



Friends of the Loxahatchee River May 2015

River Center Summary Statistics



| Year Month | General Visitors | Program Visitors | Outreach | Gift Shop | Donations | Memberships | Sponsors | Education Programs | River Center Programs | Special Events | Volunteer Hours |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2014-04 | 1295 | 905 | 62 | \$1,198 | \$975 | \$200 | \$200 | \$318 | \$3,825 | \$633 | 167 |
| 2014-05 | 1099 | 520 | 791 | \$965 | \$932 | \$150 | \$2,500 | \$358 | \$4,873 | \$451 | 217 |
| 2014-06 | 1802 | 760 | 695 | \$1,315 | \$1,089 | \$175 | \$1,544 | \$2,572 | \$5,029 | \$328 | 475 |
| 2014-07 | 2135 | 1014 | 125 | \$1,632 | \$1,038 | | \$1,750 | \$3,122 | \$1,561 | \$200 | 798 |
| 2014-08 | 1636 | 169 | 42 | \$915 | \$960 | \$100 | \$288 | \$486 | \$260 | \$1,168 | 388 |
| 2014-09 | 1260 | 132 | 15 | \$573 | \$604 | \$175 | \$2,538 | \$18 | \$16 | \$346 | 280 |
| 2014-10 | 1311 | 511 | 108 | \$1,054 | \$674 | \$125 | \$1,765 | \$909 | | \$1,099 | 226 |
| 2014-11 | 1229 | 417 | | \$844 | \$1,019 | \$50 | \$8,000 | \$441 | \$10 | \$377 | 182 |
| 2014-12 | 1056 | 372 | | \$1,352 | \$797 | \$400 | \$5,544 | \$249 | \$301 | \$500 | 132 |
| 2015-01 | 1433 | 645 | 942 | \$905 | \$1,583 | \$185 | \$550 | \$564 | \$1,348 | \$1,379 | 267 |
| 2015-02 | 1259 | 308 | 1313 | \$1,360 | \$987 | \$200 | \$532 | \$130 | \$3,025 | \$2,872 | 215 |
| 2015-03 | 1695 | 219 | 274 | \$1,451 | \$1,003 | \$365 | \$3,500 | \$100 | \$5,390 | \$9,647 | 358 |
| 2015-04 | 1326 | 518 | 150 | \$1,600 | \$1,023 | \$250 | \$1,400 | \$1,818 | \$6,770 | \$1,561 | 130 |



Friends of the Loxahatchee River: On May 1st, the River Center welcomed Angela Tringali, PhD, of Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. Dr. Tringali gave a captivating presentation on the biology, ecology, and behavior of the Florida Scrub Jay. She also discussed her research into the role of UV coloration in the scrub jay juveniles. Over sixty participants attended this program.

Special Programs

Ladies Night Out – The River Center hosted our first "Ladies Night Out: Paint Party!" on April 2nd, led by the fabulous Native Nut Meg! The evening was filled with plenty of laughs, delicious appetizers, and beautiful (and functional) works of art. We are already looking forward to having Megan back for another fun night.

Lionfish Clinic – On April 24th, the River Center hosted a Lionfish Clinic in conjunction with the 5th Martin County Annual Lionfish Round-Up to be held on Saturday, May 30th. Over 40 participants joined us for an evening of education about this fascinating invasive species. Representatives from Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Department of Environmental Protection, and Martin County Artificial Reef Fund were available to answer questions and provide guidance to the prospective lionfish harvesters. The following morning, the participants were able to go on a dive trip with Scuba Works, or a kayaking trip with the River Center, to explore the waters and test their skills hunting lionfish.



Earth Day Storytime - the River Center celebrated an early Earth Day on April 9th with a special Story Time. Over 40 child and parents listened to stories and songs about helping the earth and what it means to be green. We learned about taking care of animals, people, and places that we care about and love. Participants created recycle and reusable craft projects and played recycling games. It is always a fun time to dance, sing, and hold some River Center critters.



Girl Scout Eco Action (Science Behind Your Senses) – the River Center held our latest Eco-Action workshop on April 11th. Fifty seven Brownie and Daisy Girl Scouts along with their leaders earned their Brownie Senses Badge and Daisy Violet Petal. The Scouts learned the Science Behind your Senses by comparing both human and animal senses and how each helps us to survive. The girls played games with their just their ears and noses as well as learned the challenges of not being able to see. “Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout” was an additional theme for the day. Girls all around the world have different backgrounds, abilities, religions, and cultures but we all share many of the same values and life experiences. Girls learned to embrace their differences and appreciate how we are all sisters together. The River Center’s Girl Scout Eco-Action has been providing badge and workshop opportunities since 2009 educating over 700 girls in our community. Special thanks to Laura Kerr, the volunteers from the Society of Women Engineers, Florida Atlantic University, and the ERM Foundation for their support and dedication.



Fish Dissection Lab - On April 30th students from the Parents Educating Children Homeschool Co-op came to the River Center for a very special education field trip. The high school students learned about fish anatomy, morphology, and behavior and participated in a fish dissection. Fresh snappers, bonita, and even a dolphin fish were provided by Mike Feldman, Jim “the karma guy”, and Tommy Schulz of Fishing Headquarters. After the dissection students learned how to filet fish and they all got some to take home for a delicious meal! Students also enjoyed a seine and dip netting program at Coral Cove Park. They found conchs, a cushion sea star, and various juvenile fish species including scorpion fish, parrot fish, juvenile hog fish, school master snappers, and even a seahorse.



Indian River State College – Thirty six students from Indian River State College came for a tour of the River Center on April 8th. Professor McFee brings her Marine Biology class to the River Center every semester to learn about the Loxahatchee River Watershed, the

Indian River Lagoon, plant and animal identification, and how ecosystems connect along the entire watershed. These students bring in a different perspective than our usual grade school students and we thank Ms. McFee for allowing us the opportunity to reach these young adults.

Outreach Activities

Wild and Scenic Film Festival – River Center staff participated in the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum’s first annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival on April 10th. A composition of short films was presented to a crowd of over three hundred like-minded environmental enthusiasts. In addition to participating as an in-kind sponsor for the event’s raffle, educators were present to distribute information about upcoming programs at the River Center.

Friends Membership – 79 active members; 9 new/renewals; 47 current sponsors

Annual Sponsors Recognition – John & Carol Vispo, John & Carol Parker, Keith McIntosh & Doris Kaiser

Upcoming River Center Events – RSVP at rivercenter@loxahatcheeriver.org or 561-743-7123.

Sat. May 30 – Lionfish Round-up sponsored by Martin County Artificial Reef Program at Jupiter Pointe Marina. For more information: info@mclionfish.com or 772-221-1387.

Fri. June 5 – Friends of the Loxahatchee River Meeting (12-1 p.m.): Join us for Dr. Larry Wood's presentation including an introduction to the biology and conservation of Florida's sea turtles, with a focus on his work with Florida hawksbill turtles.

Fri. June 5 – 2nd Annual Jr. Angler Fishing Tournament begins!

Tues. June 9 – Public Kayak Tour (2 p.m.): Join River Center naturalists as they paddle along the river for a personalized tour of our beautiful Loxahatchee.

Wed. June 10 – Family Seine and Snorkel (9 a.m.): Join River Center naturalists for a fun morning exploring in the Indian River Lagoon. Find the variety of critters that call seagrass their home and then learn more about them.

M-F June 22-26 – River Trekkers Aquatic Adventure Camp for children entering 4th, 5th, or 6th grades. A few spaces still available. Campers spend the day discovering Florida ecosystems, collecting marine critters, and caring for their own aquarium. They explore all the parts of the Loxahatchee River. Daily from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$215 per camper.

Sat June 27 – Mini Aquatic Camp (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.): for children ages Kindergarten – 5th grade. Campers have a captivating experience discovering mangroves, collecting fascinating marine critters, and playing educational games. Adventurers will get “hands-on” with the Loxahatchee, seining and dip netting to discover cool critters while learning about our local estuary habitats, and participating in exciting eco-games!

Loxahatchee River Center to host "Lionfish Clinic & Hunt"

Martin County's Lionfish Program in conjunction with the MCAC Reef Fund, will host a Lionfish Clinic & Hunt, on April 24th & 25th. Day one will be geared towards education and why this species is a threat to our fragile ecosystem. On day two of the event, folks will have the opportunity to go on a Lionfish Hunt. This event will "kick off" a month long focus on Lionfish and will conclude with the 5th Annual Lionfish Round-Up on May 29th and 30th.

"It looks like the Lionfish are here to stay," says Kathy Fitzpatrick, Martin County's Coastal Engineer. "Education and eradication efforts are currently the best defense we have against this species. We started this effort in 2011, when we became aware that this problem species is in our own front yard. Empowering our local users on the need to remove these fish is our best defense today."

The Clinic is designed for all age groups. There will be educational activities for the kids and for the adults, a more sophisticated education series including how to use gear, handle the fish from capture to filet, and how to prepare them to serve to family and

friends. There will also be a Lionfish Tasting, arts & craft vendors and marine education exhibits. Folks can then decide if they want to go out and hunt these fish. We will be targeting both inshore and offshore sites. Participants can venture out on their own or participate in one of our kayak, paddle board, offshore dive boats or free dive outings from the shoreline. For more information visit www.mclionfish.com



Nicole Sciandra, Community Outreach Coordinator, River Center

COASTAL CALENDAR

April 1: West Palm Beach Fishing Club meeting from 7-9 pm. Guest speaker will be Capt. Bou Bosso of captbouscharters.com will speak about Fly Fishing for Tarpon. A tarpon fly tying workshop will start at 6pm. For information call 561.832.6780 or visit www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

April 2: Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive @ Phil Foster Park. Visit www.puravidivers.com for more.

April 4: Friends of Jupiter Beach Cleanup at 8 am. Meet @ Lanker Pavilion @ Ocean Cay Park. Beach Rd & Marcinski Rd. For more information visit www.friendsofjupiterbeach.org

April 4 & 5: FWC Freshwater License Free Fishing Days. For more information visit www.myfwc.com

April 11: WPB Fishing Club Annual Yard Sale. For more information call 561.832.6780 or visit www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

April 11: Boynton Beach Firefighters Fishing Tournament & Chili Cookoff. For more information visit www.boyntonbeachfirefighters.com

April 17: Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive @ Phil Foster Park. Visit www.puravidivers.com for more information.

April 22: West Palm Beach Fishing Club meeting from 7-9 pm. Guest speaker will be Mark Lamb of Team "Doing It All" who will speak about live bait springtime blackfin tuna. For more information call 561.832.6780 or visit www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

April 24 & 25: Lionfish Clinic & Hunt at Loxahatchee River Center. For more information visit info@McLionfish.com

April 25: Bass Fishing Kids tournament Okechee Park @ Osceola Pavilion. Must register by 5 pm the day before @ www.bassfishingkids.com

April 28: Boynton Beach Fishing Club General Meeting at 7:30 - Guest speaker will be Capt. Pete Bilardello of 4reelservices.com. For more information visit: www.bifc.org



HUNTING FLORIDA

New Gear for 2015

By: Chuck Papp Contributing Writer

Like cars, boats, fishing gear, camping, etc...the hunting and shooting industry every year has its annual trade show highlighting all the new guns, knives, optics, flashlights, backpacks and everything in between. This year was no different and there is a lot of new gear out there.

Some of the highlights this year come from firearms and ammo, as they usually do. There is always another firearm for the safe or that new high tech ammo to use in it.

Mossberg this year has come out with a line of new rifles called the Patriot Series. They have about 50 different configurations in about 11 calibers to choose from. Prices start between \$399 up to \$599. Some guys think they need that \$1000.00 rifle to chase pigs or deer, but the fact is today the firearms are so well built the average hunter would be fine with one of these, and the deer or piggy will not know the difference. The general rule is you should spend more on the optic than the rifle.

We shotgun guys have one of the best hitting the market this year in the Benelli 828U. It's one of the most advanced designs out there, and it's an over and under style. The newly designed recoil reduction system and adjustable stock, along with other features made this one of the most interesting firearms this year. Available in 12 gauge with either a 26 or 28 inch bbl. Pricey though at \$2499.99.

Handgun guys have the introduction of the Glock long slide MOS models. The MOS will let you put a variety of optics on the rail without needing a custom cut to be done. Calibers are 9, 40, 10mm & 45. The 10 being the most interesting one for the hunter. If you are a CWP holder and looking for a new carry pistol, Ruger has a new version of the popular LCP this year which has a better trigger pull and sight system than the previous one, which they still offer.

Hornady has a new line of ammunition out this year called Full Boar in calibers from 223 to 300, with the GMX bullet. 95% weight retention from a monolithic copper alloy bullet. It appears to be a winner in the swamps chasing those piggys.

Chuck Papp

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APRIL FISHING CONDITIONS

When is the best day to fish?

| Date | Overall | Best Bite |
|--------|---------|-----------|
| Apr 1 | GOOD | Morning |
| Apr 2 | GOOD | Morning |
| Apr 3 | FAIR | Morning |
| Apr 4 | FAIR | Evening |
| Apr 5 | BEST | Evening |
| Apr 6 | BEST | Evening |
| Apr 7 | BEST | Evening |
| Apr 8 | POOR | Evening |
| Apr 9 | POOR | Evening |
| Apr 10 | FAIR | Evening |
| Apr 11 | FAIR | Morning |
| Apr 12 | GOOD | Morning |
| Apr 13 | GOOD | Morning |
| Apr 14 | BEST | Morning |
| Apr 15 | BEST | Morning |
| Apr 16 | POOR | Morning |
| Apr 17 | POOR | Morning |
| Apr 18 | POOR | Evening |
| Apr 19 | POOR | Evening |
| Apr 20 | POOR | Evening |
| Apr 21 | POOR | Evening |
| Apr 22 | POOR | Evening |
| Apr 23 | BEST | Evening |
| Apr 24 | BEST | Evening |
| Apr 25 | POOR | Morning |
| Apr 26 | POOR | Morning |
| Apr 27 | FAIR | Morning |
| Apr 28 | FAIR | Morning |
| Apr 29 | FAIR | Morning |
| Apr 30 | FAIR | Morning |

What do our ratings mean?
POOR basically means the fish will either steal all your bait or will not even touch your line.
FAIR means that you may catch one or two fish but you will have to work hard to do so.
GOOD means that you will catch enough fish to feel gratified.
BEST means that you will catch something almost every time you cast your line in the water.

SOURCE: Farmers' Almanac Fishing Calendar is based on the phase of the moon, the rising and setting of the sun, and the position of the stars. Local conditions, tides, and weather may affect your fishing experience.
CALENDAR KEY: Overall: This is the overall rating for the whole day, based upon our formula.
Best Bite: This column lists the best time of the day when, according to our formula, fish will be biting. MORNING, EVENING.

EXPLORE from 31

five Drama Desk awards. Based on the beloved novel by Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables* is set against the backdrop of a France still roiling from the effects of the French Revolution, where escaped convict Jean Valjean spends decades on the run from relentless policeman Javert. This smash hit musical features unforgettable songs, including "I Dreamed a Dream," "One Day More" and "On My Own." Tickets start at \$54; visit JupiterTheatre.org for show times. For additional information, call 561-575-2223.

ECO-PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

The 4th Annual Eco-Photography Workshop with Rich Russo takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7. The Jupiter Outdoor Center and The River Center have teamed up with Rich Russo Photography Workshops for a day of learning and fun-filled adventure. This event is for beginners and experienced photographers who want to

learn both basics and find some great new locations to shoot in the Jupiter area. The workshop starts with a visual lecture session at the River Center followed by three location shoots: Blowing Rocks Preserve Nature Conservancy site on Jupiter Island; Jonathan Dickinson Park with lunch and a boat ride to Trapper Nelson's historic site; and Riverbend Park, with nature walk and photo sessions. To register or for more information, visit JupiterOutdoorCenter.com or call 561-747-0063.

THE GRAPEVINE

On Thursday, April 9, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., visit the River Center, 805 N. U.S. 1 in Jupiter for the Grapevine, a wine tasting fundraiser. Sample South African wines, enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, take a chance on a 50/50 raffle, bid in the silent auction and more. All proceeds and 20 percent of wine sales benefit Family Promise of North Central Palm Beach County and African Haven homes for orphaned children in Johannesburg, South Africa. Tasting wines, entertainment and use of the facility have been graciously donated

by Clive Botha of African Tradition Wines. Call 561-318-8864 to purchase advance tickets for \$40 or pay \$50 at the door.

WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival is the largest environmental film festival of its kind in North America and is being hosted from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10 at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum, 500 Captain Armour's Way. Bring the family for 11 stunningly beautiful film shorts shown on a big screen at the waterfront of the Jupiter lighthouse. Snacks, sodas, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy live music from 7 to 7:30 p.m. by the StratOlites, a reverb drenched garage surf Rock N' Roll band. Films begin at 7:45 p.m. Bring beach or lawn chairs. Tickets are \$10 person, or purchase a lighthouse individual membership for \$25 and your ticket is included. Call 561-747-8380, ext. 101 for tickets. For more information, visit JupiterLighthouse.org.

SCIENCE CENTER SEEKS STUDENT

ENTRIES FOR ENGINEERING COMPETITION

Calling all student engineers! Now is your chance for hands-on science exploration at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium's 29th annual Drop it, Build it, Float it, Launch it, Thrill it Engineering Competition. Elementary, middle and high school students from South Florida are invited to compete for \$5,000 in cash and prizes.

The competition is Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the deadline to register is April 8. The competition celebrates engineering ingenuity with five different design contests. To register, and for competition rules and regulations, visit SFSsciencecenter.org or call 561-370-7710. Contest entry is \$3 for each registrant and includes complimentary lunch for the participant, along with admission for the participant and one adult. The community is invited to watch the excitement as local kids demonstrate their ingenuity and science skills.

Submit your event listing and photo to jcnevents@gmail.com.

JOB FAIR

Tuesday, April 7th
12:00 noon - 8:00 pm
Courtyard by Marriott Jupiter
4800 Main St., Jupiter, FL 33458

Sodexo is currently seeking individuals to join our Food and Nutrition team at a health care facility in Jupiter, FL.

**Food Service Utility Aides • Patient Hospitality Attendants
Cooks • Patient Tray Line Supervisor • Concierge Supervisor**

Part-Time and Full-Time

Starting pay is a minimum of \$9.50 per hour

Stop by our Job Fair to learn more about these positions and complete an application. Qualified candidates will be interviewed on-site. If you are unable to attend, email your resume to Jason.Magnan@sodexo.com.

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Crystal Davis and Jocelyn O'Neill, environmental education director at the River Center, plan for the Grapevine, a wine tasting fundraiser at the River Center on April 9.

Sodexo will require a background check and may require a drug screen for these positions. Sodexo is an EEO/AA/Minority/Female/Disability/Veteran employer.

Behind the Scenes

... at the Wild & Scenic Film Festival!

By KATHLEEN GLOVER

Provided to The Courier Newsweekly

The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum is gearing up for something truly wild and amazing on April 10.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival (WSFF), the largest environmental film festival of its kind in North America, makes its debut from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum.

The festival features 11 short environmental films about rivers, oceans and the people whose lives are impacted by them and vice versa.

This film festival is an ideal family evening and will leave you and your family truly inspired.

ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT

Two of the featured films are especially significant for students.

- Phoebe's Humpback Whale Adventure takes you on a short journey of discovery with high school student Phoebe Fitz.

She teams up with scientists studying the Humpback Whales in Hawaii. She gets an eye-opening up-close and personal education about what it takes to work with these giants of the sea and shares her experience through her wonderful video.

- River Music follows a group of teenage music students who spend an entire year studying music composition and spend time on the Yuba River in California.

They learn about salmon spawning, the river's science and to deeply feel nature's own rhythm. The result is a student composed symphony of wonder-filled, soul-stirring music!

INAUGURAL EVENT

For the inaugural event, the Loxahatchee River Historical Society will present its first Outstanding Stewardship Award honoring those who have had a significant impact on our community in the areas of heritage and our natural environment.

This year's award is being given to Richard Roberts, retired Florida Park Service Biologist. Roberts was instrumental in the 1985 federal designation



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of the Loxahatchee River as the first Wild & Scenic River in the state of Florida.

We are honoring him for his dedication and service to our natural environment and as an essential advisor to the Loxahatchee River Historical Society.

The WSFF will also host educational tables from neighboring environmental groups such as the River Center, Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Sierra Club, The Nature Conservancy, and Jupiter High School Environmental Research and Field Studies Academy, as well as festival sponsor tables.

RAFFLES

For the first WSFF, two raffles will be held during the event.

The first prize is a River Center naturalist led kayak tour for the winner and up to eight guests, with a choice of two different amazing kayaking experiences. The second raffle is a Spa Day at the Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa. It provides a 50-minute Spa treatment, lunch and access to

resort amenities for one invigorating and refreshing day!

National Sponsors for the WSFF are Patagonia, CLIF Bar, Sierra Nevada Brewing, Klean Kanteen, Barefoot Wine & Bubbly and Orion Magazine. Local Sponsors for Jupiter's first WSFF are Jupiter Courier Newsweekly, Best Version Media, Whole Foods Market, iDo Wedding Media, Milk Stool Productions and Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa.

GATES OPEN

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Live Music 7-7:30 p.m. by StratOlites, a local reverb drenched garage surf Rock N' Roll band. Aware presentation is at 7:30 p.m. Films begin at 7:45 p.m. Bring beach or lawn chairs, no coolers will be permitted. Snacks, sodas and beer will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$10 per person. In celebration of our first WSFF, a special \$25 Individual Lighthouse Membership including your WSFF ticket will be offered now through April 10th. Tickets are limited and went on sale

March 1, 2015. Purchase tickets by phone at 561-747-8380 x101 or pick up at our gift shop. Ticket purchase prior to the event is recommended due to limited availability.

You can follow our social media updates and sneak peeks on twitter, com/JupiterLH, #WSFF and facebook.com/jupiterinletlighthousemuseum or www.jupiterlighthouse.org

Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum, Lighthouse Park, 500 Captain Armour's Way, Jupiter, FL, 33469; 561-747-8380

Open Tuesday - Sunday, (7 Days a week January-February,) 10 a.m.-5p.m., last lighthouse tour leaves at 4 p.m. Call for tour information. www.jupiterlighthouse.org Operated by the Loxahatchee River Historical Society a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and partner in the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area, National Conservation Lands.

Kathleen Montgomery Glover is with Jupiter Lighthouse & Museum.



CAMP from 10

Nonmembers: \$210 per child if attending more than one week or with a sibling

Nonmembers: \$225 if attending one week only.

• After March 31

Members: \$180 per child if attending more than one week or with a sibling

Members: \$195 if attending one week only.

Nonmembers: \$230 per child if attending more than one week or with a sibling

Nonmembers: \$245 if attending one week only.

• Dates:

June 8 - 12 - Turtle Adventures (ages 6-10)

June 15 - 19 - Explore Florida (ages 6-9)

June 15 - 19 - Explore Florida (ages 10-13)

June 22 - 26 - Turtle Adventures (ages 6-10)

June 29 - July 3 - Turtle Adventures (ages 6-9)

June 29 - July 3 - Turtle Adventures (ages 10-13)

July 6 - 10 - Explore Florida (ages 6-10)

July 13 - 17 - Turtle Adventures (ages 6-9)

July 13 - 17 - Turtle Adventures (ages 10-13)

July 20 - 24 - Explore Florida (ages 6-10)

July 27 - 31 - Turtle Adventures (ages 6-10)

August 3 - 7 - Explore Florida (ages 6-9)

August 3 - 7 - Explore Florida (ages 10-13)

August 10 - 14 - Turtle Adventures (ages 6-10)

August 10 - 14 - Field Experiences (ages 14-17)

Sessions:

Turtle Adventures (Ages 6* - 13)

Does your child have a love for sea turtles? Our Turtle Adventures program allows campers a first-hand look into their conservation and ecology.

Explore Florida (Ages 6* - 13)

Our Explore Florida camp will take your child on a week-long expedition that investigates all aspects of our Floridian paradise.

Field Experiences (Ages 14 - 17)

Got a budding scientist on your hands? Our Field Experiences camp is designed to prepare high school-aged

kids for a future in biology or other related sciences.

Please contact the LMC education team at jmbcamp@marinelife.org or 561-627-8280, ext. 105 with any questions.

THE RIVER CENTER



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Fun times at The River Center!

The River Center, 805 N U.S. 1 in Jupiter, is offering a week-long spring break camp program for students interested in outdoor fun, sun, and exploration.

Our goal is to help each camper appreciate and understand the Loxahatchee River, take an active role in the conservation of the environment, and provide activities to increase independence, sportsmanship, and self-esteem. With four counselors and just 16 campers, kids will explore the Loxahatchee River from the freshwater cypress swamps to the ocean's beautiful reefs in a safe and personal atmosphere. Our River Center educators are lifeguard certified, providing both on and off site experiences like no other camp.

Camp activities include: kayak outings, fishing, snorkeling, swimming, nature hikes, marine species collecting, feeding and caring for the River Center's aquariums, eco games and crafts, and exploring the Loxahatchee River.

Cost is \$215 per Camper, \$35 Extended Care, \$15/week Sibling Discount, \$15/week Discount for Friends of the Loxahatchee River Members.



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More fun at The River Center!

Camp is from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Extended Care from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, call the River Center at 561-743-7123, ext. 709 or email Nicole.Sciandra@loxahatcheeriver.org.

THE MALTZ JUPITER THEATRE

Where can you find spies, fairy tales, a water world and Dr. Seuss under one roof?

At the Maltz Jupiter Theatre's popular Paul and Sandra Goldner Conservatory of Performing Arts camp programs, of course!

With a flexible schedule that includes optional pre-care and after-care, budding young performers ages 4 - 18 will participate in a broad range of theatre-related activities, including acting, dancing, singing, prop-making, improvisation, storytelling and more. Each summer camp concludes with a unique themed showcase performance.

The two largest camp shows will be performed on the Theatre's stage: the Senior Conservatory's Hairspray and the Junior Conservatory's Disney's Peter Pan Jr. The musicals will be performed compete with professional production values: sets, costumes, lights, a full orchestra and more. Enrollment fees are all-inclusive, covering all costumes and performance-related costs.

The Senior Conservatory will take place June 8 - 26 (with full performances of Hairspray on June 26 and 27), while the Junior Conservatory will take place July 6 - 24 (with a full performance of Disney's Peter Pan Jr. on July 24 and 25).

Other camp options include a one-week Spy Camp for grades K-5 and a one-week Dr. Seuss Camp for Pre-K students age 4 and 5 (both June 29 - July 3); a one-week Water World Camp for grades K-5 (July 27 - 31); a one-week Once Upon a Time Camp for grades K-5 (August 3 - 7); and three sessions of two-week Dance Intensive Camps for grades 6-12 (June 29 - July 10, July 13 - 24 and July 27 - August 7).

Here's a look at upcoming vacation camp offerings at the Conservatory:

• June 8 - 26 - Senior Conservatory, grades 6 - 12 - Hairspray

Students in grades 6 - 12 will rehearse and perform Hairspray on the Maltz Jupiter Theatre stage, directed and choreographed by guest artist Dennis Kenney (recently seen in the Theatre's production of The King and I). The production camp includes three full weeks of instruction, rehearsals and costumes for both performances; all students will be a part of the production, with auditions held for placement only. Performances will take place June 26 - 27 at 7:30 p.m. \$800; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with additional dance rehearsals held from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. as necessary; pre-care and after-care are also available.

• June 29 - July 3 - Spy Camp!, grades K - 5

Students in grades K - 5 will explore acting, voice and movement with a "Spy!" theme, culminating in a showcase for family and friends on July 3 at 3 p.m. in the Conservatory. Explore acting with a super spy twist! Classrooms will be broken into groups of K - 2 and 3 - 5. \$210; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; pre-care and after-care are also available.

• June 29 - July 3 - Seuss Camp, Pre-K students ages 4 - 5

Pre-K students (ages 4 and 5) will explore acting, voice, and movement with a "Seuss" theme, culminating in a showcase for family and friends on July 3 at noon in the Conservatory. Explore acting with a Seussical twist! \$150; 9 a.m. to noon.

• June 29 - July 10 - Dance Intensive Camp, grades 6-12 - Session I

See CAMP, 12



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The Maltz Jupiter Theatre's Junior Conservatory, for grades 3-5, will perform the musical Disney's Peter Pan Jr.

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AGENDA FRIENDS OF THE LOXAHATCHEE MAY 21, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.* AT DISTRICT OFFICES ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Conflict of Interest Policy
4. Public Comments
5. Comments from the Board
6. Adjournment

".... if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

Submitted on: May 11, 2015

** Start time is approximate – meeting will start immediately after the Regular Board Meeting of the Loxahatchee River District.*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNING BOARD
FROM: D. ALBREY ARRINGTON, Ph.D. 
DATE: MAY 14, 2015
SUBJECT: CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

During the 2014 legislative session, the Florida Legislature created Florida Statute 496.4055, which defines the term "conflict of interest transaction" and requires the board of directors of a charitable organization to adopt a policy regarding conflict of interest transactions.

The Friends of the Loxahatchee River, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation with a mission to foster a sense of environmental stewardship of the Loxahatchee River's diverse watershed with quality programs, educational exhibits, and meaningful events. The Governing Board of the Friends of the Loxahatchee River, Inc., therefore, needs to adopt a conflict of interest policy.

I used the sample Conflict of Interest Policy provided by the Internal Revenue Service (<http://www.irs.gov/instructions/i1023/ar03.html>) with input from our legal counsel, auditor, and staff to develop the attached draft Conflict of Interest Policy and Conflict of Interest Certification (signature form on last page). Please review these documents and let me know if you have any questions or suggested revisions.

I recommend the following motion for your consideration and approval:

"THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LOXAHATCHEE RIVER, INC. adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy and Conflict of Interest Certification as presented."

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Friends of the Loxahatchee River, Inc.

CONFLICT of INTEREST POLICY

Article I – Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect the Friends of the Loxahatchee River, Inc. (hereafter “Friends”), a tax-exempt organization, and its officers and directors and Interested Person (defined below), when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Friends or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article II – Definitions

1. Interested Person: Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with Governing Board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an Interested Person.
2. Financial Interest: A person has a Financial Interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:
 - a. an ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Friends has a transaction or arrangement,
 - b. a compensation arrangement with the Friends or with any entity or individual with which the Friends has a transaction or arrangement, or
 - c. a potential ownership (which is reasonably certain and not speculative) or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Friends is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A Financial Interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a Financial Interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate Governing Board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III – Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose: In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an Interested Person must disclose the existence of the Financial Interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with Governing Board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.
2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists: After disclosure of the Financial Interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the Interested Person, the Governing Board or committee shall determine if a conflict of interest exists. The Interested Person shall abstain from voting in such matters.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

- a. An Interested Person may make a presentation at the Governing Board or committee meeting regarding the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The Chair of the Governing Board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the Governing Board or committee shall determine whether the Friends can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the Governing Board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Friends' best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- a. If the Governing Board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Governing Board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and/or corrective action.
- c. Upon the above determination by the Governing Board or committee in connection with an alleged violation of the Conflicts of Interest Policy, the Governing Board or committee may proceed to follow the Article III, Section 3 procedures for addressing the Conflict of Interest.

Article IV – Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the Governing Board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a Financial Interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the Financial Interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the Governing Board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the nature of the discussion, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V – Compensation

A voting member of the Governing Board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Friends for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Friends for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

No voting member of the Governing Board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Friends, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to the Governing Board and any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI – Annual Statements

Each Director, Principal Officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. Understands that the Friends is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII – Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Friends operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to reasonable standards, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in private inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII – Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Friends may, but need not, use outside experts. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the Governing Board and committee of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted. The Governing Board and committee may reasonably rely upon the advice of outside experts in its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

This certifies that the Friends of the Loxahatchee River has adopted a policy regarding conflict of interest transactions. The policy has been received, read and understood by all of the Directors, Officers and Trustees of the organization. Furthermore, all of the Directors, Officers and Trustees of the Friends of the Loxahatchee River agree to comply with the policy, and understand that the Friends is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

| Name | Role | Signature | Date |
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