

**ST. JOHNS RIVER ALLIANCE**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL RIVER CLASSROOM**  
**MARCH 10-13, 2009**  
**BLUE SPRING STATE PARK, ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA**  
**SUPPORTED BY**  
**BLUE SPRING STATE PARK, RIVER OF LAKES HERITAGE CORRIDOR**

**Tentative Schedule**

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**March 10, 2009**

5:00 pm Arrival; check-in, orientation.

5:30 pm Social hour, Riverside Pavilion

6:15 pm Dinner & Program

\*Herb Hiller, program director, brief description of the St. Johns River Alliance (host); co-directors Bill Belleville and Dr. Ray Bowman for University of North Florida

\*Park Manager Bob Rundle about the park and spring

\*\*"In Marjorie's Wake": Bill Belleville, Equinox Productions

**March 11**

\*Dawn program: John Moran, Nature Photography; meet at Riverside Pavilion

Breakfast in your cabin

8:30 am Bill Dreggors on Regional History, Bill Flowers on the River Guide Life

9:30 am: Bill Belleville on Nature Journaling

12:30 pm Group picnic lunch. Site TBD

1:30 pm Kirsten Work, Associate Professor, Biology Department, Stetson University:  
Biology and Biological Issues of the River

2:30 Observe nature at the spring, snorkel, dive (bring suitable gear) and swim

\*Late afternoon program: John Moran, Nature Photography

5:30 pm Social hour, Riverside Pavilion, with music of the river region by singer-songwriter Magda Hiller

6:30 pm Dinner

\*Preview: "Florida's American Heritage River: The Art of the St. Johns Region," Mallory McCane O'Connor and Gary Monroe, for University Press of Florida

**March 12**

Breakfast in your cabin

9:00 am Tour Boat to Hontoon Island

Upon arrival, presentation: ranger from Hontoon Island State Park. Hike to Indian mound

12:15 pm Lunch at Hontoon Island Picnic Pavilion followed by canoe or kayak up Dead River (canoes/kayaks included in registration; will be 2 or 3 per boat). Option: "Environmental Educational Programs at the University of North Florida," Dr. Ray Bowman

3:30 pm Return by boat to Blue Spring State Park

5:30 Social hour, Riverside Pavilion

6:30 pm Dinner

\*Educator/filmmaker Michelle Thatcher, "One Woman's Adventure on the Nile of the Americas"

### **March 13**

Breakfast in your cabin

8:30 am, "Agendas for the River," Riverside Pavilion

\*St. Johns River Alliance plans for a 310-mile combined greenway-blueway the length of the river: Herb Hiller for the East Coast Greenway Alliance

\*St. Johns Riverkeeper Neil Armingeon

\*Maurice Sterling, Director, Division of Project Management, St. Johns River Water Management District

\*Evaluation of the River Classroom experience

Disperse by noon

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