HIGHLIGHTS

Education and Outreach: Archaeology Merit Badge with the Scouts of America at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area

FPAN staff collaborated with the Bureau of Land Management at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area (ONA) to lead an archaeology merit badge program for the Scouts of America. Over the course of the three-day program, scouts worked with FPAN staff to learn about the science of archaeology, South Florida sites and artifacts, how archaeologists date objects, and future careers in archaeology. As part of this program, scouts have the opportunity to camp out at the ONA, which is an archaeological site with multiple components dating as far back as 6000 years ago.

Photo 1: Graduate Assistant Diana Hutchison flint-knapping for Scouts during Archaeology Merit Badge Weekend at Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area
Address Impact of Climate Change on Archaeological Resources: Documenting King Tides at Bill Baggs State Park

Each fall, southeast Florida experiences unusually high King Tides. FPAN SE staff visited Bill Baggs State Park to assist the park with documenting the impacts of King Tides to their archaeological and historical sites. Documenting historical sites during King Tides can help provide a window to the future to gauge what South Florida will look like with higher sea levels and increased flooding episodes.

Photo 2-View of King Tides from the Bill Baggs Cape Florida Lighthouse

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives and Mission Goals

- Public Outreach and Education
  - Malachi Fenn, MA, RPA, led an artifact illustration workshop for Youth Diving with a Purpose.
  - Malachi Fenn created a series of videos about the Miami Circle which could be viewed by the public through an onsite QR code. This allowed the public to learn about the history of the Circle while the site was closed for DHR improvements over the summer.