

SPOUSE PROGRAM

Activities for the Spouse Program are completely up to the local Host since they are aware of what is available in the area.

It is recommended that two or three spouses from the Host Section provide transportation and serve as guides for attending spouses to visit areas of interest. However, even as impromptu as this sounds, a list and proposed time schedule (and any applicable fees that may apply) should be established for distribution with conference information in January.

Consider:

Museums

Antique/Craft Shopping

Historical Tours

(does your city chamber have a self guided driving walking tour)

What else might be happening in the area at the same time

(Gem and Mineral Show, Quilt Show, etc.)

Historical Home Tours

Shopping

Be imaginative ...

SAMPLE SPOUSE PROGRAM

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2001
PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

DEPART MARRIOTT AT ~9:30 AM
COMMENCE "PALM BEACH NOW & THEN"
INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY TOUR.(ABOUT 90 MINUTES)

~ 12:00 NOON
LUNCH ON CLEMATIS STREET, DOWNTOWN WEST PALM BEACH

~ 1:00-4:00 PM
TROLLEY TO CITY PLACE FOR SHOPPING AND ADDITIONAL SIGHT SEEING.

RETURN TO MARRIOTT

COST \$35.00

PLEASE RSVP TO PAT SHEEHAN
CONFERENCE CHAIR AND PALM BEACH SECTION CHAIR
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Region XI – PLS - Guest Program - Saturday, August 9, 2003

It is easy for anyone to do just the morning or afternoon activities below and we can drop off or pick up at the hotel as necessary.

Wakulla Springs (9:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Take a boat ride, walk the nature trails, go swimming and have lunch.

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/district1/wakullasprings/index.asp>

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The following are excerpts from the Wakulla Springs Website - One of the world's largest and deepest fresh water springs highlights the 2,860-acre Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park. The bowl of the spring covers approximately three acres. The water temperature remains a relatively constant 70 degrees year-round.

Ranger Guided Boat Tours

Wakulla Springs offers two different type of Ranger guided boat tours. Both are unique and tour natural areas where wildlife is abundant and boat traffic is limited to only the park tour boats. Generations of wildlife have become accustomed to the tour boats and are oblivious to them making for great photographic opportunities. (Cost \$4.50 adult, \$2.25 children)

- The **Glass-Bottom Boat Tour** is a 30-minute trip over Wakulla Spring, one of the world's largest and deepest freshwater springs. Peering down through the clear water to a depth of 125 feet, Park Rangers will share the mysteries and history of this unique natural area. Large gar, mudfish, bream and bass are observed, as well as, the catfish convention. One of the highlights will be observing the antics of "Henry, The Pole Vaulting Fish". Stories will be told of local folklore and passengers will see prehistoric Mastodon bones on the bottom of the spring basin.
- The **River Boat Tour** is a 40 minute trip taking a different route. Park Rangers navigate the boat for the 3-mile round trip down the Wakulla River introducing you to the "Real Florida". If observing alligators and other wildlife in their natural habitat is what you are looking for then Wakulla Springs is the place to visit. The haunting call of the rare Limpkin, raucous call of the moorhen or the bellowing of the bull alligator are sounds that can be heard from the river boat. Large alligators, abundant birds, whitetail deer, wild turkey, bobcats and alligator snapping turtles all call this place home. So, come on down and experience a beautiful voyage on the world-renowned Wakulla Springs Boat Tours.

Wildlife

Wildlife is one of Wakulla Springs' main attractions. The shallow marshes on the river provide a rich natural habitat for native birds, including limpkin, purple gallinules, heron, egret, bald eagle, anhinga, osprey, black and turkey vultures and numerous other species. Other natural features include old-growth floodplain forests, extensive upland hardwood forests and a longleaf pine forest. These plant communities support a large deer and turkey population. Nature trails located along the park drive provide convenient access to the many plant communities found in the park. A six-mile hiking trail is provided through the use of park service roads.

In the Movies

You've seen the park many times, but probably didn't even know it ...Remember those Tarzan Movies and how about the Creature from the Black Lagoon, um hum. Next time you watch those on one of the old movie channels see if you recognize any of the scenery.

Downtown Tallahassee (12:30 PM - 4:00 PM)

1:00 - 2:30 Walking Tour of the Old Florida Capitol Building

<http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/flafacts/capitol.html>

The Old Capitol is currently open with the Florida Center of Political History and Governance. These newly designed exhibits invite visitors to experience interactive displays, gain knowledge about the political process, and learn about individuals that have played important roles in Florida history.

2:30 - 4:00 Museum of Florida History - Main Gallery

<http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/museum>

At the Main Gallery in the R. A. Gray Building, artifacts, reproductions, hands-on materials, and graphics interpret Florida's colorful past from the Pleistocene era to the present. Highlights include a fully reconstructed mastodon skeleton; artifacts from 18th-century Spanish shipwrecks; Civil War flags; and a life size, partial replica of a Florida steamboat. Florida's First People, a major new exhibit about prehistoric populations, was opened in 1997. The Museum also presents special exhibitions that change on a regular basis.

4:00 PM Return to hotel via a scenic route with Kim and Dave as tour guides

Note: Downtown Trolley does not run on Saturday.

**NOTE FROM WHAT I HEARD EVERYONE THOUGHT THIS PROGRAM WAS GREAT-T-T-T-T
AND IT WAS MINIMUM WORK FOR THE PLS HOST
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