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Santa and Holiday Events at ELC

Wabasso Island, FL – To kick off the holiday season, the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) is holding extended hours and lots of activities for ELC members and visitors. Members will enjoy a 20% discount in ELC's gift shop, The Nature Nook, along with free gift wrapping and a drawing for a free gift. Visitors may take advantage of free gifts with purchases over \$100 and \$200, holiday refreshments, book signings, Santa in the gardens, and a wine tasting. The ELC is located at 255 Live Oak Drive, north of Vero Beach, off CR 510 between US1 and A-1-A at the western end of the Wabasso bridge.

The weekend festivities kick off with book signings by Rodney Smith, author of *Tales from Florida's Greatest Lagoon* on Fri. Dec. 2 from 10am to 12pm. ELC's Entry Pavilion and gift shop will remain open the rest of the day until 5pm. On Sat. Dec. 3, Santa arrives in Imagination Station, an outdoor play area where kids are free to play checkers, paddle a stationary canoe, use a rain barrel to water plants, and climb trees. Santa arrives at 10am staying until 2pm for free photos. From 12pm to 2pm Leslie McGuirk author of *If Rocks Could Sing* will sign her book. ELC will be open that day from 9am to 5pm. Sun. Dec. 4's festivities include a book signing by Rick Kelly and Camille Yates, authors of *Treasured Waters*. Vero Beach Winery will host a free wine tasting from 2pm to 5pm (adults only). The books being signed during the festivities will be available for purchase in ELC's gift shop.

ELC's admission fee is \$5 per person with children 12 and under free and ELC members free.

The first Saturday of every month, in this case Dec. 3, there is no admission; everyone is free on the first Saturday. To learn more about the weekend activities, visit www.DiscoverELC.org or call Camille Yates, Development Director, at (772)589-5050.

ELC's 64-acre campus includes aquariums, touchable exhibits, native plant gardens, picnic facilities, gift shop, and visitor center. A list of its many field excursions, EcoVentures, including green living workshops, canoe and kayak excursions, and boating adventures can be found at www.DiscoverELC.org.

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