



255 Live Oak Drive
Vero Beach, FL 32963
(772) 589-5050
www.DiscoverELC.org

NEWS RELEASE □ NEWS RELEASE □ NEWS RELEASE □ NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Holly Dill, Executive Director
holly@DiscoverELC.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 22, 2009

SUMMER CAMPS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

WABASSO ISLAND, Fla. The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) will offer three nature-orientated summer camps for students from eighth grade through seniors in high school: two four-day sessions of “Wild Waters” and one camping trip called “Florida Fun in the Keys.”

Wild Waters’ first session will run from June 16-19 and the second from August 4-7; both are day camps at the ELC from 8:30 to 4:00 PM except for a sleepover on a spoil island in the Indian River Lagoon between day 3 and day 4, which ends at noon on day 4. This camp is for students entering eighth and ninth grades. A professional trained environmental educator leads the program which includes kayaking, snorkeling, surfing and many other outdoor and water activities.

Enrollment is limited to 12 per session and the cost per student is \$250 (\$240 for ELC members) which includes kayak, snorkeling, and surfing gear along with light refreshments.

Florida Fun in the Keys for tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students returns this year starting at the ELC at 8:30 AM on July 12 and ending at the ELC at 6:00 PM on July 15. Transportation to the home base at Long Key State Park will be provided and the activities will be supervised by an ELC naturalist. Tents (some for boys and some for girls) and most other camping equipment will be provided. There will be a parent/camper orientation session at the ELC on June 24th at 6:00p. Activities include swimming, kayaking, snorkeling, visits to the Dolphin Research Center and Marine Turtle hospital and an exclusive venture as guests at Sea Camp, where campers will learn about marine environments. Enrollment is limited to 9 students and the cost per student is \$435 (\$425 for ELC members) which includes gear, food, camping fees, and special excursion charges.

These water and nature filled camps are always popular and typify the ELC's commitment to combining fun, adventure and education. Registration and further information can be obtained by visiting the ELC or calling 772-589-5050.

The Environmental Learning Center is located north of Vero Beach off County Road 510 at the western end of the Wabasso Bridge. Its 64-acre island campus includes exhibit areas, native plant gardens, picnic facilities, gift shop and visitor

center. A list of its many field excursions including hikes, canoe excursions, and nature walks can be found at www.DiscoverELC.org.

###

