Highlight-Archaeology Bootcamp with the Bureau of Land Management at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area

At the beginning of March, FPAN partnered with the Bureau of Land Management for the third annual archaeology bootcamp at The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area.

Over the three-day program, college students from around the country, including Boston University, Youngstown State, Arizona State University as well as our host institution, Florida Atlantic University, were able to attend lectures from local experts, explore technology in archaeology, and experience traditional laboratory and excavation methods. One student was appreciative of the opportunity to get “field work experience without the barrier of field school cost,” since they were a “low-income first-generation student, and this was “an amazing use of my time.

First Quarter July-September 2019: Encouraging Stewardship: Fieldwork with Lynn University

In July, FPAN SE had the opportunity to assist Dr. April Watson of Lynn University in excavations at a coastal site in southern Palm Beach County. FPAN staff joined Lynn faculty, scholars from University of California Santa Cruz, volunteers from Lynn, and volunteers from Florida Atlantic University’s Anthropology Department to systematically evaluate the site. This project was led by Dr. April Watson and Dr. Alanna Lecher of Lynn University, who are currently completing analysis of the artifacts and geology at the site.
Second Quarter October-December 2019:
Outreach: Archaeology Merit Badge with Scouts of America

In November, FPAN SE partnered with the Bureau of Land Management at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area to host an Archaeology Merit badge and camping weekend on-site. Over the course of this three-day program, scouts learned about the scientific methodology of archaeology, explored native plant and wildlife habitats, and constructed reproductions of typical south Florida artifacts.

Third Quarter January 2020-March 2020:
Assistance to Local Governments:
Exhibit Update at Arch Creek Park

Over the past year, FPAN SE have partnered with Miami-Dade County staff and the Arch Creek Trust to refresh the cultural resources exhibit at Arch Creek Park.

The new exhibit includes a timeline that puts the site into context of the history of South Florida and global history. It also features artifacts identified at the site during excavations in the 1980s.

Fourth Quarter April 2020-June 2020
Virtual Stewardship: Online Engagement

In light of stay at home orders during COVID-19, especially considering the impact of the disease to South Florida, it became clear to SE region staff that it was necessary to develop robust virtual programming. Highlights of this programming include an evening lecture series presenting a diverse array of programming, including History Erased: The Legacy of Jim Crow in Florida’s Cemeteries, which featured Becky O’Sullivan from FPAN’s West Central office as a guest speaker. Virtual programming has also included YouTube videos, classroom visits, and a series of blogs about the bad archaeology featured in movies. Digital outreach in the fourth quarter reached nearly 5000 people. The ability and flexibility of digital platforms has significantly enhanced our ability to provide programming in the region.