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Sea Turtle Nest Excavation Program

Thank you for expressing interest in our newest educational outreach program! This program is designed to give community members the unique opportunity to join the MORAES Sea Turtle Team in a nest excavation event. Before making our way onto the beach, participants will be given a brief educational overview which will focus on: 1. The different species of sea turtles, 2. Which of those species are commonly found on our local beaches, 3. The role of our Sea Turtle Team and the importance of the data they collect, 4. Threats to Florida's Sea Turtle population and ways to help protect them.

Program Details

- **Total Price for the event is \$650.**
- **Program Location - Historic Virginia Key Beach Park**
- The date of your assigned excavation will be known no sooner than 3 days in advance and will likely take place during the months of July OR August. Once the date is determined, you will have 24hrs to accept. Failure to accept within that time frame will result in a voluntary forfeit of that date and priority will be given to the next group on the list.
- Payment is required upon accepting your assigned date. Failure to submit payment within 24hrs will result in a voluntary forfeit of that date and priority will be given to the next group on the list.
- The maximum number of participants per event is 25. All minors (those under the age of 18) **MUST** be accompanied by an adult guardian.
- All participants are required to sign a waiver.
- Excavation events will occur rain or shine. (Lightning strikes within 5 miles forces our team to exit the beach for 30 minutes before resuming activities)
- Our team cannot guarantee that participants in this program will see sea turtle hatchlings. (But we will do our best to make it happen!)
- All activities are conducted under permit MTP-153

Program Schedule

The program schedule will be as follows:

7:00 to 7:15 am: Participant Arrival and Check-in

7:30 to 8:00 am: Educational Overview of Florida's Sea Turtles and the MORAES Sea Turtle Team

8:00 to 8:45 am: Sea Turtle Nest Excavation

8:45 to 9:00 am : Wrap Up

9:00 am: Departure

We look forward to seeing you at one of our nest excavations. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have!

Cheers,
The MORAES Team