

## FOCS Newsletter

February 2019

### Camp Salmen Updates

The Camp Salmen budget for 2019 has been transferred to the Trace budget with Lisa Maddox as Operations Manager and John Goodnow as Landscape and Parkway Manager. Our long-time, on-site Park Ranger Ben Taylor has been transferred to the Trace. His expertise and dedication will be gravely missed.

Once the Trace is connected to Camp Salmen, the hours of operation will increase from Friday, Saturday and Sunday to 7 days a week along with the hours of The Trace. So exciting! The date of completion TBA.

FOCS is working to have a "Bike Day" at Camp Salmen once Parish permitting is approved. We will keep you informed of the progress.

The FOCS website is being updated with help from our new member Tommy Lenz.

### GET OUTSIDE

See the Northlake Nature Center website for exciting events all month long. Feb 12- yoga; Feb 16- moonlight hike and marshmallow melt; Feb 17-Dog wag and walk; Feb 20-Nature walk; Feb 24-Bicycling the back trails

Check out the Crosby Arboretum website for exciting events. Feb 15-Smart Landscape for Wildlife; Feb 23-Maintaining Home Landscapes; Feb 23-Native Plant Fieldwalk.

Support the Inner Wheel USA Foundation which is having an event at the Slidell Trailhead Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> to support "give a child a hand". This program provides myoelectric prosthesis limbs to children. Contact Gay DiGiovanni at [phillychick26@gmail.com](mailto:phillychick26@gmail.com) or 985-707-3980.

Bayou Lacombe Big Branch Visitor Center has 2 miles of trails and walkways which meander through historical botanical gardens with a large variety camellias flowering this time of year. Trails are open M-F 7:30 to 4 and Saturday 8:30 to 4. There will be a Bayou Garden Open House Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-4 with free guided tours, free naturoscaping and gardening workshops along with recycled crafts.