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# *Estuary Academy*

Saturday, September 25  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Weedon Island Preserve



## *Morning Session*

**9:00 Welcome and Introduction**

**9:30 – 10:00 First People of the Bay**

Phyllis Kolianos, Weedon Island Preserve

**10:00 – 10:30 Seahorse Round-Up**

Dr. Heather Masonjones, University of Tampa

**10:30 – 10:45 Break**



**10:45 – 11:15 A Place in the Sand: Beach Nesting Birds**

Dr. Beth Forys, Eckerd College

**11:15 – 11:45 Sharks!**

Dr. Bob Hueter, Mote Marine Laboratory

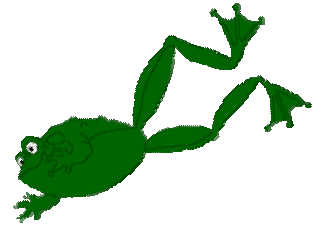
**11:45 – 12:00 Wrap-Up and Door Prizes**

**12:00 – 1:00 Box Lunches Served**



# *Afternoon Session*

## **1 - 2 p.m. Workshop Session I**



### **Frog Listening Network**

Instructor: Representative from Hillsborough River Greenways Task Force  
Learn how to identify frogs by their different “songs” and to record information about frogs in your neighborhood as part of a regional research project.  
Location: Auditorium

### **How to Build Your Own Remotely Operated Vehicle**

Instructor: Erica Moulton, Hillsborough Community College  
Learn about this new technology for exploring oceans and estuaries and build your own miniature robotic ROV.  
Location: Classroom

### **Make a Rain Barrel**

Instructor: Dale Armstrong, Pinellas County Extension Service  
Learn how this simple device can help save water, then make and take home your own rain barrel!  
Location: Outdoors on the Patio



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### **2 - 3 p.m. Workshop Session II**

#### **Basic Bird Watching**

Instructor: Joyce King, St. Petersburg Audubon

Learn how to use binoculars and field guides and then practice your new skills strolling the boardwalk in search of our fabulous feathered friends.

Location: Auditorium

#### **Getting to Know Marine Plants**

Instructor: Dr. Jeannine Lessman, Eckerd College

Yes, even algae can be fascinating! In fact, it's the base of the bay's food chain, the soup of estuarine life. In this workshop, participants will use microscopes to examine and identify seagrasses, algae and other plants commonly seen in Tampa Bay.

Location: Classroom

#### **Bay Bottom Treasure Hunt**

Instructor: Erica Moulton, Hillsborough Community College

Explore the bay's "basement" by collecting and identifying the seldom seen, but critically important, creatures that live in the bay bottom.

Location: Outdoors, on Riviera Bay

### **1-3 p.m. Guided Kayak/Canoe Tour of Weedon Island**

(limited to 12 participants, canoes provided by Weedon Island  
or bring your own canoe/kayak)

Instructor: Grant Craig, Weedon Island Preserve

Participants will paddle the Weedon Island canoe trail on a guided trip with Weedon Island's environmental educator

