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Caption:

***Tapped* documentary pulls the cap off bottled water industry at 'Ding' airing**

The documentary film *Tapped* continues the sixth annual free "Ding" Darling Wednesday Film Series on Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

The film asks the question: Is access to clean water a basic human right or a commodity that should be bought and sold? From the production of plastic to the ocean where so many of plastic bottles end up, the inspiring documentary follows the path of the bottled water industry and the communities it affects.

The filmmakers focused on industry giants such as PepsiCo and Nestlé Waters, visiting a town containing a Nestlé factory and running tests on the bottles the company uses for its products. The documentary also alludes to the amount of bottles that are recycled and the authenticity of the waters production. "Forty percent of bottled water is really just filtered tap water, and every day we throw away 30 million single-served bottles of water as plastic waste," it notes.

Tapped, in short, examines the role of the bottled water industry and its effects on our health, climate change, pollution, and reliance on oil.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free seven-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season's scheduled films. All films begin at 1 p.m. except this film. A short discussion will follow each film to allow visitors to gain more from their documentary-viewing experience by listening to other people's points of view and analyzing what they just watched.

**For full descriptions of the films, please visit
dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.**

Jan. 24 - *Tapped*

Feb. 7 - *From the Ashes*

Feb. 21 - *Chasing Coral*

March 7 – *The Forgotten Coast: Return to Wild Florida*

Mach 21 - *Mission Blue*

April 4 - *STRAWS*

ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

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