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Program Overview

Our Everglades Adventure is a One to two-night experience for 4th – 12th grade students. This program focuses on conservation education with lessons utilizing south Florida's ecosystems. Students will participate in each of the session activities listed below. All our topics are in alignment with the Florida Science Standards.



Dynamics of the Everglades

Students will hike a trail to compare the living and non-living components of three ecosystems using a variety of measurement tools. As scientists in the field, they will use a data collection sheet to analyze all the information collected along the trail.



Adaptation Artistry

Students will utilize information about adaptations to create an animal of the future. They will work in teams to decide how they think the future will be and what adaptations the animal will need in order to survive in the new environment.



Bird's Eye View

Students will gain an understanding of habitat dynamics for a species, as well as the factors which influence bird populations and bird migration. Students will use binoculars as they hike around the facility to identify birds and their behaviors.



Water Quality Testing

Students will collect water samples from various stations conducting water quality tests at the specific locations. Data will be collected, compared to others, and analyzed to determine the health of the water system.



Wetland Explorations

Students will gain an understanding of wetlands and the overall importance of watersheds to wildlife and humans. In addition, they will participate in a dip netting activity in our ponds to discover the small organisms that make up the base of the food web in the freshwater system.



Swamp Tromp

Students will hike through the marsh to learn about the importance of the wetlands, how the plants filter the water, and where the water goes to benefit south Florida's water use.

The following activities are recreational activities that will be offered during free time activity sessions. Each activity will include an emphasis on the science benchmarks in physical science.

- Archery
- Paddle Sports
- Fishing

Tentative Schedule

This schedule is for our two-night program. For our one-night program schedule, simply refer to the Day 1 and Day 3 schedules.

Day 1 - Arrival

10:30 am	Arrival/Orientation/ Cabin Assignment
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Session 1
3:00 pm	Session 2
5:00 pm	Free Time Activity
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Evening Program
9:00 pm	Shower/Cabin Time (Supervised by school's staff)

Day 2 – Full Day

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Session 3
11:00 am	Free Time Activity
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Session 4
3:00 pm	Session 5
5:00 pm	Free Time Activity
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Evening Program
9:00 pm	Shower/Cabin Time (Supervised by Schools Staff)

Day 3 - Departure

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Session 6
11:00 am	Pack Cabins
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Departure



Program Breakdown

Program Availability	<u>Tuesday thru Thursday</u> October – December February - March
Group Size	Minimum – 20 Students Maximum – 60 Individuals (including students & chaperones)
Cost of Adventure	One Night: \$75 per person Two Night: \$150 per person

Details



The school is responsible for transportation to and from the facility. Buses can be accommodated at the facility.



The cost of the two-night adventure includes program, meals, and housing. (1 chaperone for every ten children is free.)



School staff will be responsible for administering any medications for the children from their school.



All EYCC staff are first aid/CPR/AED certified.



There may be more than one school participating in the program each week.

Program Accommodations

Housing

- Participants sleep in air- conditioned cabins that accommodate 20 people.
- The school must provide enough adults to supervise children in the cabins. (ex.: If you have 25 children with 10 boys and 15 girls, then you will need 2 male chaperones for the boy's cabin and 2 female chaperones for the girl's cabin).
- Chaperones for the group will provide the supervision in the cabins and bathhouses. (There are 2 bathhouses, each with 7 private stalls that include a shower, sink, and toilet.)
- Participants must provide their own linens (sheets, pillows, sleeping bag, blanket, and towels).
- Please do not allow children to jump, climb, or move the beds.
- Eating and drinking is not allowed in the cabins.
- At the conclusion of your visit, each cabin group will be expected to do the following:
 - All floors must be swept
 - Turn off the lights
 - Empty all personal property
 - Make sure all windows are shut
 - Leave cabin as you found them



Meals

- Nutritious meals are provided. The camp menu is written with the assistance of a certified professional food manager.
- Meals as indicated on the schedule are provided as well as snacks throughout the day.
- We can accommodate most dietary needs such as gluten free and vegetarian. The representative for the group will be asked to provide us a list of dietary needs for the group.
- Water is provided throughout the day. Each participant will be required to bring a reusable water bottle.

Registration Form

Step 1: Group Information

School Name:

Contact Person:

Address:

Contact Number:

Contact Email:

Date(s) Requested:

Number of Participants	Students:	Chaperones:
	_____ Male	_____ Male
	_____ Female	_____ Female

Program	# of students x \$150	# of Chaperones x\$150 (one chap. is free per 10 students)	Sub -Total
Everglades Adventure Program			

Please make check payable to the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida

Registration Form

Step 2: Assumption of Risk (Complete one For Each Participant)

Participant Name:		
Circle One:	Adult	Child
In Case of Emergency Please Notify:		
Emergency Contact Phone		
Emergency Contact Address, City, State, ZIP		

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I certify that I am in good health and capable of full participation in the activities at the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp. I am aware that during planned activities and/or instruction courses, that I am participating in under the arrangements made by my rental use group or organization at the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, certain dangers may occur, including but not limited to physical exertion and contact with water, plants, insects and animal life associated with out-of-doors activities, and any type of labor or practices associated with volunteer work.

In consideration of, and as part payment for, my participation in such trips or other services and activities arranged for me at the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, I will and do hereby assume all of the above mentioned risks, and will hold the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Wildlife Foundation, the State of Florida and its employees, agents, officers, and volunteers harmless from and against any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, debts and claims and demands of every nature whatsoever which may arise from or in connection with my participation in these activities.

Signature (parental signature required if participant is under 18)

Date

Registration Form

Step 3: Photo Release (Complete for Each Participant)

Kindly fill out one photo release form per child participating in the program

Photo Release Form for Minors

Camper's Name: _____

Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network/Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission withes to use photographs, videos, or voice recordings of minor children. I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor child named below.

I, the undersigned, consent and agree that the Florida Youth Conservation Commission, including its employees, agents, and representatives, through the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network may photograph my minor child with a television camera, Video camera, or digital camera.

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I herby consent to the use, publication or display by or on behalf of Florida Conservation Centers Network, and photographs and any reproduction thereof or any video or voice recordings in which my minor child may be portrayed or identified. It is understood that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may use, publish ad display such photos, photo reproductions and video or voice recordings thereof, in whole or in part, for any promotional or commercial purpose (e.g., website, slide shows, brochures, newspaper/magazine articles or other news releases.) I waive all claims for any compensation for such use and waive any and all claims for damages of any kind arising directly or indirectly out of this activity.

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I do not consent to my child being interviewed, photographed or filmed by news media representatives by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission staff or volunteers. (We will not take any photos of your child eliminating the use of WALDO.)

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date