

FMSEA 2020: New Smyrna Beach, FL
April 30 - May 3

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Make your plans soon to join us for the 2020 FMSEA Conference! The conference planning committee has assembled a FINtastic event for our members! Our 2020 FMSEA conference will be an opportunity to showcase what current research, members and educators are doing in their fields. Along with a great lineup of field trips, a Friday Social, and concurrent sessions, we will include a research track with scientists from various organizations. Learn all about what FMSEA2020 has to offer below and REGISTER TODAY!!!

Whether you are registering as a conference attendee or to be an exhibitor use the following link:

https://bookeo.com/fmsea1

Registration Rates:

Membership Category	1/15/20 - 3/1/20	3/2/20-4/1/20	4/2/20-4/24/20	Onsite registration 4/30/20 -5/2/20
Conference Registration (includes next year's membership)	$185	$200	$215	$250
Current Lifetime Members Conference Registration	$150	$165	$180	$215



The Conference Hotel: Hampton Inn New Smyrna Beach

214 Flagler Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL32169

The Hampton Inn is nestled in the picturesque, coastal city of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, our hotel near the beach offers easy access to outdoor recreation, shops, marinas, restaurants, and the arts district. The city is bordered on the south by Canaveral National Seashore Park and to the east by the Atlantic Ocean. Take a stroll to the beach and discover 13 miles of stunning white sand near our New Smyrna Beach hotel. Explore the boutiques and galleries or relax with a coffee at one of the many sidewalk cafés and ice cream shops.

This inviting hotel in New Smyrna Beach, FL, offers a range of amenities to help make your stay comfortable and memorable. Start your day with Hampton's free hot breakfast and enjoy tasty waffles and oatmeal. Make the most of your leisure time with a workout in the fitness center or enjoy a dip in the sparkling outdoor pool. After a busy day, retire to New Smyrna Beach accommodations, and unwind on a clean and fresh Hampton bed®. Stay connected with free WiFi, use the handy lap desk to work from the comfort of your bed, or simply relax and watch TV.

CLICK HERE TO: Book your Room at the FMSEA Rates!

Choose King, 2 Queens or King with a sofa
Conference rate: $159.00*
***This offer expires March 30 REGISTER TODAY!**
There is a $10 daily fee to park in the gated lot, however, there is free parking across the street.
Phone number: 386-898-9444

THURSDAY FIELD TRIP AT A GLANCE

- **Sunset Kayak tour:** Paddle the backwaters of the Indian River Lagoon on our Guided Kayak EcoTour. Join one of our certified Florida naturalists for a fascinating exploration through mangroves, salt marshes, oyster reefs and more. Scan the water for dolphins and manatees, watch the shorelines and the skies for a variety of birds and learn about the distinctive salt-water plant life that thrives in the lagoon.
    - Cost $25
    - Location: Please meet your guide in the lobby of the Marine Discovery Center. It is located at 520 Barracuda Blvd. New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32169.
    - Times: 6 - 8:30
    - Additional Information: Participants must be able to get in and out of the kayak. All kayak participants must wear closed-toe shoes. Participants are advised to bring water, sun protection (sunscreen, hat), bug spray, and a waterproof camera if desired.
    - **This trip is currently full

FRIDAY FIELD TRIPS AT A GLANCE

- **Total Immersion to Disappearing Island:** A ride on the Discovery boat takes participants to Disappearing Island for an extreme exploration experience. A naturalist will be onboard to share their knowledge of the most biologically diverse estuary in North America. Explorers will use seine nets and dip nets to discover and identify the animals found in the Indian River Lagoon.

    - Cost: $24
    - Location: Meet at the Marine Discovery Center
    - Time 9-1, due to the timing of this trip make sure you sign up for a Friday Field trip lunch
    - Additional information: Participants must be able to get on and off the boat using stairs. Participants must also be able to walk in soft sand.
- **Get to Know the Seashore:** On this trip you will take a coast to coast walk through the Canaveral National Shore for field observation of zones between mosquito lagoon and the Atlantic ocean.
    - Cost: $0
    - Location: Meet at the Apollo Visitors Center at the Canaveral National Shore
    - Times: We will offer two sessions for this field experience: 10-11am and 1-2pm
- **Paddle Board Excursion in Mosquito Lagoon:** Participants will enjoy a paddle board excursion on the flat waters of Mosquito Lagoon and paddle down wind down current. Pictures of the paddle excursion will be taken by the East Coast Paddle staff and distributed for free by way of emails.
    - Cost $40
    - Times: Choose which works best for your travel plans! 9-10:30 and 11-12:30
- **Marine Science Center:** Guided on a tour of the Marine Science Center (MSC) focusing on Volusia County's ecosystems and MSC's rehabilitation efforts. Galley Aquarium exhibits, interactive hands on experience at the touch tank. Turtle terrace and get an insight into how we rescue, rehabilitate, and release the sick and injured sea turtles who come into our hospital. Finally, you will meet the raptors and walk through our bird sanctuary to learn the many fascinating facts about birds of prey.
    - Cost: free
    - Times: 10am-12pm
    - Location: Marine Science Center, 100 Lighthouse Dr., Ponce Inlet, FL 32127
- **Surfing with the Jimmy Lane Surfing Academy**: The Jimmy Lane Surfing Academy was founded in 1985. Jimmy Lane has over 38 years of diversified surfing experience. Participants will spend around 2 hours with Jimmy and his instructors to learn ocean and paddling skills as well as surfing technique and etiquette. Participants need to know how to swim and have no major health issues (back pain, knee injuries, etc.) Please inform the instructor if you have concerns about any health problems.
    - Cost $40
    - Times: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
    - Location to meet - Grayce Kenemer Barck North Beach Community Park; Located at 1100 N. Atlantic Avenue, this park offers two large parking lots off Sapphire Road with a fee; however, there is parking on the grass along the road for free

FRIDAY EVENING EVENT:
FMSEA Friday Social

Hosted by FMSEA Past-President Jennie Fagan, President Katie Murray, and President-Elect Dana Henderson

- We welcome members to come to this opening kickoff. This is an event during which scientists give an informative presentation while the audience drinks and eats along. It's like the FMSEA conference... with beer, wine, & hors d'oeuvres! Join us for a casual evening of thinking, drinking, eating, and socializing.
- Friday, May 1, 2020; 6:00- 7:30 PM
- Complimentary domestic beer and wine, sodas, hors d'oeuvres.
- Location: Marine Discovery Center; 520 Barracuda Blvd, NSB, FL 32169

Presentors:

- Michelle Anderson, Sharks4Kids
- Dr. James Gelsleichter, University Of North Florida
- Heather Marshall, State College of Florida
- Hannah Medd, American Shark Conservancy
- Eric Sander, Local Shark Expert

SATURDAY MORNING, AFTERNOON SESSIONS & EXHIBIT HALL

New Smyrna Beach Middle School

1200 S. Myrtle Ave, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Opening Keynote Speaker; Dr. Ellen Prager

We begin Saturday in the auditorium with our keynote speaker, Dr. Ellen Prager, sharing about her new book, Escape Galapagos.

After Dr. Prager speaks, enjoy the day attending our research track or concurrent sessions. If you would like to present at this year's conference, submit your session proposal by February 23. Call for Presenters

SATURDAY EVENING EVENT
FMSEA Silent Auction, Annual Meeting,& Banquet

Hidden Lakes Country Club (32 Fairgreen Ave, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168)

Come join your FMSEA family for one last celebration before you head home. We will start the night with hors devours and a cash bar during our Annual Silent Auction to benefit teacher scholarships. At the conclusion of the Silent Auction we will enjoy a buffet style dinner during the Annual Board Meeting. Once the business is concluded, stick around for the fun! The photo booth will be back this year with even more fun!

FMSEA20 Schedule:

Thursday, April 30, 2020

- 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM Conference Committee Meeting; Hampton Inn 214 Flagler Avenue
- 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Registration Open: Hampton Inn 214 Flagler Avenue
- 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Thursday Field Experience

Friday, May 1, 2020

- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration Open: Hampton Inn
- 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Full and Half Day Field Experiences,
- 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM FMSEA Friday Social
    - Marine Discovery Center
    - Complimentary domestic beer, wine for first hour
    - Complimentary sodas and heavy appetizers
- 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Registration Open: Hampton Inn

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Keynote Speaker/Concurrent Sessions/Research Track/Exhibit Hall
New Smyrna Beach Middle School

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Registration Open - Breezeway
- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Opening Keynote Speaker - Auditorium
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Exhibitor Set Up - Exhibit Hall in Building 9
- 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM Exhibit Hall Open - Building 9
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Registration Open - Building 9
- 10:10 AM - 12:00 PM Concurrent Sessions 1 & 2 - Building 9
- 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Box Lunch - Pick up lunches in the Breezeway
- 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM Regional Meetings
- 1:10 PM - 3:00 PM Concurrent Sessions 3 & 4 - Building 9
- 3:00 PM - 3:20 PM Coffee/Cookie Break - Breezeway
- 3:20 PM - 4:10 PM Concurrent Session 5 - Building 9
- 4:30 PM Exhibit Hall Closes - Exhibit Hall Breakdown
- 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Silent Auction & Social - Hidden Lake Golf Club
- 6:45 PM - 7:30 PM Silent Auction Checkout & Payment
- 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM Banquet, Annual Meeting, Entertainment - Hidden Lakes Golf Club

Sunday, May 3, 2020

- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM FMSEA/FWC Collecting Certificate Facilitators Meeting - Marine Discovery Center, 520 Barracuda Blvd, NSB, FL 32169
    - Required for all ASCW Facilitators
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM New FMSEA Board Meeting - Marine Discovery Center