# TROUT LAKE NATURE CENTER Conserve, Protect, Educate

## What's happening in July



Saturday, July 12, 1:30 to 2:30

What's in Bloom, Naturalist Program: Learn from local beekeeper, TJ Lawrence, Pinesmoke Bee Co. that it's not just about honey anymore, but also the local flowers. Learn about the importance of bees, flowering plants, and other honey uses along with what is blooming now for our pollinators. Program is free to attend but there is a \$5/vehicle entry fee to the property. TLNC members enter for free.

**Saturday, August 9, 1:30 to 2:30** 

**Dig in the Past, Naturalist Program:** Bill Heim, Paleontologist will tell about the animals in Florida's distant past and what the environment was like. Mark your calendar for the fascinating program coming in August.

#### Saturday, July 19 starting at 7 PM

**Folk Music at TLNC:** Monthly on the third Saturday, music can be heard at TLNC. A potluck starts at 7 PM with music beginning around 7:30 PM. Bring a covered dish to share and sit back to enjoy the sound of music. Cost is \$7/person and funds are used to pay the band and other costs for the programs. No reservation is needed. Since TLNC is only the venue for this event, we don't always know who the band will be.

#### Wednesday, July 23 or August 27 from 10:30 to 11:30

**Nature Sprouts:** Monthly on the fourth Wednesday, TLNC provides a program designed for 2 to 5 year olds. The July program will focus on the **Florida Black Bear** while August's program

will be conducted by the **PAWS Therapy Dogs** about caring for your dog or meeting strange dogs. Children must be pre-registered so we can be sure to have enough materials for all the children. Participants are limited to the first 20 registered. Please let us know if you are unable to attend as we often have a waiting list.

**REGISTER HERE FOR JULY 23** 

**REGISTER HERE FOR AUGUST 27** 

#### **Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 AM**

**Chair Yoga:** The connection between our health and the environment has been strongly documented. TLNC offers a chair yoga class conducted by Nancy LaPointe. Cost is \$5/class and includes property entry fee. To attend, email LaPointe at *laf4good@yahoo.com* to discuss her class before attending.

Note: There will be no Chair Yoga on August 13 since TLNC facilities are closed.

#### Saturday, July 26 from 8 to 11 AM

**Weedin' Saturday:** With summer rains, weeds begin to grow and grow outcompeting the much needed pollinator plants. The TLNC pollinator areas are being overgrown. This overgrowth chokes off our beneficial pollinator plants and blooms. Volunteers are needed to help get our pollinator areas back in shape. Volunteers are asked to come on this Saturday to help us.

To volunteer, **email Claudia Rowe at** *TLNC.info@gmail.com* so we can plan our work day. We suggest bringing work gloves, hat, sunscreen and any gardening tools that you favor.

### **Our Progress**

If you have come to TLNC recently you will have noticed some changes that have been made. We now have a real parking area with handicapped parking. Although parking is further away from our buildings, its placement is because we will be building in the old parking area. We plan to replace our aging (built in 1987) double-wide natural history museum, add cohesive exhibit area, meeting and event facilities for our programs, and additional office and volunteer space along with bathrooms.

We will complete construction of a maintenance building to store our equipment out of the weather and provide additional much needed storage. We appreciate the community support which made these improvements possible. Please, visit us to see these improvements.

We can't do it without the many.

#### **New Board Member Comes on Board**

**TLNC now has a full Board with dynamic members.** The most recent appointee to the Board is Karen Ivison. Ivison is a dedicated member of AdventHealth Waterman, where she has served with distinction since 1991. With over 30 years of experience in cardiology, Karen transitioned to the AdventHealth Waterman Foundation in 2020 and later embraced the role of Volunteer Services Manager which will be a great asset for TLNC. Her leadership and compassion continue to make a lasting impact on the organization and the community.

We appreciate all the dedication and skills that our Board members bring in service to TLNC.



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