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Caption: Live snakes and other wildlife are a highlight of Family Fun Day.

NOTE: See calendar listing at the end.

Save the date for 31st annual “Ding” Darling Day

Mark your calendars for this year’s “Ding” Darling Day birding and eco-festival at J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island, Florida on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019.

Free activities include refuge tram tours, live wildlife presentations, archery clinics, hot dogs, a touch tank and butterfly house, wildlife yoga, nature sketching, origami, and kids’ nature crafts. Federal Duck Stamp and Junior Duck Stamp winners plus conservation art award ceremonies will take place throughout the day.

Recreation concession Tarpon Bay Explorers (www.tarponbayexplorers) offers free stand-up paddleboarding clinics and discounts on kayak rentals and tours and boating excursions that day. Reservations are recommended.

The 31st annual “Ding” Darling Day celebrates the birthday of the refuge’s namesake, father of the Federal Duck Stamp program and Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist, Jay N. “Ding” Darling. It will be part of the pre-celebration for the refuge’s 75th anniversary in 2020.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), and Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge’s recreation concession, cosponsor “Ding” Darling Day with generous support from the local community and businesses.

Visit www.dingdarlingdays.com for updates on events, information on sponsoring “Ding” Day, or to sign up for e-mail update bulletins. Contact Dot Voorhees at 239-472-1100 ext. 239 or dot@dingdarlingsociety.org to become a sponsor.

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 profits.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 239-472-1100 ext. 4 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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Oct. 20, 2019
31st Annual “Ding” Darling Day
J. N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge
1 Wildlife Drive
Sanibel Island FL
239-472-1100
www.dingdarlingdays.com

Bring the family for all-free refuge tram tours, live wildlife presentations, hot dogs, archery, kids crafts, a butterfly house, a touch tank, wildlife yoga, nature sketching, and other activities. Take advantage of free stand-up paddleboarding clinics and discounts on kayak rentals and tours and boating excursions all day.

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