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Family Kayaking Adventure at Grand Bay NERR

MOSS POINT, Miss. – On Saturday Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., Education Coordinator Jennifer Buchanan is hosting a free paddling **Adventure Quencher** program for beginners at the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, a part of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. Participants will be given a brief intro to kayaking and then be encouraged to explore on their own or join a guided kayak adventure.

Participants must wear closed-toed shoes and should bring bottled water, sunscreen, bug spray, a hat and a long-sleeve shirt. Everyone in a kayak must wear a life jacket, and children weighing less than 90 pounds must bring their own appropriately sized life jackets. Only 14 spots are available for this adventure so pre-registration is required. Contact Jennifer at jen.buchanan@dmr.ms.gov or call 228.465.7047 to sign up for this event

When: Saturday, August 24, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Who: Everyone is welcome.

Where: Grand Bay NERR's Coastal Resources Center, 6005 Bayou Heron Road, Moss Point, Miss., 39562. For directions, go to www.grandbaynerr.org.

More info: For more information or to pre-register, call Jennifer at 228-475-7047 or email her at jen.buchanan@dmr.ms.gov.

Cost: Free

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

The Reserve is located in southeast Jackson County and includes wetlands and waterways from Bangs Lake to the Alabama state line. A major goal of the reserve is to provide for research coordination and dissemination of scientific data to the community and local decision-makers to provide sound information on which to base management decisions. The 18,000-acre Grand Bay Reserve is home to several rare plant and animal species and serves as an essential nursery habitat for numerous important commercial and recreational fish species. The Reserve is managed through state-federal partnership between the DMR and it's local partners: Mississippi Secretary of State's Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mississippi State University, The Nature Conservancy, The University of Southern Mississippi and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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