



2008 "Ding" Darling Days Teddy Roosevelt Events!



Tuesday OCT 21, 2008

7pm- Teddy Program at the Sanibel School! *A Wild Day*, presented by the students of Sanibel School will kick off this evening event. Then hear and meet Joe Weigand, TR Repriser, bring TR alive! Bring your questions for TR!

First 100 children to the school for the show get a voucher for a free refuge Explorer pack on the way out!
Open to families and general public.

Wed OCT 22 & Friday OCT 24 2 programs

8:30-9:30am- Roosevelt Channel Boat trip on Captiva Cruises! Come have breakfast with Teddy Roosevelt! This one-hour cruise will depart at 8:30 a.m. from McCarthy's Marina. This boat holds 48 people. Coffee and muffins provided! Roosevelt Channel Coffee & Cruise pays homage to President Roosevelt, who created Pine Island, Matlacha Pass, and Island Bay National Wildlife Refuges in 1908. Captiva's Roosevelt Channel was named for the president because it was his favorite fishing anchorage when he visited the island.

Captiva Cruises is extending a 25% discount for this excursion. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. The same cruise will be repeated at the same time on Friday, Oct. 24 but **without** Teddy Repriser on board.

11am-12pm- Birthday Celebration!

Come celebrate the 100th birthday of 3 of our Refuges! Pine Island NWR, Island Bay NWR, and Matlacha Pass NWR. Come here Joe Weigand, Teddy Roosevelt Repriser, establish the refuge, and watch a short power point on the 3 refuges today giving by Refuge Manger Paul Tritaik and then have birthday CAKE! Held in the "Ding" Darling Education center, open to public.

Friday OCT 24, 2008- 1 program

Friday evening from 5 to 7:15 p.m., the Pine Island National Wildlife Refuge Sunset Cruise will travel into Roosevelt Channel and northbound to some of the islands that make up the three 100-year-old refuges: Narrows Key, Bird Key, Middle Key, Whoopee Island, Patricio Island, Part Island, Coon Key, and Cove Key. Many of these serve as rookeries where hundreds of birds come to roost close to sunset.

Narration by Refuge and Captiva Cruises staff will focus on the birdlife and other estuary and barrier island ecology, natural history, and the history of the Pine Island National Wildlife Refuge. The tour will conclude with a Gulf of Mexico sunset at Redfish Pass. Tickets are discounted 25 percent: \$40 for adults and \$20 for children.

Capacity for all the cruises is 48 passengers. For reservations, call Captiva Cruises at 239-472-5300.