

#### Southeast Region

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Archaeology Bootcamp at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area

At the beginning of March, FPAN partnered with the <u>Bureau of Land Management</u> for the third annual archaeology bootcamp at <u>The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area</u>.

Over the three-day program, college students from around the country, including Boston University, Youngstown State, Arizona State University as well as our host institution, Florida Atlantic University, were able to attend lectures from local experts, explore technology in archaeology, and experience traditional laboratory and excavation methods. One student was appreciative of the opportunity to get "field work experience without the barrier of field school cost," since they were a "low-income first-generation student, and this was "an amazing use of my time.



Outreach Assistant Victoria Lincoln explains paperwork to archaeobootcamp students

# Education Highlight: Opening of Archaeology Exhibit at Arch Creek Park

Over the past year, FPAN SE have partnered with <u>Miami-Dade County</u> staff and the <u>Arch</u> <u>Creek Trust</u> to refresh the cultural resources exhibit at <u>Arch Creek Park</u>.

The new exhibit includes a timeline that puts the site into context of the history of South Florida and global history. It also features artifacts identified at the site during excavations in the 1980s.



Section of Updated Exhibit at Arch Creek park

### **Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives**

- Goal I: Thinking Like a Network By Delivery of Standardized Programs
  - FPAN SE/SW Staff led an <u>HMS demonstration</u> at <u>Historic Seminole Theater</u> in Homestead Florida for National Parks Service staff in conjunction with a citizen science workshop held by the <u>Schoodic Institute</u>.
- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level
  - FPAN SE staff assisted the Bureau of Land Management documenting continuting damage to their archaeological site; work was featured on <u>local NPR affiliate</u>
- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
  - Ayers-Rigsby was featured nationwide in a report on archaeology and climate change by NPR's <u>All Things Considered</u>