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“Sloughbration” event to celebrate 20 years; Friends of the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve to host free activities

Fort Myers, FL, Nov. 10, 2021 – Mark your calendar now for the Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve’s celebrating their 20th Anniversary with a “Sloughbration” at Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, 7751 Penzance Road, Fort Myers, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4. This free event that celebrates 20 years protecting the slough offers educational opportunities for all ages. Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is a Lee County Parks & Recreation site.

Free parking is available at the nearby Lee County Sports Complex, 14100 Six Mile Cypress Parkway. A free continuous shuttle will take attendees to and from the slough. No public parking will be available at the Slough on the event day. A Spanish translator will be available at the Welcome Area throughout the event.

Activities, displays and presenters include:

- Guided walks
- Bird walks
- Interactive demonstrations including butterflies, birds, reptiles, insects, mammals, skulls, plants, basket weaving and sensory exploration
- Adam’s Animal Encounters
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Panther Outreach
- Florida Gulf Coast University Water School
- Lee County Mosquito Control District
- Lee County School District Environmental Education
- Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve
- CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation Of Wildlife)
- Randell Research Center
- En plein air artists from Fort Myers Beach Art Alliance
- Children’s scavenger hunt
- Silent auction including items donated by photographer Clyde Butcher
- Music by The Florida Keys from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Great Blue Heron pavilion

Food vendors include:

- Brew Box Coffee Company
- Nelson’s Port-a-Pit
- Red Roc Cravings
- Belgian Yummies Ice Cream

A commemorative t-shirt will be available for purchase. It features the “Sloughbration” logo by a 2021 summer camp attendee. The image depicts a pond in the slough with an alligator and a turtle sunning themselves. All proceeds from the sale of t-shirts goes to the Friends’ mission to protect, preserve and promote the slough.

For more information about the event, email friendssloughbration@yahoo.com. For more information about Lee County Parks & Recreation locations, amenities and events, visit www.leeparks.org, call 239-533-7275 or email leeparks@leegov.com.