River Center
805 North US Hwy One
Jupiter, Florida 33477

February 23, 2011

Attn: Camp Director

RE: River Center Field Trip Program – A Program of the Loxahatchee River District

Dear Camp Director:

Please find enclosed information about this year's camp field trip programs offered by the River Center, an environmental education facility developed by the Loxahatchee River District.

The River Center features 9 state of the art aquariums representing the different habitats of the Loxahatchee River and 7 interactive exhibits, including a fully stocked touch tank.

We have new innovative programs and are able to offer a variety of activities for you to choose from. Our programs include an interactive tour of our facility, a touch tank demonstration, and various activities. We strive to help students learn about the Loxahatchee River and its surrounding natural areas while having fun. This one of a kind experience is available right here in Jupiter, at a rate of $4.00 per camper (plus tax).

Our facility and programs are appropriate for all ages. We are offering both morning and afternoon programs. One of our education specialists can help select and customize a program that is suitable for your group. Please note that group sizes are limited to 50 campers at one time.

Groups will be booked on a first come, first served basis and space is limited. Please call to plan your camp's River Center experience today!

Sincerely,

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Camp Programs

Programs are designed to be fun with a sprinkle of education. Please select the activities that would be of interest to your group.

All programs will include a short tour of the River Center and an introduction to our touch tank animals. Each program is $4.00/camper plus tax. If your camp is tax exempt please provide your tax exempt form with your registration form.

Age 10-13 (Ages are approximate)
Possible Activities:

NEW!

Gyutaku Fish Printing ($1.00/camper additional fee):
Campers use fish to create unique works of art and help learn the external anatomy of a fish.

Predator Prey Game:
Campers become predators hunting the prey and learn firsthand what happens when food sources become limited.

Nature Scavenger Hunt Race:
Discover the island through nature. Campers learn about seeds, plants, crabs, snails, etc. that naturally occur in the park. Groups are then split into teams to look for each of the items.

Habitat Conservation Game:
Campers act as animals trying to find food, shelter, and habitat. Each animal attempts to find enough resources in order to survive. Through the Habitat Conservation Game campers learn about loss of habitat, reduced food availability and more. (Modified game of tag)

Mangrove Tug of War:
Campers explore the mangroves, the creatures that live there, and learn to identify the three different types of mangroves through multiple senses. Afterwards campers participate in multiple games of tug of war to show what happens with changes in the mangrove habitat.

Invertebrate Hunt:
Subject to tides- Please speak to a River Center Educator prior to scheduling this activity. Campers learn proper collection techniques of invertebrates (i.e. small crabs, snails, etc). Students hunt in and around the mangroves and collect invertebrates for further discussion.

Seine/Dip Netting ($1.00/camper additional fee.)
Subject to tides- Please speak to a River Center Educator prior to scheduling this activity. Campers wade up to waist deep in coastal waters utilizing scientific collection techniques of aquatic animals. River Center staff will help identify critters and discuss special adaptations.

Squid Dissection ($1.00/camper additional fee):
Campers learn proper dissection techniques & the anatomy of a squid. Write your name with squid ink too!

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Age 5-9 (Ages are approximate)
Possible Activities:

NEW!

Nature Yoga:

This indoor/outdoor program explains the basics of yoga and involves simple and fun stretches inspired by the plants and animals we see in nature.

Nature Scavenger Hunt Race:

Discover the island through nature. Campers learn about seeds, plants, crabs, snails, etc. that naturally occur in the park. Groups are then split into teams to look for each of the items.

Habitat Conservation Game:

Campers act as animals trying to find food, shelter, and habitat. Each animal attempts to find enough resources in order to survive. Through the Habitat Conservation Game campers learn about loss of habitat, reduced food availability and more. (Modified game of tag)

Shark Activities:

Campers learn about special shark adaptations and participate in activities to better understand how keen shark senses are. Campers may get a little wet during activity.

Note: the River Center does not have sharks on exhibit; this is a fun activity to learn about sharks.

Food Web:

Campers learn how energy flows in the form of food through the food web. This game of catch follows the flow of energy from the sun to the highest predators, giving campers a tangible example of the food web.

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Recycle Relay Game:

Teams race to get all the recyclable items in the proper bin. This is a fun and active way to get kids recycling!

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Nature Rainbow Art:

Campers collect and identify different leaves, flowers, seeds, etc. and create artistic masterpieces.

"Nature Says" & Balloon Game:

Nature Says: Campers learn about animal sounds and movements, as well as other naturally occurring activities through our version of "Simon Says."

Balloon Game: Campers pass a water balloon around coming up with animal sounds, nature words, and more, until the balloon pops. This was a camp favorite last year! Note: campers may get a little wet during this activity.

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Age 3-5 (Ages are approximate)
Possible Activities:

Abberwoky:

Campers learn about a fictional creature. Using the information given, campers and group leaders look for possible evidence of the Abberwoky in and around the River Center, and then find clues to support it in nature.

Nature Rainbow Art:

Campers collect and identify different leaves, flowers, seeds, etc. and create artistic masterpieces.

"Nature Says" & "Pigs Fly":

Nature Says: Campers learn about animal sounds and movements, as well as other naturally occurring things through our version of "Simon Says."

Pigs Fly: This fun, silly children's game draws on the campers' knowledge about how different animals move.

NEW!

Nature Yoga:

This indoor/outdoor program explains the basics of yoga and involves simple and fun stretches inspired by the plants and animals we see in nature.

Silly Symphony:

Campers will use items from nature to create a musical symphony. Bamboo rhythm sticks, seed pod maracas, and more.

Programs and activities can be customized to accommodate your campers. Please speak with one of our Education Professionals to create a memorable "River Experience" for your campers.

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Summer FUN Trip Program

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH DAY YOU WISH TO ATTEND

CONTACT INFORMATION:

COORDINATOR NAME:_____DATE:_____

CAMP:_____

ADDRESS:_____ZIP:_____

PHONE:_____BEST TIME TO REACH YOU:_____

ALT PHONE:_____BEST TIME TO REACH YOU:_____

EMAIL:_____FAX:_____

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:_____AGE GROUP:_____NUMBER OF COUNSELORS:_____

1ST CHOICE DATE(S)_____2ND CHOICE DATE(S)_____

PREFERRED TIME FOR PROGRAM START:_____

ACTIVITY SELECTION:_____

SPECIAL NOTES:_____

(Do any of your campers have any physical limitations or disabilities?)

Tours are booked on a first come, first served basis. You will receive a confirmation form once your program has been scheduled. You will also receive a list of items that students should bring or wear. Please allow $4 + tax per camper for your program. If your camp is tax exempt please send your tax exempt form with this registration form. Counselors will be admitted free of charge. Please give a courtesy call if your group is running late for the program or 24 hours for notice of cancellation. A $25 program fee will apply to any missed programs.

Program & Scheduling contact information:

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Confirmed Date:_____ Deposit Paid (if applicable):_____