

Press Release

Holden Beach Turtle Watch Program---
**Announces Educational Programs to start June 19
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The Holden Beach Turtle Watch Program (frequently called the Turtle Patrol) is excited to announce their weekly educational turtle programs will begin **June 19, 2024**

Turtle Talk will be at 7:00 p.m. All family members are welcome. A turtle patrol volunteer leads these Wednesday evening programs and will share their knowledge, important information to know and look for when visiting the beach and current nest information. There will be a slide show, delightful short movie and Q&A session. This program focuses on the life cycle of the sea turtle and how the HBTWP aides in the preservation of sea turtles. Several turtle artifacts will be on display for viewing and informational handouts will be available. Turtle Talk will be held each Wednesday evening from June 19 through August 21

Children's Turtle Time begins on **Wednesday June 26** at 4:00 p.m. This program is specifically for children ages 3 – 4 and 5 – 6. An adult should remain with the child during the 45 minute program. If a family has two or more children that fall within both age groups, it is advisable that two adults attend. The program introduces young children to the world of sea turtles through hands-on play, games, books and puzzles. Children's Turtle Time begins June 26 and runs Wednesdays through August 7.

Both programs are free of charge and will be held at the Holden Beach Chapel, 107 Rothschild Street on Holden Beach. The 2024 HBTWP shirt will be on sale at both events.

HBTWP was founded in 1989 to monitor and protect the sea turtle population on Holden Beach. This all volunteer, nonprofit conservation organization operates under the authority of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (ES Permit 24ST11).

The 2024 turtle season began on Holden Beach on May 1 when members started patrolling the island each morning looking for signs of a mother turtle. The first turtle

nest was laid on Holden Beach on May 18. Nests should begin to hatch in mid to late July. Turtle season runs through October.

For details about these programs, the latest statistics regarding the number of nests on the beach and recent news visit the Turtle Patrol's website at hbturtlewatch.org