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Open house and hayride set for Dec. 12 at Grand Bay NERR

BILOXI, Miss. – The Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Jackson County will hold a free open house and hayride from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

The annual holiday open house will include a meet-and-greet with staff members, such as Dr. Ayesha Gray, the new manager of the Grand Bay NERR. Other events include a stargazing hayride and a night hike along the birding trail. Dec. 12 is one of the peak viewing nights for the Geminids Meteor Shower.

Participants are encouraged to bring their smartphones or tablets with a stargazing app already downloaded to make it easier to identify constellations.

Free chili, chicken and starts soup and soft drinks will be served from 5-6 p.m. Later in the evening, attendees will be served cookies, hot chocolate and coffee.

Additional items participants may want to bring are a lawnchair and a headlight/flashlight with a red light option; telescope, binoculars, camera, blanket and bug spray. This event will be held rain or shine.

The Grand Bay NERR is located at 6005 Bayou Heron Road in southeastern Jackson County. For directions, go to www.grandbaynerr.org.

Registration isn't required, but if you need more information, call 228-475-7047 or email jen.buchanan@dmr.ms.gov.

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