

# EYCC Field Trip Packet

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# EYCC 2023-2024 Field Trip Registration Form

**School Name:**

**Grade level:**

**Contact Person:**

**Contact Number:**

**Contact Email:**

**Date(s) Requested:**

**Number of Participants:** We collect demographic information to use for grants to continue our programs. Please circle one (optional):

## **Students:**

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Black

\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic

\_\_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_\_ Other

## **Chaperones:**

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Black

\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic

\_\_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_\_ Other

## Program Selection



### **Wetland Wonders (Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> )**

Students will discover the importance of wetlands in south Florida for wildlife and humans. This experience includes activities about our Kissimmee – Okeechobee – Everglades watershed and dip netting in our freshwater pond. (Water quality testing is included in the program upon request for grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>).



### **Bird's Eye View (Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> )**

Students will explore the world of adaptation through studying birds and how Florida's ecosystems have influenced their physical and behavioral characteristics. The program also includes exploration of human impacts through the great migration challenge. All students will get to observe birds in the field through the bird behavior scavenger hunt.

### **Dynamics of The Everglades (Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> )**

*Due to construction on the hiking trail, we are unable to offer this program but expect it to be available again within Fall 2024 – Spring 2025.* For this program, students will collect data while hiking to determine the diversity of organisms in various ecosystems to discover what factors influence the populations of plants and animals in the area.

## **Ask about Our Overnight Field Trip Experience! (Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> )**

Join us for an unforgettable adventure at EYCC, starting with an exciting night hike upon students' arrival day, immersing them in the captivating sights and sounds of the wilderness under the starlit sky. Students will begin the following day with a captivating presentation on the history of the Kissimmee River, Lake Okeechobee, and the Everglades Watershed. Students will have the opportunity to explore the wetland food web through dip netting activities in our legacy lake and get up close with specimens in our lab. They will embark on a thrilling marsh hike, engage in playfully educational Wetland Bingo, and delve into thought-provoking Wetland Metaphors. The interactive Freddie The Fish activity will captivate their attention, followed by water quality testing for 6th to 12th graders or a creative wetland art session for 3rd to 5th graders. A delicious lunch, accompanied by wildlife videos and pictures captured on our trail cameras, will fuel their bodies and curiosity. Then, students will venture into EYCC's pine flatwood habitat, searching for signs of wildlife and birds, while assessing ecosystem characteristics and identifying sources of food, water, shelter, and space. They will experience the challenges of migration firsthand through The Great Migration Challenge, gaining insights into human impacts on bird populations. In Adaptation Artistry, students will unleash their creativity as they craft imaginative habitats and design unique, survival-savvy creatures. Students will also get the opportunity to explore outdoor recreation. Teachers will select one recreational activity: Archery, Fishing, or Canoeing for students to experience. Finally, the adventure will conclude with a memorable campfire night.

## **Program Waiver (Required for All Participants)**

### **Assumption of Risk**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that my child is in good health and capable of full participation in the activities of the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp. I am aware that during wilderness trips and/or instruction courses that my child is participating in under the arrangements of the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network, 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 travel by automobile or conveyance including canoes and kayaks and any type of labor or practices associated with camper or volunteer programming.

In consideration of, and as part payment for my participation in such trips or other services and activities arranged for me by 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 Youth Conservation Centers Network or Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the State of Florida and its employees, agents, officers, teachers and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, debts, claims, demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise from or in my child's connection with his/her participation in the activities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parental Signature if child is under 18)

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Photo Release For Minors**

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network/Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission wishes 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 Florida Fish and Wildlife 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.

☐ I hereby consent to the use, publication or display by or on behalf of Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network, any 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 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may use, publish and 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, newspapers/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.

☐ 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 /Guardian of Minor Child \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# School Requirements

- **Chaperones:** Must supply one teacher or chaperone per 15 students. (2 chaperones recommended). Chaperones are expected to refrain from cellphone usage during programming and to actively assist in behavior management.
- **Program Maximum:** 45 students per day.
- **Scheduling:** Field trips can be scheduled for Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- **First Aid/Health:** The school is responsible for having first aid supplies, performing first aid, managing health conditions, and storing/administering medication for all participants.
- **Roster:** A full roster of participants including teachers, chaperones, and students is required to be submitted via email no later than 4:00 pm the day before the field trip.
- **Waiver and Photo Release:** A signed waiver for all participants including teachers, chaperones, and students is required to be submitted via email no later than 4:00 pm the day before the field trip. Photo release is optional, but parents must indicate consent or no consent.
- **Travel:** The school is responsible for making its own travel arrangements to and from the camp. If the school arrives late elements of the program may need to be expedited, removed, or modified in order to meet the school's departure deadline.
- **Rainy Day:** EYCC does have rainy day modifications for both programs. It is the school's decision to cancel a program due to weather.
- **Cancellations:** If the school must cancel for any reason, we appreciate a written notice at least 24 hours prior to the program.
- **Packing List:** It is the school's responsibility to ensure all participants come prepared with the appropriate clothing and supplies (See packing list). Students, chaperones, or teachers who do not have on the appropriate clothing and/or no water bottle will not be able to participate in the program.

# Packing List

- ☐ Closed toe, closed heel shoes that can get muddy/wet. Prohibited: Crocks, flip flops, or water shoes with the toes or heel exposed or slip on water shoes, and rain boots.
- ☐ Water bottle. (Reusable preferred but not required).
- ☐ Shorts and a T-shirt both of which will be comfortable under hot/wet environmental conditions, and a hat. Note, for cooler times of year we recommend a lightweight jacket.
- ☐ Recommended: Sunscreen and Bug spray.
- ☐ Full change of clothes including footwear.  
Towel.