

# Myrtle Beach State Park

Summer Program Schedule June 6 - August 26, 2017

Visit the Nature Center- Open Tuesday- Saturday 11:30am to 4:30pm

Extended hours on Sundays 11:30am to 4:30pm June 18 - August 13, 2017

Put some education into your vacation! An adult must accompany children ages 12 and younger.

**Most programs are free with park admission:**

\$5 – adult; \$3.25 – SC senior/SC 100% disabled; \$3– ages 6 – 15; free for ages 5 and under

Registration is not required for individuals. Space is limited: groups of 10 to 25 people, including adults, must register in advance. We cannot accommodate groups over 25, including adults.

## TUESDAY

### **A CRABBY EXPERIENCE! (June 6 - August 22)**

Test your luck from the pier as we try to catch a variety of crabs, fish and other critters. This is a catch and release program in order to conserve our resources for the future. Traps are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. We begin renting out traps at 9:20am. Bring your own raw chicken or fish for bait, or bait is sold at the pier. **(\$5 per trap. Cash only– exact change appreciated!)**

Fishing Pier 9:30am - 11am

### **SCARY SEAS (June 6 - August 15)**

Sharks, stingrays, jellyfish, oh my! These creatures are very harmful, you cry! Discover the truth behind the numerous myths surrounding these fascinating creatures. We will uncover their life stories and find out their importance in the ocean as we reveal the true dangers of the sea. For ages 5 to 105!

Activity Center 1pm - 2pm

### **DOLPHIN DILEMMA (June 6 - August 8)**

Discover the life stories and relationships among our local dolphins. See how difficult it can be to identify dolphins by their fins, and learn about the challenges dolphins face in their daily lives. For ages 5 to 105!

Activity Center 3pm - 3:45pm

Pick up a schedule at  
any park facility,  
or go online at  
[www.myrtlebeachsp.com](http://www.myrtlebeachsp.com)

## WEDNESDAY

### **TRACKS AMONG US! (June 7 - August 9)**

Immerse yourself in the secretive world of mammals! Have fun with plaster, creating your own animal track masterpiece to take home. Discover their amazing abilities by feeling their fur, examining their skulls, and hearing their calls. **(\$5 per track, cash only– exact change appreciated!) Free with no track.**

For ages 5 to 105!

Activity Center 10am - 11am

### **SIZING UP TURTLES (June 7 - August 23)**

Discover the differences among the sea turtles that you can spot from the fishing pier. Using skulls, life-size models, and a silly sea turtle costume, we will discuss the differences in how these sea turtles live and what you can do to help sea turtles every time you visit the beach. For ages 5 to 105!

Activity Center 1pm - 2pm

### **THROUGH THE YEARS (June 7 - August 16)**

See how the history of Myrtle Beach State Park has been shaped by the Civilian Conservation Corps, hurricanes, changing recreational demands, and other influences over the decades. For ages 8 to 108!

Activity Center 3pm - 3:30pm

### **SOUNDS OF NATURE (June 21 - August 16)**

Birds, bugs, waves; sounds galore! Fish, toads, trees, and even more. When we finish learning about these exciting sound forms, we will all gather round to create our own thunderstorm! For ages 5 to 105!

Activity Center 6:30pm - 7pm

**Nature Center- (843) 238-0874- [www.myrtlebeachsp.com](http://www.myrtlebeachsp.com)**

The Nature Center offers live displays of snakes and marine animals, as well as exhibits on the natural history of the park. A backyard habitat with bird feeders, bird baths, and nature art is available for viewing anytime. Educational signs along the recycled tire walkway are available when the Nature Center is closed.

### **Earn some Patches!**

For ages 5 to 105! Come to any three of our programs and earn a Myrtle Beach State Park Habitat Patch. Choose one of ten patches. Donations are encouraged for the patches. Ask about how to earn a special Sea Turtle Patch.



## THURSDAY

### **SEINE-SATIONAL FUN! (June 8- August 24)**

Discover all sorts of fish, crabs, and other critters as we pull a seine net through the surf zone of the ocean. Wear clothes that can get wet. Kids 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For ages 5 to 105!

Fishing Pier 9:30am - 10:30am

### **DESTINATION TURTLE DNA (June 8 - August 24)**

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.

For ages 8 to 108!

Activity Center 1pm - 2pm

### **GATOR GOSSIP (June 8 - August 17)**

Discover the world of alligators through a gatorrific costume, skulls, and sounds. Afterwards, stay for an optional original story. For ages 5 to 105!

Activity Center 3pm - 3:30pm

### **STATE PARK SECRETS (June 22 - August 17)**

Our rangers tell all in this original video. Whether this is your first time at Myrtle Beach State Park or you have been visiting for years, we guarantee you will discover something new. Each person will be entered into a December drawing for 2 free nights of camping in 2018 at Myrtle Beach State Park.

Activity Center 6:30pm - 7pm

## SATURDAY

### **TALES FROM THE SEA (June 10 - August 19)**

You'll be amazed at the variety of sea life that lives in the ocean off our park. Touch and learn about snails, crabs, sea stars, sea urchins, and more. Live animals will be on hand. For ages 5 to 105!

Activity Center 10am - 11am

### **FEEDING TIME (June 10 - August 26)**

Come see what the hungry animals in the nature center are eating.

Nature Center 1pm - 1:30pm

### **CREATURE FEATURE (June 10 - August 5)**

Meet and greet some neat animals. You'll never know what they'll be! Some may swim in the sea or hide in a tree, but they'll all be park animals; that's the key!

For ages 5 to 105!

Activity Center 3pm - 3:30pm

## Self-led Scavenger Hunts

Explore the habitats of MBSP while doing a fun scavenger hunt. It counts as one program towards a Habitat Patch and is a 1.3 mile walk. Get a scavenger hunt for \$1 from the Nature Center or Visitor Center during facility hours, or print one for free online at [www.myrtlebeachsp.com](http://www.myrtlebeachsp.com)



## FRIDAY

### **SEA TURTLE PATROL (June 9 - August 4)**

Patrol the beach with a ranger in search of sea turtle activity. We will be looking for sea turtle crawls (their footprints) to see if we have any new nests on our beach. Sea turtle activity is not guaranteed; however, you will enjoy a nice stroll on the beach, observe the sunrise, pick up litter, and fill in holes to help sea turtles! No pets.

For ages 5 to 105!

Fishing Pier 6:10am - 7:30am

### **CATCH OF THE DAY (June 9 - August 11)**

Come anytime between 9:30am and 11am to find out who lurks around the pier. See and touch a variety of creatures as they are caught by local fishermen, and watch their behavior in a kiddy pool. The creatures in the pool will change as new animals are caught or released.

Fishing Pier Shelter 9:30am - 11am

### **LEGENDS OF THE FOREST (June 9 - August 25)**

Have you heard about our maritime forest and all it holds? Hear its story unfold through forest sounds, a tree-mendous costume, and some live woodland visitors!

For ages 5 to 105!

Activity Center 1pm - 2pm



## SUNDAY

### **A TURTLE-Y JOURNEY (June 18 - August 13)**

Hear the thrilling tale of a lifetime journey of a loggerhead sea turtle. Discover how easy it is to help these amazing creatures! For all ages.

Nature Center 1pm - 1:30pm

### **BATTY OVER BATS (June 18 - August 13)**

Bats, the only mammals capable of true flight, can sometimes give us a fright! Using a costume and illustrations, discover some inspiring new facts about the misunderstood bat. For ages 5 to 105!

Nature Center 3pm - 3:30pm

## MONDAY, AUGUST 21

### **SOLAR ECLIPSE!**

Experience the first total solar eclipse visible from coast to coast since 1918! At 2:45pm, the sun will disappear! Drop by to discover how and why solar eclipses occur. The next one won't be until 2024. Bring your own solar eclipse glasses or purchase them at the pier store.

Shelter B3 1pm - 4pm

