

Stella Maris Environmental Research

NEWSLETTER

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Eco stars and Science Explorers

Stella's Eco Stars and Science Explorations is a great program that inspires young minds to take part in the future of their environment. These activities are new to our organization and are designed specifically to engage our pre-school & school-age children where every week is a different topic. We've completed many events including activities and learning lessons for jellyfish, whales, how plastic waste affects our environment, and many more! Explorations contain marine chemistry, nature hikes, analysis classes, physical science sessions and more. Check out our social media pages and website to stay in the loop with all the events and locations.



Sea Turtle Night Walks!

As part of our program, we offer night walks at the beach to potentially witness female Loggerhead sea turtles lay their eggs. Registration opens may 1, 2019 for the summer walks in June and July. Keep in mind walks fill fast, so register asap. This is a great opportunity for people to learn about how significant turtles are to our environment. These events bring



awareness for sea turtles that are currently listed as an endangered species. These presentations start at 9pm and can last until 12-1 am, yet they tend to end earlier.

Eco Camp

Wesley's Island Eco Camp Projects goal is to educate the youth and raise awareness on how certain issues affect our Indian River Lagoon and give them ideas of how they can positively impact their environment. We take kayaking, paddle boarding, and pontoon boat trips to the island and we also visit the nature center.

Educators, scientists, and resource managers aid in raising awareness and understanding of native fish, oyster reefs, aquatic vegetation, terrestrial flora and fauna, invasive plants and lionfish and many more. Last year our camp implemented invasive exotic removal, native planting and litter removal to assist in the significant restoration project the island is currently undergoing. The students of our camp will learn to want to be apart of helping restore the environment in which they live in and understand that these conditions affect not only physical but mental health. They obtain critical thinking and problem solving skills while participating in our camp and will appreciate their ability to change their surroundings in a positive light.



Ocean Treasures

We recently attended the Ocean Treasures Festival February 16th. This event was held by



the Brevard County Barrier Island Center and more. This event was filled with a lot of things such as special guests coming to speak to everyone who attended! There were scavenger hunts, ocean inspired artists, guided hikes, raffles, crafting tables, environmental/marine life exhibitors and more!

Accomplishments and Upcoming Events

- We recently attended the sea turtle permit holder meeting at the Renaissance at SeaWorld in Orlando and received a permit for our turtle events!

03.15.19 Stella's Science Explorers

Coconut Point Park

3535 S Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach, Florida 32951

Find tickets here!

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