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**THE SOUTHEASTERN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
FIELD TRIP NOTIFICATION**

June 12-13, 2015

Honeymoon Island State Park, Dunedin, Florida

The Southeastern Geological Society (SEGS) will be hosting a field trip to Honeymoon Island to take place June 12-13, 2015. This will be an informative look into beach nourishment and coastal geology of Honeymoon Island State Park. Honeymoon Island State Park is located in Pinellas County about four miles northwest of downtown Dunedin, and about two miles from the mainland shoreline. The island is part of a chain of barrier islands that parallels Florida's Gulf Coast. The island is accessible from the mainland via highway State Road 586 and the Dunedin Causeway. The cost for this trip is \$35 per person which will include lunch and drinks on Saturday and a trip guidebook. A general outline of the trip is provided below:

A special group rate of \$115 a night has been arranged with the Holiday Inn Express, 975 Broadway, Dunedin, Florida 34698. They also have government employee rate. You can call 727 450-1200 to make reservations and let the reservationist know you are with SEGS. There is also other lodging close by in the Dunedin and Clearwater area. Camping facilities are not available on the island but may be found in the surrounding area.

- Friday June 12- A dinner meeting is planned to be held at **Sea Sea Riders, 221 Main Street, in Dunedin Florida**. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. Technical presentations will be given regarding the interpretation of coastal depositional environments and the processes behind beach re-nourishment.
- Saturday Morning - Afternoon, June 13- In the morning we will meet at the Holiday Inn Express in the parking lot starting at 8:00 am. We should leave for the island at approximately 8:30 am and travel to Honeymoon Island. The entrance fee for the State Park will be waived for SEGS field trip participants. Saturday activities include:
 - An informational presentation by the FDEP/Contractor team conducting the beach re-nourishment
 - An up close view of the re-nourishment operation
 - A visit to several points on the island to view coastal features and dredged Tampa Member limestone chunks. A discussion of the silicified fossils contained in the Tampa Member will be led by Sam Upchurch, Tom Scott and Roger Portell.

- Observing barrier island features including washover fans and discussing their significance.

Hard hats boots and safety glasses will be required around the beach re-nourishment project and must be provided by each participant. You will not be allowed near the nourishment area without the required safety equipment.

This time of year is very busy for the area so reservations should be made as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you on this trip.