



# The Delta News

## 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center



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### Your Delta Fun Fact for the Month:

Did you know that Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a wild turkey instead of a bald eagle? He sure did! He felt the eagle had no moral character while the turkey was courageous and better represented the newly founded country.



### What's up in the Delta this month?

Hunters get ready! November is the month to hunt with bow season already in full swing and rifle



hunting for deer starting on the 20th. But deer is not the only wild game for avid hunters to catch. Other animals include quail, squirrels, and mourning dove.

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## Cypress Gift Shop Re-Opens!

After all the hard work and much anticipation, the newly renovated Cypress Gift Shop made its big debut on October 23. The new shop can be found in what was previously known as the Shellbank Visitor Center, which is the first building on the right as you enter the property. The new shop boasts a much larger space with a lot more room for all the nature inspired gifts and décor to be displayed, and you are sure to find plenty of new items as well. The shop also has a new reading area, where visitors can enjoy a cozy setting while they browse the selection of delta themed books.



We didn't forget the kids either! Children visiting on a field trip or with their parents will find a wide selection of fun and educational toys all based around the delta as well as the Gulf Coast. And when it comes to Christmas shopping, we have got you covered! We are sure to have

something for every nature lover on your list, from birding paraphernalia to beautiful artwork created by local artists! While we continue to settle into the new location the Cypress Gift Shop is currently open Wednesday thru Sunday 9am to 4:30pm, with hours expanding soon. So be sure to stop by today and celebrate with us as we enjoy our beautiful new space! Of course, by this point you must be wondering what is going to become of the old gift shop space... Be sure to stay tuned to find out!

**Whew! The past few months for us have been very busy, but each and every event was fun. In case you couldn't make it out to some of our events, here is just a snapshot of what went on.**

**Sailing Class—it was even an adventure getting the sailboat in!**



**Here are the winning Turtle Derby turtles!**



**Amelia-skunk meets Andrew-skunk at the Halloween Bash.**

**Everyone anxiously awaiting the turtle derby to start.**



**The turtles race to be the first through the finish line—with the help of our trusty turtle wranglers!**



**Leacy Jordan, our newest staff member, and her family help us celebrate Halloween.**



**One of our Halloween costume contest winners had such cute little puppy dog eyes—and ears too!**



Crossing the finish line at the American Heart Association's Heart Walk.



Our expert Swamp Ape Hunter leads the Forgotten Forest Trail Ride at Halloween.



We had 4 days of birding fun during the Alabama Coastal Birdfest.



We couldn't have asked for better weather for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk. Thank you to all of the people that came out to enjoy the outdoors.



Baldwin County Fair Exhibit (above) and Spiderman Joyner meets Amelia at Halloween (below) .



23rd Annual Coastal Cleanup



The 2010 year has been tough on many; lost jobs, slow economy, oil gusher—when it rains it really pours! The holiday season is a time to remember those less fortunate, especially the young ones.

5 Rivers is joining the WKRG Great Toy Drive this year. The Great Toy Drive collects toys for needy children, and distributes them through different charities throughout the area. Salvation Army is a key partner with WKRG in distributing the collection.

How can you help? It's easy! All you have to do is drop off a new, unwrapped toy at 5 Rivers between now and **December 18**. We'll pile up the collection and deliver it to WKRG. For your efforts, not only do you get a warm, fuzzy feeling of knowing you've helped a child have a brighter holiday, but you also get a discount coupon for 5 Rivers Delta Safaris Delta Tours.

You can help to make a child's holiday special. Your donation is not only a toy for the child to play with and bring a smile to their face, but it's a way of saying to their parents, "Your community cares about you, and we know you're having a hard time right now. We can help."



## NOVEMBER EVENTS

**Sunday Matinees:** From 2- 3pm every Sunday, step inside our Tensaw Theater and catch a free film that is sure to please the whole family! This month's features are:

- 11/14: National Geographic: Human Footprint
- 11/21: Desperate Crossings: The Untold Story of the Mayflower

**5 Rivers Outdoor Adventure Night:** Two Tuesdays a month hosts groups that can help you get outside and explore the delta! It's free and you don't have to be a member to come!

- 11/2: Alabama Hiking Trail Society (6pm)  
Mobile Bay Canoe & Kayak Club (7pm)  
Sierra Club (7pm)
- 11/9: Hunter's Education Course (6pm)  
Gulf Coast Association of Reptile Keepers (6pm)

**StoryTime:** Sit back and let us do the reading! 10-11am. This month's stories are:

- 11/2: Bats at the Beach
- 11/9: The Feather Club
- 11/16: By the Light of the Harvest Moon
- 11/30: Sweet Briar Goes to Camp

**5 Rivers Road Show—Come say "Hi!" to us at:**

- 11/4: Robertsdale Elementary School
- 11/20: Boy Scouts Centennial, Battleship Park
- 12/4: Spanish Fort Christmas Parade

**5 Rivers Delta Safaris Eco-tours:** Daily tours 11am-1pm Wed-Sun. Specialty tours dated below. Reservations required, 259-8531. Whether by pontoon boat or by canoe and kayak, find your adventure today! Canoe/kayak rentals also available. Prices listed include kayak rental.

- 11/6: Sunset Cruise (\$25pp)
- 11/13: Sunset Paddle (\$50pp)
- 11/20: Indian Mound Paddle (\$75pp)
- 11/21: Moonlight Paddle (\$50pp)

**5 Rivers Saturday Classes:**

- 11/13: Animal Tracking 9am-Noon

**Special Events!** Hosted by 5 Rivers, we're happy to welcome:

- 11/6 South Alabama Film Festival

**Saturday Adventure Series:** Learn and explore the natural resources Alabama has to offer, great for all ages!

- 11/7: 9am—3pm, Sunday Adventure: Bottle Creek Indian Mound Tour and Lecture. Join us as we step back in history and learn about the Bottle Creek Indian Mounds. Cost is \$60 per person and includes coffee, lunch, lecture and guided trip to the Indian Mounds. The guides will include a historian, botanist, and herpetologist.