May 20th, 2020

To all of our amazing Explorers,

As local scientists, we understand the impact an event such as the COVID-19 pandemic can have on any population and community. Here at RTE we are doing everything we can to continue sharing this incredible place with you and your family, supporting our partners at the Friends of Rookery Bay, and supporting the science community by providing income opportunities to our team of biologist guides and staff while keeping all of our explorers safe.

GOOD NEWS! Kayak Rentals, Private Kayak Tours, and Private Boat Tours are now available! See details below. All equipment is cleaned and sanitized prior to every use and social distancing guidelines are being strictly followed by all staff and passengers. For all tour questions/reservations, call us at (239)734-3231 or BOOK ONLINE.

➢ PRIVATE GUIDED KAYAK TOURS
  o Mangrove Tunnels & Mudflats
  o Launch Time: 9:00AM Daily @ Isle of Capri Paddlecraft Park
  o Group Size 2 – 8 paddlers only
  o 1 guide per 1 group, can accommodate multiple groups on separate tours
  o BOOK ONLINE

➢ PRIVATE BOAT TOURS
  o Essence of the Estuary Eco-Cruise
  o Life’s a Beach Keewaydin Island Shelling & Beach Combing Boat Tour
  o High Points: Ancient Island Excursion Boat Tour
    ▪ Launch Time: 9:00AM Daily @ Rookery Bay Shell Island Road Field Station
    ▪ Group Size 2 – 4 passengers only
    ▪ One party only
    ▪ BOOK ONLINE

➢ Hourly, Daily, & Weekly Rentals
  o SHELL ISLAND ROAD: OPEN
    ▪ Hourly Kayak Rentals
  o Paddlecraft Park: OPEN
    ▪ Hourly Kayak Rentals
  o Home Delivery: OPEN (Marco Island, Isles of Capri, Goodland & South Naples)

➢ GIFT CERTIFICATES
  o 20% of proceeds from gift certificate sales will be dedicated to supporting our amazing team of biologist guides during these unprecedented times

➢ Rising Tide Explorers: HOME EDITION
  o Visit our new page to view our schedule of upcoming virtual events, presentations, kid’s activities, contests, and MORE!

We are working to provide the most excellent form of ‘social distancing’ by providing the safest and best opportunities to learn and explore the outdoors here in Southwest Florida. Get away from the crowds, take a deep breath of fresh air, soak up some sunshine, and enjoy the estuary with kayak rentals, tours, and great activities that we will be publishing weekly! Thank you for all your support!

Cheers,

Rising Tide Explorers