

SOUTH CAROLINA'S
MYRTLE BEACH STATE PARK
 June, July, August 2009

An adult must accompany ages **11 and younger**.
Most programs are free with park admission.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 am	A Crabby Experience! Meet: Fishing Pier (June 2- August 25)	Seine-Sational Fun! Meet: Fishing Pier (June 3- August 26)		From the Forest to the Sea Meet: Nature Center (June 5- August 28)	
10:00 am			Litter Critters Meet: Activity Center (June 4- August 13)		Paint by Nature Meet: Nature Center (June 6- July 25)
1:00 pm	Plankton Meet: Activity Center (June 2- July 28)	Planet Jeopardy Meet: Activity Center (June 3- August 12)	Legends of the Forest Meet: Activity Center (June 4- August 27)	Crazy Over Crabs! Meet: Activity Center (June 5- July 10)	Feeding Time Meet: Nature Center (June 6- August 29)
3:00 pm	The Urban Sea Turtle Meet: Activity Center (June 2- August 25)	Reptile Rap Meet: Activity Center (June 3- August 26)	Tales from the Sea Meet: Activity Center (June 4- July 30)		Sharks Meet: Nature Center (June 6- August 29)

Nature Center Hours:

Tuesday- Saturday 11:30 am to 4:30 pm (hours are subject to change)

Kids Ages 5-12- Come to any three of our programs and earn a MBSP patch.

*Ask about our **Make a Difference** patch and the **Self-led Scavenger Hunt!***

Program Information: 843-238-0874

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Program Descriptions

A Crabby Experience!- (June 2- August 25)

Test your luck from the pier as we try to catch a variety of crabs, fish and many other critters. There are a limited amount of crab traps that are available on a first come, first serve basis for a rental fee of \$3 per trap. Exact change is appreciated! We begin handing out traps at 9:20 am. Bring your own raw chicken or fish for bait, or bait is sold at the pier. This is a catch and release program. (1.5 hours)

Plankton- (June 2- July 28)

With the use of zany plankton costumes, learn how microscopic organisms make a living in the ocean and why they look the way they do. As you observe live plankton samples under a microscope, you will be amazed what you are swimming with in the ocean! (45 minutes)

The Urban Sea Turtle- (June 2- August 25)

Through hands on activities and life sized paper turtles learn about the massive sea turtles that nest on our beaches and what to do if you encounter one. (1 hour)

Seine-Sational Fun!- (June 3- August 26)

Discover all sorts of fish, crabs, and other critters as we pull a seine net through the surf zone. Wear clothes that can get wet. Kids under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. (1 hour)

Planet Jeopardy- (June 3- August 12)

Do you want to make a difference? Come play games that teach you how easy it can be to turn your daily actions into positive impacts on the environment at home, MBSP, and where ever else you may go! (1 hour)

Reptile Rap- (June 3- August 26)

Explore the fascinating world of turtles, lizards, alligators, and snakes. A live snake will be on hand. (1 hour)

Litter Critters- (June 4- August 13)

Learn what happens to Myrtle the fish as her pond is discovered by humans in this fun, hands on demonstration about water pollution. Afterwards, we will head outside for 15 to 20 minutes and small prizes will be awarded if you become a solution to pollution! Wear shoes. (1.5 hours)

Legends of the Forest- (June 4- August 27)

Learn what makes the maritime forest so unique at MBSP as we explore this special habitat from the comfort of your indoor chair. Using live plants and animals, biofacts and power point, we will explore the natural history of a variety of plants and animals that inhabit this forest. (1 hour)

Tales from the Sea- (June 4- July 30)

You'll be amazed at the variety of sea life that lives around our fishing pier. Touch and learn about live sea urchins, sea stars, snails, crabs, and more. (45 minutes)

From the Forest to the Sea- (June 5- August 28)

Experience the natural wonders of Myrtle Beach State Park! The maritime forest will be the gateway that leads us into the vast beauty of the maritime grassland where we will observe colorful flowers, search for fluttering butterflies and see what other critters we may encounter. We will then explore the beach habitat for washed up treasures. This program will consist of a ¼ mile leisurely stroll. Wear shoes that can get wet. (1 hour)

Crazy Over Crabs!- (June 5- July 10)

Blue, stone, speckled, lady, spider, hermit, ghost, and mole! Believe it or not, all these crazy names are local crabs. Learn about these crabs and why it is important to follow regulations to keep crab populations healthy and sustainable. Live specimens and a silly costume will be on hand! (30 minutes)

Paint by Nature- (June 6- July 25)

Using various objects designed by nature, paint your own masterpiece. Bring a light-colored T-shirt, pillowcase, bag, etc. to paint. Wear clothes that will get splattered by paint! There is a \$3 fee per person for this program to help cover material costs. Exact change is appreciated! (1 hour)

Feeding Time- (June 6- August 29)

Come by the nature center and see what animals are being fed and what they eat during this informal program. (30 minutes)

Sharks- (June 6- August 29)

Discover the truth behind numerous myths surrounding these fascinating creatures. They may not be as dangerous as you think! (30 minutes)

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