



Friends of the Loxahatchee River November 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
2014-10	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
2015-05	1138	358	183	\$944	\$643	\$210	\$2,950	\$49	\$5,179	\$1,599	81
2015-06	2078	1031	160	\$1,355	\$837	\$200	\$520	\$3,087	\$4,365	\$420	487
2015-07	1936	1294	46	\$1,985	\$524	\$50	\$650	\$5,073	\$1,490	\$377	645
2015-08	1544	305		\$1,432	\$691	\$75	\$1,460	\$732	\$215	\$892	404
2015-09	1047	278	34	\$771	\$491		\$520	\$60		\$160	116
2015-10	1055	549		\$872	\$636	\$25		\$128	\$128	\$626	139

River Center –

Friends of the Loxahatchee River

On Friday, November 6th, the River Center welcomed Ms. Wendy Puz from the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management. Wendy gave a presentation about restoration efforts at the Lake Worth Lagoon. She then discussed how these efforts benefit the local wildlife and enhance the recreational value of the area. Included in her presentation were ways to enjoy these natural areas and to help protect them and make them better. There were 43 participants that attended this program.



Special Programs

“Fish Like a Girl” Girl Scouts Eco-Action Workshop

Over 35 Girl Scouts visited the River Center on Saturday, October 3rd for a special fishing workshop. With the help of our educators and volunteers as well as volunteers from Society of Women Engineers, Florida Atlantic University and Rebecca Lucas from Florida Fish and Wildlife, we were able to provide a day filled with Fishing 101. From habitat activities to knot tying, casting practice to fish dissections, all topics were covered in order to prepare the girls for fishing. After the morning activities the girls finally got to test their newly acquired knowledge and went fishing. We would like to especially thank the ERM Foundation and Society of Woman Engineers for their continued support and dedication to the River Center’s



Eco-Action Girl Scout Workshop. Today we fished like girls!



Loxahatchee by Night Campfire

The River Center kicked off the “Loxahatchee by Night” Camp Fire season on Friday, October 9th. Over 125 participants of all ages, many in costume, joined River Center educators for a “batty” night of fun. Dr. Maurice Thomas, a biology professor from Palm Beach

Atlantic University, gave a wonderful and informative presentation about our nocturnal friends, bats! Inside the center guests had a chance to create their own bats and paint pictures using spider rings in the classroom. Guests were invited to explore the exhibits inside the center, touch animals in the touch tank, and discover various plants and animals in the migratory bird and butterfly garden. The camp fire was roaring all night, as families roasted marshmallows and enjoyed delicious s'mores throughout the evening.

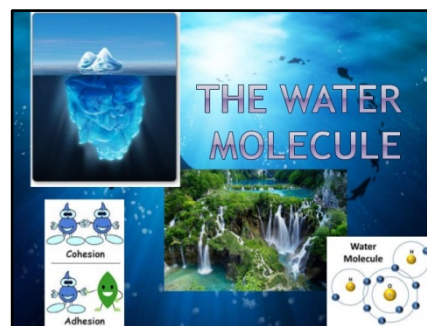
Liberty Park Elementary Field Ranger Program

The Science Department of Palm Beach County School District has teamed up with R.I.S.E. Organizations (Resources in Science Education) to offer children an adventure in learning and exploration they will remember for a life-time! This unique experience takes them beyond the four walls of their classroom and into the great outdoors with their family and friends to become an official Field Research Ranger of the Palm Beach County School District. Students visit each participating RISE organization, complete the on-site Field Research Ranger activity, and bring the completed passport booklet to the district office to receive their certification and the official Field Research Ranger patch. By completing the Field Research Ranger certification process children throughout Palm Beach County experience nature walks, scavenger hunts, geocaching, and a variety of other hands-on learning activities supporting science and the discovery of Florida's natural resources and unique ecosystems. On Saturday, October 10th, students from Liberty Park Elementary School from West Palm Beach came to the River Center to complete our portion of the passport. Thirty two students and their families came to explore the River Center, participate in a touch tank demonstration, learn about our water resources, and balanced the water budget.



River Center's Adult Environmental Education Program

Last year, the Loxahatchee River District's River Center launched a new program for adults in our community who wished to recapture the excitement and educational experiences of their childhood field trips. The Adult Environmental Education Series is designed for adults to have an interactive "behind-the-scenes" experience at the River Center while gaining insight and knowledge into an environmental topic of local interest, all while under the personalized guidance of the Center's expert staff.



The River Center started the fall/winter series on Thursday, October 8th with our Wonders of Water: Water Properties Lab. Participants worked in an interactive lab that covered the properties of water including: density, buoyancy, surface tension, and the phases of water based on two different water types. Participants discovered the connection of salt, fresh, and brackish water to the ecosystems in the Loxahatchee River watershed through experiments in the lab. Activities demonstrated the phases of the water cycle and its connections to all living things.



Special Halloween Story Time

On Thursday, October 29th, the River Center celebrated Halloween with a Special Story Time! We read Halloween stories, sang and danced to spooky songs, and even dressed up in our Halloween costumes. Children were invited to stay afterwards to make crafts and explore the Spooky Swamp at the River Center. Halloween is one of our favorite times of year at the River Center!



Outreach Activities

Public Kayak Tour (Riverbend Park)



On Wednesday, October 21st, participants set out on a kayak adventure launching out of Riverbend Park! As we paddled through the park, Megan Harris provided information about local plant life that we encountered. There were no other visitors kayaking at the time of our tour, so it seemed as though we had the river to ourselves. It was a very successful kayak tour and we had seven guests participate in this event. Thank you to all who attended!

Volunteer of the Month: This month the River Center would like to honor Harrison O'Donnell as Volunteer of the Month. Harrison has volunteered at the River Center since July of 2015 and has contributed over 50 hours of volunteer service and shines as a touch tank docent, aquarium interpreter, Loxahatchee by Night Campfire Volunteer, and all around helping hand. Harrison is a student at Independence Middle School and enjoys hanging out with friends and playing football. We would like to thank Harrison for his service to the River Center and hopefully many more years of continued volunteer help.



Friends Membership – 73 active members; 2 new/renewals; 39 current sponsors

Annual Sponsors Recognition – **Ed Butzin (Wolverine Ventures), Geoff & Lynne Lieberman**

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

Thurs, November 19 – Adult Environmental Education Series (2-3:30p)

Fri, November 20 – Loxahatchee By Night Campfire: A Florida Thanksgiving (6-8p)

Sat, November 21 – “Canal Naming” at Admiral’s Cove

Fri, December 4 – Friends of the Loxahatchee River (12-1p): Join Jim Snyder as he provides us with a peek at his new book, *A Trip Down the Loxahatchee*. In this imaginary boat ride from the river's 140,000 acres of headwaters down through Jupiter Inlet, it celebrates the beauty and history of the Loxahatchee through the eyes of 52 leading painters and photographers. Jim will be on hand before and after his talk to sign books from our gift shop.

Fri, December 4 – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (6-8p): Volunteer recognition of service, highlights from the year, and time to spend with friends. Dinner and drinks provided for our adult volunteers.

Fri, December 11 – Loxahatchee By Night Campfire: Frozen: Wonders of Water (6-8p)

Thurs, December 17 – Adult Environmental Education Series (2-3:30p)

Thurs-Fri, December 24-25 – River Center is CLOSED

FISH LIKE A GIRL: GIRL SCOUTS



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D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director

AGENDA
FRIENDS OF THE LOXAHATCHEE
NOVEMBER 19, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.* AT DISTRICT OFFICES
ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Election of new Treasurer
4. Approval of Budget
5. Public Comments
6. Comments from the Board
7. 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: November 9, 2015

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

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D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D.
DATE: November 12, 2015
SUBJECT: Election of Officers – Friends of the Loxahatchee River

In accordance with the bylaws of the Friends of the Loxahatchee River, the Loxahatchee River District Governing Board members comprise the Board of the Friends of the Loxahatchee River, plus the District's Executive Director (Albrey Arrington) and Deputy Executive Director (Clinton Yerkes). The Friends Board annually conducts an election of officers.

I have met with key Friends members and staff, and offer the following motion for consideration.

“THAT THE BOARD OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LOXAHATCHEE RIVER elect
Patricia Walker to serve as President,
Suzanne Mechler to serve as Vice President,
Kara Peterson to serve as Treasurer, and
Jocelyn O'Neill to serve as Secretary.”

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D.
DATE: November 12, 2015
SUBJECT: Approval of the Friends of the Loxahatchee River 2016 Budget

The Loxahatchee River Environmental Center is operated as a partnership between the Loxahatchee River and the Friends of the Loxahatchee River, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit. The Friends of the Loxahatchee River works to pay a portion of the River Center's operation and staff costs. The Friends of the Loxahatchee River generate revenue through sponsorships, donations, program fees and memberships. The Friends of the Loxahatchee River fiscal year is January 1 through December 31.

The proposed budget for 2016 is provided, and outlines the River Center's year-to-date fiscal performance for 2015 and provides projections for 2016 income and expenses. Staff and membership of the Friends of the Loxahatchee River request your support of the proposed 2016 Budget.

Therefore, I offer the following motion for consideration:

“THAT THE BOARD OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LOXAHATCHEE RIVER approve the proposed Friends of the Loxahatchee River 2016 Budget as presented.”

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Proposed Budget 2016

November 19, 2015

Account	Account Description	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	Percent Change 2015-2016	Notes
INCOME					
4001	SPONSORS - GOV'T.	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,000	8%	
4002	SPONSORS - PRIVATE	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000	40%	
4003	SPONSORS - CORPORATE	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,000	30%	
4007	LOXAHATCHEE LEGACY	\$ -	\$ -		For planned giving or bequests
4004	DONATION BOX	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,000	-9%	
4005	PROGRAM FEES	\$ 31,300	\$ 35,000	12%	
4014	SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 17,700	\$ 22,000	24%	
4009	FACILITY RENTAL	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0%	
4010	MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,600	4%	
4013	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	0%	
Subtotal Income		\$ 99,500	\$ 112,600	13%	
GIFT SHOP					
4008	GIFT SHOP SALES	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000	9%	
5004	GIFT SHOP EXPENSES	\$ 6,500	\$ 8,000	23%	
Subtotal Net Profit/Loss on Gift Shop		\$ 4,500	\$ 4,000	-11%	Change to reflect actual sales
Margin		41%	33%	-19%	
Total Income		\$ 104,000	\$ 116,600	12%	

EXPENSES					
5001	PAYROLL	\$ 18,293	\$ 19,960	9%	Additional Intern funding
5002	PAYROLL TAX EXPENSE	\$ 1,399	\$ 1,418	1%	
5017	PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 47,242	\$ 48,528	3%	
5003	RIVER CENTER OPERATIONS	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	0%	
5005	SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0%	
5006	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$ 8,750	\$ 7,750	-11%	
5007	ADVERTISING	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0%	
5008	PRINTING	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	0%	
5009	SPONSOR EXPENSES	\$ 200	\$ 200	0%	
5010	LUNCHEONS	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	-20%	
5011	DUES	\$ 500	\$ 700	40%	
5013	IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	0%	
5015	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 8,000	0%	
Subtotal Expenses		\$ 106,884	\$ 116,557	9%	

INCOME	\$ 110,500	\$ 124,600	13%
EXPENSES	\$ 113,384	\$ 124,557	10%
NET INCOME	\$ (2,884)	\$ 43	

Cash Reserves Available \$ 101,978

Transfer from Cash Reserves (if needed) \$ -