

## Senior Exploration Spring 2010

The Bluffton Parks Department has partnered with the First United Methodist Church to offer a 6-week program designed for adults who are interested in continued learning. Senior Exploration will be every Monday starting April 5<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a one-time fee of \$10.00 that will cover all classes due with registration by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. We will allow registration at the door, but please understand that your first choice class may be full.

### Itinerary

Location: Bluffton First United Methodist Church 325 W. Washington, Bluffton In 46714

8:15 a.m. Sanctuary open for private time  
8:30 - 8:55 Continental breakfast, nametag pick up, & announcements in Fellowship Hall  
9:00 - 9:50 Classes offered: Genealogy (2 hrs), Crochet, It's a Small World, Sliders  
10:00 - 10:50 Classes offered: Stain Glass (2 hrs), Knitting, Our Lifeline, Rock Painting  
11:00- 11:50 Classes offered: Life Lessons from Mayberry, Scrapbooking, Birds, Bugs & Blooms, Computers 101, Variety Class

Three ways to register: 1. cut and mail form below, 2. call 824-6069 or 3. e-mail us at [parks@ci.bluffton.in.us](mailto:parks@ci.bluffton.in.us)

**\*SEE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE\***

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Class Choices: (some classes are limited in size & are first come first served. Please list all 3 choices)

9:00am 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

10:00am 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

11:00am 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

\* Send check payable to Bluffton Parks Dept at 128 E. Market Bluffton, In 46714 by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please write senior exploration in the memo.

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

**Genealogy** - Explore your own roots and learn how to put together your family tree. **This is a 2-hour class, so if you sign up for this you will not need to pick a 10am class.**

**Crocheting** - Beginners will learn to single crochet, double crochet and shell stitch. Advance students will make afghan swatches. You will need to bring a size H crochet hook, yarn is provided.

**It's a Small World** - Exchange students attending Bluffton High School will teach you about life in their country. Hear about Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Columbia/Brazil, and South Korea.

**Sliders** - Mike Miller will be firing up the grill to fix some mouth watering mild and wild flavored mini burgers. Class will be held outside so bring a jacket, all recipes will be provided. (class size is limited)

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

**Stain Glass Art** - Learn to cut, shape, and grind glass to create your own beautiful heart shaped stain glass ornament. Steady hands will be needed to solder your creation together. **This is a 2-hour class, so if you are the first to sign up for it you will not need to choose an 11 o'clock class choice.** (class size limited)

**Knitting** - Learn a skill that will give you a lifetime of pleasure and relaxation while you create handmade items for yourself or your loved ones. Bring a pair of knitting needles, yarn will be provided.

**Our Lifeline** - Have you ever considered how your life is affected by history? How does your faith become impacted by life events? Pastor Cindy will teach us a type of journaling that can be ongoing by mapping our historical, physical and faith life for times of reflections. We will be creative as well as thinking over our lives.

**Rock Painting** - Turn an ordinary stone into a unique critter to add interest to your garden and pick up some painting techniques. (class size it limited)

11:00 - 11:50 a.m.

**Life Lessons from Mayberry** - This class will explore the down home Christian values/attitudes that made Mayberry a most popular town. This will be a video/discussion format. Enjoy a different video clip each week. This session is different than the past years so if you enjoyed this class sign up again.

**Scrap booking** - The scrapbooking hobby has been around for a long time and people do it for a variety of reasons. Learn the basic techniques to display your photos and experience the craft that so many people enjoy. Bring your favorite recent 4x6 photos by April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Birds, Bugs & Blooms** - Each week participants will learn the habits and antics of the birds in our backyards, explore the many different insects in our area and discuss a variety of flowers.

**Computers 101** - Keep in touch with your children and grandchildren through e-mail. This class will be held at the Wells Co. Library and will teach computer basics.

**Variety Class**- Sample a variety of topics such as the Gene Stratton Porter Project, bee keeping, lavender gardening, medical care issues /elder law, and take a tour of the Bluffton News-Banner.