



Friends of Collier-Seminole State Park

CSO NEWSLETTER – December 2010

(CSO) Citizens Support Organization for CSSP

Next Meeting: Jan 5th, 2011 In the Screen Room

Welcome to our members and Volunteers

Our board attended a workshop in December gaining many new ideas for reaching out to new potential memberships in our local community. We are in need of new membership who care for Florida's natural environment, its history, culture, & ecosystems. CSSP, located in the Everglades, is one of a kind and has so much to offer. It is this support of members and people who care that makes a successful active group.

Times are changing; communication is by Internet and Websites. We need to be able to reach people who believe in our cause. Kirby, our park manager, stated, "to become more pro-active in gaining new membership, the present CSO members and park Staff could start an outreach program." Rudy Heierling, a past President, and Kirby, suggested we invite members of established community organizations such as the Rotary, Lions, & Elks. Also close by groups like the Westwind community, and East Naples Golf Country Club."

We now have joined the Marco Island's Chamber of Commerce and will be planning a "Business After Hours" gathering here at the park. Also our Assistant Manager, Meredith, has several events in the works for this season. A "Fun Run" for donation, the Saturday morning of our 4th Annual "Jammin' in the Hammock" Festival, and possibly a "Seminole Indian Day" in March. All money from our CSO events goes directly to the preservation and enhancement of our park. Examples are repair of the .9 mile Nature Trail Boardwalk, restoration of Historical Block house into an Interpretive Center, obtain canoes & equipment, and continue upgrading park and trails.

To renew your membership or become a member, please fill out the form before the next meeting of Jan 5th, and return it to Ernie Hinrich's mail box in the Rangers Station. Dues are waived for all returning and new volunteers residing in CSSP and membership enables participation in many CSO events.

Planning for the "Jammin' in the Hammock," our Annual Festival is well under way with 7 bands, arts, crafts, food vendors and our own ice cream booth. This 4th annual event is sure to be a success.

The "Adventure Series," canoeing down the Blackwater River started Dec 20, with knowledgeable Guides.

Our popular Ice Cream Socials and Breakfasts are now being held in the screen room on weekends.

Ernie Hinrichs: CSO President



"Jammin' in the Hammock"



Enjoying canoeing in the mangroves

