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Refuge reading program enlightens, entertains kids

To keep elementary-aged children environmentally engaged and learning-active over the summer months, “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS) brings back its “Reading in the Refuge” program every Tuesday at 10 a.m., now through August.

Refuge staff designs the weekly programs, approximately 45 minutes in length, to teach kids (families are welcome) about the various creatures that live at J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Each session, themed around a different animal, includes story-time, animal background education, and a take-home craft. Rangers teach how refuge animals are all connected through the food web, and how they rely on people to help keep the estuary healthy for their survival.

For details call Park Ranger Toni Westland at 472-1100 ext. 236.

DDWS is a non-profit, friends-of-the-refuge organization that supports the Education Center, “Ding” Darling Days, and other educational programs at the refuge.

To join DDWS and become a friend to the refuge, stop in at the Refuge Education Center, call 239-472-1100 ext. 233, or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org.