.gov



Join us for the Annual Environmental Breakfast

Every year the Audubon Society of Southwest Florida looks forward to putting on their Annual Environmental Breakfast. This year's speaker is Tom Swihart, who will be speaking on *Florida's Water: A Fragile Resource in a Vulnerable State*. This is a free event and is open to the public, although RSVP is highly recommended (<http://environmentalbreakfast.eventbrite.com>). The breakfast is a diverse gathering where public officials, environmentalists, educators and people of the community come together to network and share ideas about current issues and successes.

Please join EBB, one of several sponsors this year, for the Annual Environmental Breakfast on Thursday, October 27th 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at Riverside Community Center, 3061 East Riverside Drive, Fort Myers.

Calusa Blueway



www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com

Premier Canoe and Kayak Event Set in New Venue

North America's fastest-growing paddling festival will be located this fall on the Sanibel Causeway, bringing canoe and kayak activity to pristine back bays and giving residents, visitors and businesses eco-opportunities galore.

The Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival, which has been selected as one of the Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Events for 2011, will be Nov. 3-6 with a hub at the Sanibel Causeway. New this year is a national presenting sponsor, *Canoe & Kayak* magazine.

Since 2006, the popular Southwest Florida event has offered seminars, guided trips, demonstrations, races, a photo contest, a fishing tournament and social events to an eager audience of paddlers. This year's festival will include on-water instruction, Stand-Up Paddleboard activities and a *Canoe & Kayak* film festival. Two races are planned: The long-distance Calusa Classic on Nov. 5 and a SUP and recreational kayak race – the Calusa Dash – on Nov. 6.

Past years have had the festival spread over 10 days at sites throughout Lee County. This year, the four-day festivities will be concentrated on Sanibel Causeway Island A, with off-water and evening activities centralized at signature lodging sites.

The festival serves to highlight public parks and archeological sites as well as resorts, restaurants and campgrounds along the Calusa Blueway, a 190-mile trail that spans Lee County. The festival is coordinated by Lee County Parks & Recreation, which reported attendance for the 2010 festival from 21 states and four countries.

In addition to the causeway-area activities, other communities will host events. Pine Island, for example, will salute anglers and bluegrass lovers Nov. 5 with the Calusa Blueway Kayak Fishing Tournament and the return of Bluegrass for a Blueway & A Taste of Matlacha.

Festival details are available at www.CalusaBluewayPaddlingFestival.com and on Facebook and Twitter.

