FOCS December 2018 Newsletter

 Camp Salmen News

1. Tammany Trace bike path at Tractor Supply on Hwy 190, including safety barrier work, nearing completion. Weather continues to hamper work on connection of path to Camp Salmen. Projected date of completion TBA.
2. PJP Environmental Stewardship Club made another visit to Camp Salmen November 30th to assist Park Ranger Ben Taylor in managing weed growth and beautification. We look forward to

seeing them return in January!

1. Park Ranger Ben Taylor has been buzy posting photographic markers throughout Camp Salmen depicting Boy Scout activites from 1940-1970 as well as photographs from the 19th and early 20th century of indigenous people who lived in the area. The Scouts honored this Acolapissa-Choctaw heritage in their ceremonies shown in the photographs. Come take a self-guided tour

and discover the history.

GET OUTSIDE

Dec 12-Dec 30th—See what Northlake Nature Center has to offer for the month of December. Events such as Nature walks, marshmellow melts, biking the back trails, and Dog walks are there to keep you enjoying nature. Find out more at [www.northlakenature.org](http://www.northlakenature.org).

Dec 4-Jan 5th—The annual Audubon-led bird count will be underway in Southeast Louisiana. It is one of the longest-running bird-monitoring projects in the world. It occurs annually from mid- December to early January. See [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org) for more details, including how you can help.

Dec. 13&14—Peak of the Geminids Meteor Shower.

Dec. 15—Cajun Christmas at Big Branch Marsh Visitor Center in Lacombe from 9am-4pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will attend. There will be story time, cookies and hot cocoa. [www.fws.gov/refuge/BigBranchMarsh](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/BigBranchMarsh).