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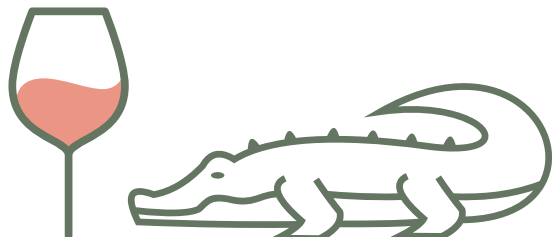
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Agenda

5:00 pm	Welcome <i>Hors d'oeuvres</i> Meet and Greet <i>Silent Auction</i>
6:00 - 6:15 pm	Proceed to Dining Room
6:15 pm	Program Begins <i>Opening Remarks: Roxanne Whiddon</i>
6:30 pm	Dinner Service
7:30 pm	Big Cypress Spotlight: Tom Forsyth, <i>S.W.A.M.P. Film</i>
7:45 pm	Live Auction <i>Auctioneer: Rick Gallo</i> L.A.C.E. Award Recipient: Aliyah Walker <i>Introductory Remarks: Peter Wasmer</i> Fund-A-Need <i>Auctioneer: Rick Gallo</i>
8:30 pm	Silent Auction Ends, Check-out Opens
8:30 - 9:00 pm	Live Music



THE ALLIANCE FOR FLORIDA'S NATIONAL PARKS

The Alliance for Florida's National Parks is the official philanthropic partner for Florida's National Parks. We provide opportunities to support education, exploration, and conservation programs in Big Cypress National Preserve and Biscayne, Dry Tortugas, and Everglades National Parks. As a nonprofit organization, we are devoted to filling the gaps in government funding by providing critical financial support for essential initiatives, including education programs, conservation, and a range of community outreach efforts.

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Discover the many ways you can be part of our mission!

- **Donations**
Make a one-time or recurring donation at FloridaNationalParks.org/Donate.
- **Corporate Sponsorship**
Our corporate sponsorship offers a unique opportunity for your business to stand out as a partner with us in championing for Florida's National Parks.
- **Events**
Sponsor one of our public events or purchase tickets and attend one of our amazing fundraising events.

Live Auction



Ellijay, GA

Retreat to this quiet and whimsical cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Enjoy the privacy of three wooded acres, luxury amenities, a small creek, and both mountain and forest views with accommodations for up to six guests. Located just 10 minutes from Blue Ridge and 15 minutes from Ellijay, highlights include a cedar hot tub and Swedish sauna. Holidays and additional blackout dates (provided at booking) are excluded.



Key Largo, FL

Escape to Key Largo with a stay in a luxurious canal-front home in the exclusive Paradise Point community. Designed with an open-concept layout, this property accommodates up to four guests and features stunning views along with top amenities, including a hot tub. Holidays and additional blackout dates (provided at booking) are excluded.

Live Auction



Burnsville, NC

Stay in the Maple Cabin, located just 40 minutes from Asheville and surrounded by nature. The cabin offers amenities such as a cedar hot tub, steam shower, and organic furnishings, with accommodations for up to eight guests. Nearby attractions include the Blue Ridge Parkway and golf at the scenic Mt. Mitchell Golf Course. Holidays and additional blackout dates (provided at booking) are excluded.



Private Dinner, Naples, FL

Delight in a private dining experience for eight at Artichoke & Company, proudly serving Southwest Florida since 1996. With some of the finest chefs in the industry, you'll enjoy exceptional cuisine and impeccable service. You will have an unforgettable private dinner experience for eight people in your home to include a chef and server. Date is dependent on Artichoke's calendar.



L.A.C.E. Award

New this year, we are proud to announce the establishment of the **Lisa Andrews Conservation and Education Award (L.A.C.E. Award)**



Lisa Andrews

This award was established to honor the legacy of Ranger Lisa Andrews, whose career has been devoted to preserving our nation's natural spaces and cultivating the next generation of environmental leaders. Through her unwavering commitment to the National Parks, she has shared her knowledge with generosity, inspired countless students, and encouraged young people to pursue meaningful careers in conservation and science. Lisa's dedication reflects the highest ideals of stewardship and a deep respect for the natural world. In recognition of her extraordinary contributions, this award also seeks to acknowledge individuals who exemplify her spirit of curiosity, leadership, and devotion to protecting our environment. It stands as both a testament to her impact and a call to future leaders to continue advancing the cause of conservation and the natural sciences. Each year, the L.A.C.E. Award will celebrate those whose work carries forward Lisa's vision, ensuring that future generations remain inspired to explore, learn from, and safeguard the places we cherish.

THE INAUGURAL RECIPIENT OF THE LISA ANDREWS AWARD IS **ALIYAH WALKER**.

Aliyah's journey began with the Swamp Water And Me Program (S.W.A.M.P.), where her experiences ignited a deep interest in science and conservation. That spark led her to pursue a career in the sciences, and today she works in water quality testing, making a real impact on the health of Collier County's surface and groundwater. Aliyah's story is a testament to the power of education, mentorship, and passion, and is a perfect reflection of Lisa's influence on future generations.



Aliyah Walker

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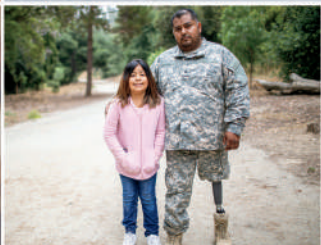
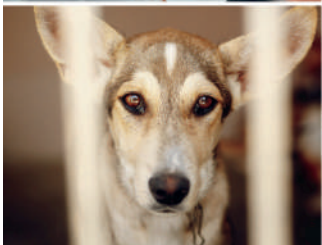


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Swamp Water And Me Program (S.W.A.M.P.), where learning meets adventure!

This program has been providing a unique learning experience for over two decades to every 6th-grade student in Collier County. That's right; we're talking nearly 3,000 students each year! But what makes this program so special? This isn't just any ordinary field trip to the swamp – it's an educational experience that goes beyond the boundaries of the classroom. With an immersive and inquiry-based learning approach, students dive deep into the world of the watershed and associated habitats, discovering the crucial role that freshwater swamps play in providing clean water to the estuary. Through hands-on experiences, students develop a deep connection with the environment, cultivating a sense of responsibility and appreciation for the world around them. They learn how to protect our planet, becoming active participants in creating a more sustainable future. Get ready to witness the powerful impact of S.W.A.M.P.



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Two Nights Under the Stars



Hosted at Flamingo Campground in Everglades National Park, this two-night camping weekend is an unforgettable adventure, whether you're an experienced camper or a first-timer. All proceeds benefit The Alliance for Florida's National Parks, so you are supporting The Alliance as you enjoy this unique opportunity to explore the beauty of the Everglades through hikes, campfires, storytelling, and more family-friendly activities.

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Big Cypress Celebration



This annual celebration is a fundraising event that combines adventure, education, and environmental stewardship at Big Cypress National Preserve. Participants can join guided wet hikes every 30 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with two options available: a 90-minute immersive walk and a 30-minute introductory walk.

FEBRUARY. 28, 2026
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Burns Lake Campground
18495 Burns Road, Ochopee, FL 34141



The Alliance for Florida's National Parks extends our deepest gratitude to Roxanne Whiddon for her exceptional leadership as Chair of Wine & Wildlife and for her steadfast dedication as a member of our Board of Directors.

Thank you, Roxanne, for all that you do to help ensure the future of these treasured places.



The Alliance for Florida's National Parks proudly thanks J.P. Morgan Chase for their generous sponsorship of Wine & Wildlife and for their continued commitment to community and conservation.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Board Member Kristine Vazquez-Caldas for championing this partnership and helping us further our mission to support education, exploration, and conservation across Florida's national parks.

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