

Regular:

- **Calusa Tours**

Wednesday-Saturday

11AM-11:30AM, and 1PM-1:30PM

Discover the incredible history of the Calusa, the original stewards of Southwest Florida, on this 30-minute guided outdoor tour at Mound House. Learn how this powerful and innovative Indigenous society thrived across the region for centuries, leaving an enduring legacy still visible today with their shell mounds. Explore how the Calusa shaped their environment and uncover the stories revealed by archaeologists through hands-on activities such as an atlatl demonstration. The price is free for Mound House Members and \$15 for the public. Price includes museum admission. No reservations required.

- **Kayak Tours**

Wednesday-Saturday

9AM-11AM

Discover the natural beauty of Florida on a guided kayaking tour of Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve. Visit places only a kayaker can go as you glide over seagrass beds, and paddle through a timeless landscape of native flora and fauna. Kayak Tours included two hour guided experience, kayak, paddle, lifejacket, and museum admission. Secure footwear required, and bottled water strongly recommended. Mound House Members: \$15, Public: \$45. Register at MoundHouse.org.

February

- **Movie on the Mound**

Friday, February 7th, 2025

7:30PM -9:30PM

Grab your hats and join us for a thrilling outdoor movie night at the Mound House! Watch *Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark* under the stars at our scenic grounds overlooking Estero Bay. Relive the daring adventures of everyone's favorite archaeologist in a setting steeped in history. Bring your chairs, blankets, and a sense of adventure! Pre-movie activities start at 6:30 PM, and the movie screening begins at 7:30 PM. Admission is free! No reservations are required.

A special thank you to the Fort Myers Beach Chamber for being a Gold-Level Sponsor of this event!

- **Community Conversations- Resilient Southwest Florida: Working Together to Create a Stable Future.**

Wednesday, February 22nd, 2025

6:30PM-8PM

For millennia, Southwest Florida has served as a locus for human use and settlement. Cultural sites that have survived through this time help provide a link between past use of these areas and modern use. Unfortunately, hurricanes Milton, Helene, and Ian had a devastating impact on archaeological sites and cultural resources in Southwest Florida. This talk will provide an overview of the impacts of these storms on the region and offer models of partnership and community engagement that can help us all work together to protect these sites for the future. The program is free for Mound House Members, and \$5 for the public. Register at MoundHouse.org.

March

- **Birding and Brunch**

Saturday, March 15th, 2025

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Mound House and Audubon of Southwest Florida (ASWF) are calling all bird and brunch enthusiasts for a guided bird walk on Fort Myers Beach! Enjoy a light breakfast from **Mom's Restaurant** and friendly conversation at Mound House's picturesque grounds before the guided birding walk. Whether you are an avid birder or are just starting out—all levels are welcome at this beginner-friendly program. Learn the basics of birding, including how to identify common Florida birds, learn how to use binoculars, and spot key habitats. Pre-registration is recommended. Join us for just \$15 (general admission) or \$10 for Mound House members, with museum admission included! Register at MoundHouse.org.

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April

- **Lab Day with FPAN**

Saturday, April 12th, 2025

10AM – 2PM

Dig deeper into the world of archaeology at the Mound House with a Lab Day program in collaboration with the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN)! Go behind the scenes and explore our Artifact Preservation Center, then roll up your sleeves to help sort actual artifacts from our site. You'll learn the art of scientific illustration, gaining skills used by archaeologists. Perfect for history enthusiasts and budding archaeologists alike, this program offers a unique, behind-the-scenes look at preserving Southwest Florida's past!

The lab is best suited for participants over 12 years of age, children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Register to reserve your spot today! This event is free to attend and includes museum admission. Register at MoundHouse.org by calling 239-765-0865.