



A SHOT FROM THE FORT WINTER 2010

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Please mark your calendar for the next meeting of the Friends of Fort De Soto held Tuesday, **February 23rd, 2010** in the Administrative building @ **6:00 p.m.**

We would love to have you as a Friend! Please contact Jim at Fort DeSoto @ 727-552-1862 for membership info.

Happy New Year to All!



2009 was a challenging year in the park as budget cuts have impacted a lot of the important dynamics that make Fort De Soto the #1 park in the county.

To keep the park up to these standards, we are asking our "Friends" to help preserve our valuable treasure and lend a

helping hand. Fort De Soto Park staff has been forced to downsize, meaning there are a lot of extra tasks for very few personnel. To help alleviate some of these chores, the Friends will be hosting monthly workdays for volunteers to help subsidize the workloads.

We would like to get our members and their friends to help out. Tasks such as building and painting picnic tables, trail maintenance, native plantings, invasive species removal, and other various tasks need your helping hand. If you are interested, please contact Jim at 727-552-1862 to signup for event dates and details.

The Board of Friends of Fort De Soto really appreciates all that you do and looks forward to getting involved with all of our members. I, personally, couldn't ask for better people to help keep this group moving forward.

Thanks,

Chris Sutton
President





Friends of Fort De Soto, Inc.

Supporting the Preservation, Conservation & Promotion of Fort De Soto Park

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Tierra Verde, FL 33715

Upcoming Events

For more upcoming events go to: <http://www.pinellascounty.org/>

Saturday, February 6, 2010

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Guided Nature Walk at Fort De Soto Park
Mangrove

Saturday, February 6, 2010

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Arts & Crafts at Campground Community Center

Sunday, February 7, 2010

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Guided Nature Walk at Fort De Soto Park
Soldiers' Hole

Saturday, February 13

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Guided Nature Walk at Fort De Soto Park
Beach

Sunday, February 14, 2010

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Guided Nature Walk at Fort De Soto Park
Arrowhead

Saturday, February 20, 2010

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Guided Nature Walk at Fort De Soto Park
Campground

Sunday, February 21, 2010

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Guided Nature Walk at Fort De Soto Park
Bird Tour

Saturday, February 27, 2010

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Guided Nature Walk at Fort De Soto Park
Soldiers' Hole

Sunday, February 28, 2010

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Guided Nature Walk at Fort De Soto Park
Beach



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Due to recent Pinellas County budget cuts, the park's staff desperately needs your help!!

**Please contact Jim at
727-552-1862**

**ANY TIME COMMITMENTS IS
GREATLY APPRECIATED**

**Friends of Fort De Soto Park is Now on
Facebook**

The Facebook fan page for Friends of Fort De Soto Park is now published and active. If you are already on Facebook, simply search for Friends of Fort De Soto Park, and click to become a fan.

Fans can post their own photos in the albums

