

Guy Harvey donates to youth conservation centers

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VERO BEACH — The Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network (FYCCN), whose goal is to create the next generation who cares about fish and wildlife conservation, is the beneficiary of a lot of good friends.

One of those friends is renowned marine wildlife artist and conservationist Guy Harvey. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) recognized Harvey and his company in Tampa for their support of FYCCN programs that get kids involved in conservation-based recreation.

"We are proud and excited to partner with FYCCN in furtherance of our marine educational programs and goals," said Dr. Harvey. "This partnership will help us to teach and develop the next generation of responsible Florida sportsmen and women."

Steve Stock, president of Guy Harvey Inc. and the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, both headquartered in Davie, presented on behalf of Harvey a check for \$50,000 to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida to help fund FYCCN saltwater fishing camps that infuse in youths conservation ethics and a sense of stewardship related to the sport of fishing.

"The importance of developing in our children a strong personal connection with nature and a conservation ethic to match cannot be overstated," said Stock. "The future of the state's natural resources depends on it."

The Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network is jointly sponsored by the FWC and the Wildlife Foundation of Florida. The FYCCN is a growing network of youth centers that teaches kids basic principles of conservation and outdoor ethics, while developing traditional outdoor skills that include fishing, shooting sports, boating, wildlife viewing, and more.

Please visit www.FYCCN.org for more information.