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LEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS “BEING AN ECO-TRAVELER” SERIES
Topics featured: Paddling the Blueway, Nature of Southwest Florida and A Time Gone By

Fort Myers, FL, Jan. 20, 2012 – Join Lee County Parks & Recreation for a free public program series that will provide you with the inside tips and tricks of being a true eco-traveler here in Southwest Florida.

Speakers and presentations are set for 7 p.m. on Jan. 26, Feb. 23 and March 29 at the Eco Living Center at Rutenberg Park, 6490 South Pointe Blvd., between College Parkway and Cypress Lake Drive in South Fort Myers. The programs include:

“Paddling The Blueway,” Thursday, Jan. 26. Betsy Clayton, Lee County Parks & Recreation waterways coordinator for the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail, and Terri Krass, local paddling club member and volunteer guide, will share kayaking information and basic paddling gear and novice routes through Lee County waterways.

“The Nature of Southwest Florida,” Thursday, Feb. 23. Charles Sobczak, author of “The Living Gulf Coast - A Nature Guide to SW Florida,” will share a photo presentation of his new book, which includes the regional wildlife and 162 eco-destinations within the six counties of Southwest Florida. Autograph copies of his books will be available.

“A Time Gone By,” Thursday, March 29. Terry Cain, Lee County Parks & Recreation land stewardship coordinator, and John Kiseda, Lee County Parks & Recreation environmental education coordinator, will share little-known facts and folklore about the Lee County coastline.

“As a premier destination for ecotourism, Southwest Florida provides many opportunities for residents and visitors to experiences unique ecosystems and cultural awareness,” said Kiseda, who planned the Being an Eco-Traveler series.

Although the programs are free, space is limited. An RSVP is suggested by calling (239) 432-2163. For more information, email kisedajb@leegov.com. To learn about and visit Lee County Parks & Recreation’s preserves, parks and paddling trail, visit www.leeparks.org.