

ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/AP's/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Event for Secondary Teachers at the Nike Missile Base at Everglades National Park

Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Middle), Principals/APs (Senior High), All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To announce a special event for Middle and Senior High School teachers at the Nike Missile Base at Everglades National Park on Saturday, September 12, 2015.

- Since 1971, Everglades National Park has provided place-based learning opportunities to the students and teachers of South Florida.
- Last year, the park provided 330 programs and events to 18,000 participants.
- Everglades National Park's educational programs aim to teach students and teachers about the natural and cultural history of the Everglades ecosystem with the goal of developing informed citizens and future stewards who can play an active role in solving South Florida's environmental issues.
- In an effort to continue to expand educational programming, Everglades National Park is developing a curriculum centered around one of the best preserved relics of the Cold War era in Florida- the historic Nike Hercules Missile Site. This missile site is known as Alpha Battery or HM-69 and remains virtually the same as it was when official use of the site was terminated in 1979.
- To promote an understanding of this important historic site and inform teachers about educational opportunities for students, Everglades National Park is offering a special tour exclusively for middle and senior high school teachers.
- Details of the tour are as follows:
 - **Date:** Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 - **Tour Description:** The experience will start with a tour of the Nike Missile Base provided by Ranger Leon Howell from 9:00-10:30 AM. Following the tour, a brief meeting will take place where participating teachers can share ideas about the curriculum. Teachers will also be exposed to important details and historical narratives regarding the missile base.
 - **Where:** Everglades National Park, Daniel Beard Center, 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead, Florida 33034.
 - **How to Register:** Contact Ms. Ivette Cano, Educational Specialist with Everglades National Park, at 305-242-7753 or via email, yvette_cano@nps.gov. Interested teachers must register by no later than September 9, 2015. Space is limited.
 - No Master Plan Points are being offered for participating.
 - If additional information is needed, please contact Ms. Ivette Cano accordingly.

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