



De Soto National Memorial 2015/2016 Events Calendar



Desoween VII: October 24th from 6:30pm-9pm

Desoween VII: Camp Desoween is De Soto's spooky trail walk. Campers have run amuck and something sinister is behind it. Are you brave enough to go into the woods at dark? Event suggested for children and adults ages 7 and up. The darker it gets, the spookier it is!

Camp Uzita Living History: Every Day from December 5th through April 15th from 10-3 Daily

Visitors get a unique look into Spanish and American Indian life in the 16th Century. Park staff offer talks and demonstrations on the lasting impact De Soto would have on the history of America and its native people. Programs run at the top of every hour.

Winter Luminary Walk: December 19th from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Park visitors are treated to an outdoor winter luminary festival featuring music and historic characters as hundreds of luminaries light up the park's nature trails.

Concerts on the Lawn: February 27th Featuring Injunuity, Concert starts promptly at 5:30pm

Injunuity's award-winning music promotes the introduction of Native American music and history into popular culture. Injunuity is made up of members of the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes. They have played in festivals and theaters all over the world and are cultural musical ambassadors for the Chickasaw nation.

Five Centuries of Florida History Weekend: March 19th through the 20th 10:00am-3:00pm

Come experience 500 years of history. Over 30 re-enactors portraying men and women from Florida's extensive history. All time periods set up camps and displays with talks and demonstrations throughout the weekend.

De Soto Landing: April 16th 10:00am and 1:00pm

Be here as conquistador Hernando De Soto comes ashore and claims Florida. Stay all day as we provide talks and demonstrations about De Soto's expedition and its lasting impact on early American history, and the native people of the Southeast.

Award Winning Junior Ranger Program all year round

Bring out the Kids and have them earn a Junior Ranger badge. The Junior Ranger Book covers subjects in Spanish and American Indian history, nature and roles of a National Park Ranger. The Junior Ranger program is offered at the park's Visitor Center.

Join in on all the Excitement, Volunteer!

Did you ever want to participate in one of the many great and exciting events that De Soto National Memorial holds? Contact us and sign up as a volunteer and be a ghost for Desoween, a Spaniard in Camp Uzita, or a soldier for the landing. These are just a few ways that you can help. So sign up today! Call 941-792-0458 ext. 108. Middle and High School aged students looking for volunteer hours should inquire about the park's **Youth Advisory Council**. Call 941-792-0458 ext. 108.

Park entrance, events, and activities are free. For events, dates, times, and availability please contact De Soto National Memorial at (941) 792-0458, or check our website at www.nps.gov/deso For on the spot news and updates, please join us on Facebook. Search for De Soto National Memorial.



Friends of De Soto National Memorial, is a non-for-profit organization that supports the park and all of its efforts. If you have an interest in supporting your park please contact www.friendsofdesoto.org