



## **SEPTEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXCURSIONS**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**



#### **OPTION 1: Ranger tour Oscar Scherer State Park -**

**9:30a – 11:00a**

**Complimentary!**

Oscar Scherer State Park would like to invite you on an hour long, behind-the-scenes tour of the park on Saturday September 10, 2016. Assistant Park Manager Dan Nelson will be taking you on a hike to check out some of the amazing things Oscar Scherer has to offer. The tour will be highlighting some of these including our various ADA adaptations on trails, fishing piers, the canoe launch and more! In addition, you will be treated to a sample of the different ecosystems hidden in this little park such as our brackish creek and our scrubby flatwoods (home of the famous Florida Scrub Jay!). **For reservations, call 850-245 2079 , or email [liz.sparks@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:liz.sparks@dep.state.fl.us)**



#### **OPTION 2: Historic Spanish Point w/ SUP/Kayak**

**Sarasota**

**9:30a – 12:30p** (Bring your lunch)

**\$55/pp\*Single kayak or SUP; \$75/tandem kayak**

Kayak/SUP tour at Historic Spanish Point. It is a special paddle, amongst mangroves and the Bird Keys in Little Sarasota Bay with a visit to the original Mote Marine Shark Tank, which was an enclosure at Midnight Pass that has now been reclaimed and surrounded by mangroves, and a short hop/portage over a dune to the Gulf for a swim at isolated Midnight Pass Beach, not accessible by car. We have tandem or single kayaks and SUPs that depart from the historic Guptil House at HSP. There are opportunities to bring lunch or picnic at HSP if desired. We recommend that you wear water shoes (lots of shells and some oyster bed areas), sunscreen, and something to drink during the tour. **For reservations, payment, or any questions please contact SUP: at [\(941\)281-0215](tel:9412810215) or by email [juliana@sup-sarasota.com](mailto:juliana@sup-sarasota.com)**





### OPTION 3:

### Historic Spanish Point Guided Walking Tour

**COMPLIMENTARY with reservation\***

**9:30a – 11:30a**

Visitors on a mile and a quarter walking tour of the 30-acre site will be educated about its history and nature. Enter a world of the past by learning about the prehistoric people of the gulf coast, the importance of historic preservation and the legacy of the Pioneers and the Palmers. Meet at the visitor center and let them know you are with FL SEE. Price includes admission to the park. **\*For reservations, call 850-245 2079, or email [liz.sparks@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:liz.sparks@dep.state.fl.us)**



### OPTION 4: Bay Preserve with Around the Bend Nature Tours & Conservation Fund of the Gulf

**9:30am - 12:30pm** (includes lunch indoors)

**\$30/pp**

Come explore the wonder of Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast's Bay Preserve at Osprey. Provided by FL SEE Platinum Certified Around the Bend Nature Tours and Conservation Foundation staff, participate in a behind the scenes tour of the property and capture a glimpse of Old Florida at this oasis on Little Sarasota Bay. Discover the bounty of the estuary in the grass flats: join Around the Bend Nature Tours as we wade in and net in the seagrass beds, identify the critters, then release them. Closed toed shoes that can get wet are required (we do have some to loan). Rare critters occasionally captured: pygmy seahorse and keys eel. Lunch inside the historic home on the bay is provided. **Reserve by contacting Karen Willey of Around the Bend Nature Tours at (941) 794-8773 or email, [karen@aroundbend.com](mailto:karen@aroundbend.com) [www.aroundbend.com](http://www.aroundbend.com)**

