

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S
MYRTLE BEACH STATE PARK
April 2017**

**Space is limited; therefore, groups of 10 or more must register in advance.
Children ages 12 and younger require supervision.**

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12:30 pm					Beach Walk and Shell Craft April 8th only! Meet: Shelter B3	
1:30pm					Park Jeopardy April 8, 15, 22, and 29 only Meet: Nature Center	Destination Turtle DNA April 9, 16, 23, and 30 only Meet: Nature Center
3:00pm		Nature's Nasties Meet: Nature Center	What Dwells in a Shell? Meet: Nature Center	Who's Home? Meet: Nature Center	Batty over Bats Meet: Nature Center	Garbage Monster Meet: Nature Center

Program Descriptions – All programs free with park admission

Batty over Bats- Many animals find their way into our hearts for various reasons: dolphins for their playfulness, sea turtles for their grace, and birds for their beauty. But bats, the only mammal capable of true flight, often give us chills and leave us in fright. Gain a different perspective as we use a costume and illustrations to discover some inspiring new facts about the often misunderstood bat. For kids ages 5 to 105! (30 minutes)

Beach Walk and Shell Craft- Explore the beach with the Grand Strand Shell Club. They will lead a beach walk to collect and identify a variety of our local seashells. Afterwards, return to the picnic shelter to see examples of how you can turn your finds into meaningful souvenirs of your beach day! Participants will have a chance to make seashell picture frames or boxes to take with them. Limited to 30 frames- first come first serve. (1-2 hours)

Destination Turtle DNA- Do sea turtles lay their eggs on the same beach? How often do they nest? See how scientists are tracking turtles to discover their nesting secrets. Appropriate for ages 8 to 108. (45 minutes)

Garbage Monster- Have fun with this engaging and interactive story about trash and recycling. This is a perfect way to encourage young kids how easy it is to recycle! Appropriate for ages 4 to 8. (30 minutes)

Nature's Nasties- Watch out! There are all sorts of things outside that can get you! Ever worry about jellyfish, copperheads, poison ivy, or other scary animals? This fun program will reveal myths and help you identify some potential dangers of our wonderful outdoor wonderland and ways to avoid them. Appropriate for ages 8 to 108! (45 minutes)

Park Jeopardy- Come play Jeopardy, state park style! Have fun answering questions about the animals who call this state park home, ways you can help the park, and other State Park facts. (45 minutes)

What Dwells in a Shell?- Learn how to identify the seashell treasures you find on the beach and discover how these animals live. What's a bivalve? Can clams move? What do the animals inside the shells eat? What snail drills holes in other shells? Find out the answers to these questions and many more as we explore the fascinating world of seashells. Appropriate for ages 5 to 105. (45 minutes)

Who's Home- Take a relaxing half-mile walk around the park with a volunteer to help check bird houses. We hope to observe various stages of nesting- nests, eggs, and chicks. Wear closed-toed shoes. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Appropriate for ages 5 to 105. (1 hour)

*Nature Center Hours: 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm Tuesday – Sunday
(schedule subject to change)*

Program Information: 843-238-0874

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