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Learning Campus

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***Preserving What Makes Us Special –
Updates from Gulf State Park***



Who? What? Where?



- Educational basecamp in Alabama's Gulf State Park
- Inspire visitors to live well and in harmony with the world around them



Learning Campus Mission and Vision

We strive to provide **immersive experiences** with opportunities to learn about and connect with the natural and cultural heritage of the park

Mission

To be an **international benchmark** for environmental and economic sustainability, demonstrating best practices for outdoor recreation, education and hospitable accommodations

Vision

Our vision is to elevate Gulf State Park as the **premier ecotourist destination** in the Southeast and to serve as the international standard for the future of environmentally-conscious construction and **sustainability** efforts

Our Facilities



INDOOR & OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

LABORATORY



OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS



Market Experience

- Arts
- Athletics
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Faith
- Government
- Medical
- Science

incorporate the biodiversity of the Gulf State Park into your learning journey

corporate



youth



families



adventure groups

Feature Educational Programs



ADULT ACTIVITIES

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The Science of Nature

An educational mini-series for adults. The perfect way to discover the beauty of Gulf State Park while connecting with fellow nature lovers.

January & February 2026
3 hours/class

FEATURED TOPICS

- BEACH BIOLOGY**
 - Guided Beach Exploration, Beach Combing activities, & Wildlife Monitoring.
- PLANTS & POLLINATORS**
 - Pollinator Garden Exploration, Flower Dissection, and Seed Bomb making.
- BIRDS OF THE GULF COAST**
 - Bird Identification, Habitat Restoration & Conservation, and Avian Forensics Lab.
- GULF HISTORY & FOSSILS**
 - Discover paleontology through fossil digs, fossil & shell identification, and a Gulf State Park history hike.
- ANCIENT POTTERY**
 - Discover archaeology through mock archaeology excavations, puzzles, and create your own unique clay pot.

\$35 per class + tax

Scan for more details and to register online:
Walk-ins welcome depending on availability.



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FIELD TRIPS

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COURSE CATALOG

KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE 2.5 hour field trip

- Outdoor Discoveries
- Animal Antics
- Echoes of the Past
- Eco-Art
- Science & Nature

6TH-8TH GRADE 4 hour field trip

- Sands of Time
- Powerful Pollinators
- Beach Biologist
- Pine Savanna BioBlitz
- Marsh Explore

9TH-12TH GRADE/COLLEGE 5 hour field trip

- Wetland Conservation
- Coastal Dune Ecology
- Birds of the Gulf Coast
- The Ancient Coast
- Freshwater Ecology

PROGRAMS 30 min - 1 hour

- Oyster Shell Decoupage
- Snail Slime
- Build a Beach
- Art in Nature
- Sea Salt Bath Product
- Ancient Pottery
- Organic Gardening
- Guided Nature Walk
- Guided Bike Ride
- I-Spy
- A Sense of Nature
- Alabama's Sea Monsters
- Creepy Crawlers
- Rallying Reptiles
- Fossil Dig
- Streams to Seas
- Dirt Detectives
- Teambuilding



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SUMMER CAMP

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Gulf State Park Camp

Summer Day Camp 2026
\$299/week | Ages 7-13

Monday-Friday
8:00am-5:00pm

DATES

- Week 1: **June 15-19**
- Week 2: **June 22-26**
- Week 3: **July 13-17**

EXPLORE & PLAY

- Animal Encounters
- Beach & Pool Fun
- Fossil Discovery
- Creative Arts
- Mad Science
- Fishing & Seining
- Park Exploration

Register:
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HOMESCHOOL DAYS

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Homeschool Day

September - December 2025
Classes offered for ages 5-11 & 12-18
\$15/class +tax

TIME FRAME: 1:00-3:00pm

ACTIVITIES

- September** - Friday the 12th
 - Become a Naturalist! Learn the tricks of the trade while exploring the park.
- October** - Friday the 10th
 - Spooky season! Dissect a slimy squid & discover other creepy and crawly critters!
- November** - Friday the 14th
 - Mighty Migrants! Learn about the species that migrate in Gulf State Park.
- December** - Friday the 12th
 - BRRRR! Explore the park to see how it has changed before making seasonal crafts inside.

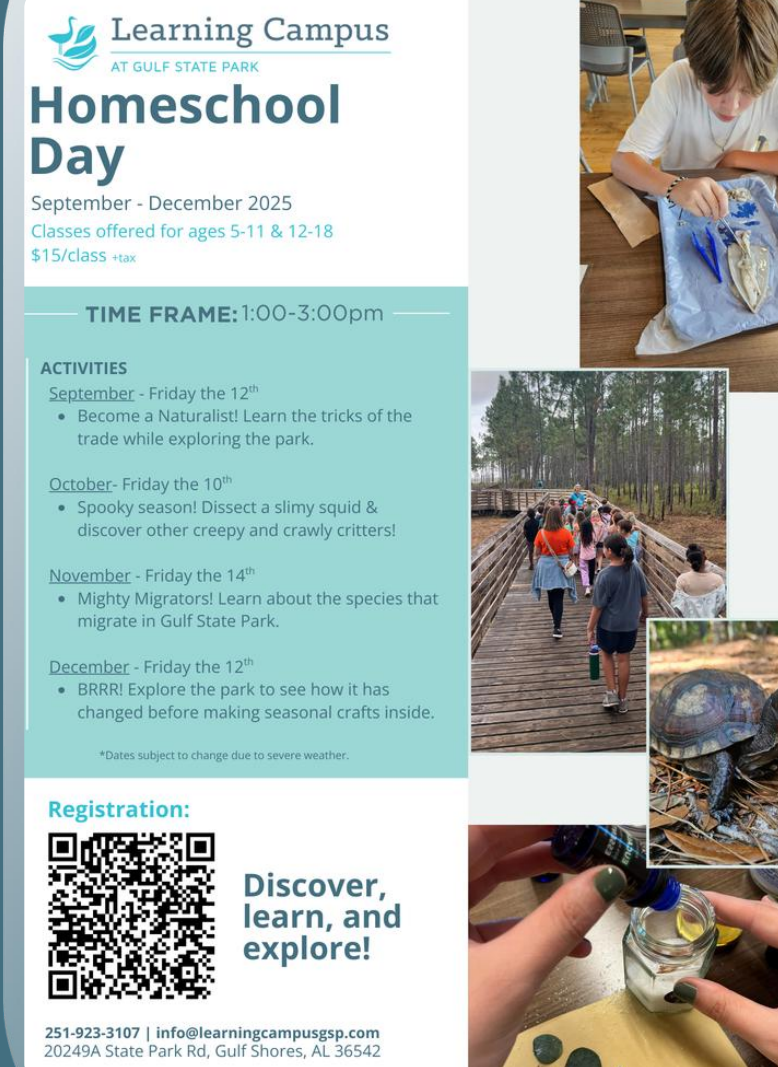
*Dates subject to change due to severe weather.

Registration:



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explore!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



EGGstravaganza



Trek or Treat



Grinchmas



Fossil Day



Earth Day

Junior Park Ranger



BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER!

WITH ALABAMA STATE PARKS

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

Our State Parks are full of all kinds of diverse life – from our magnificent trees all the way down to the tiniest ant, and everything in between. There are many natural items in the State Park, and it is your job to find them all. Some of these items will require you to pay close attention to nature. If you are up to the challenge, let's see how many you can find!

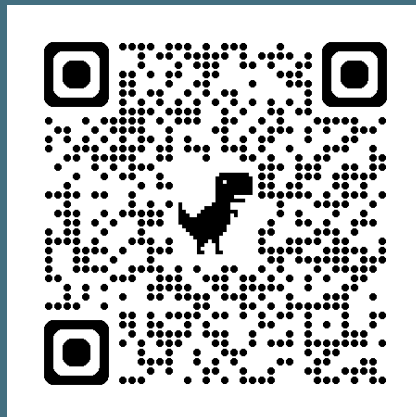
(Remember to leave these things in the park for other guests to enjoy.)

Activity 1: Search for these items in the park. Be sure to check mark each item once you find it!

- PINECONE
- BUG
- SPIDERWEB
- TREE
- FLOWER
- ROCKS
- BIRD
- LEAVES
- RUNNING WATER
- ANT
- PINE NEEDLES
- CLOUDS

Activity 2: Nature can appear in a wide range of colors. Try to locate items for each color and list what you see!

GREEN	BROWN	RED	BLUE	YELLOW	ORANGE



Weekly Park Activity Flyers



CALENDAR



CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 28 - March 7, 2026

More information about our programs can be found online at learningcampusgsp.com/calendar.

Sat: No Public Programs - Please enjoy the trails or visit the Nature Center

Sun: No Public Programs - Please enjoy the trails

Mon: 9:00 - 10:00 AM Eco-Art: Sea Salt Bath Products \$ **

Tues: 8:30 - 10:00 AM Guided Bike Ride on the Coast (Interpretive Center)

Wed: No Public Programs - Please enjoy the trails or visit the Nature Center

Thurs: 9:00 - 10:30 AM Lakeview Expedition
1:00 - 2:00 PM Alligator Adventures

Fri: 9:30 - 10:00 AM Organic Gardening & Composting
1:00 - 3:00 PM Homeschool Day

Sat: 10:00 - 10:30 AM Interpretive Center Tour

\$ Fee Required ** Registration Required

Special Programming

Join us at the Learning Campus for special program series held throughout the winter season!

March 2
Sea Salt Bath Products
March 6
Homeschool Day
March 23
Build a Beach
March 30
Oyster Shell Decoupage

Fees apply, please register in advance by visiting learningcampusgsp.com/calendar

PLANNING A GROUP TRIP OR RETREAT? Rent the Bunkhouse!

- Two sleeping cabins
- Each cabin has 32 beds, 4 bathrooms, 4 showers
- Residential kitchen, outdoor and indoor common area
- Complimentary laundry facility
- Includes free GSP parking



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Also follow the Learning Campus on Facebook & Instagram!



What's Happening at Gulf State Park

Programs are held at multiple facilities; please check location.
Alapark.com/parks/gulf-state-park

Daily Naturalist Programs

March 1 - 7, 2026

Sunday 3/1

- Nature Center closed - Enjoy our trails, pier & beach!

Monday 3/2

- Enjoy the Nature Center, trails, pier and beach!

Tuesday 3/3

- 1 pm - Our Marvelous Moon @ Nature Center
22120 Campground Rd

Wednesday 3/4

- 10 am - Snake Encounters @ Nature Center
22120 Campground Rd
- 1 pm - Earth's Grand Scale @ Nature Center
22120 Campground Rd

Thursday 3/5

- 9 am - Pine Needle Basket Class (full) @ Nature Center
22120 Campground Rd
- 1 pm - History of Navigation Gulf Pirates @ Nature Center
22120 Campground Rd
- 1 pm - Alligator Adventures @ Learning Campus
20249A State Park Rd

Friday 3/6

- 1 pm - Guided Pier Walk @ Fishing and Education Pier
20800 E. Beach Blvd

Saturday 3/7

- 10 am - Scutes, Scales & Tails @ Nature Center
22120 Campground Rd

Weekly Camper Devotion

Sundays, 10 am @ Campground
Activities Building
Everyone welcome.
Non-denominational and casual.

Spotlighted Park Events

Junior Ranger: Wetlands

March 10, 10 - 11 am
Grab your young nature lover and meet at the Lake Shelby Playground for a hands-on exploration of wetlands! Kids will learn trail etiquette, ways to protect the environment, and fun information about wetland ecosystems, while working on their Junior Ranger booklet.

Habitat Hustle:

Saving Alabama's Gopher Tortoise
5K and Fun Run
April 11th
Whether you're as fast as a hare or as steady as a tortoise, every step you take helps support the protection of Alabama's only native tortoise species!



Junior Rangers!

Ready to prove you're a protector of the outdoors?



Pick up an Activity Guide at the Nature Center and complete the activities to earn your Junior Ranger Badge!

Nature Center

22120 Campground Road
Open Monday - Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm
Free natural history museum with live animals & specimens.
\$5 / vehicle fee to enter campground

Program details & registration





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