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Family Campout hosted by the Environmental Learning Center

Wabasso Island, FL –For families who want a unique fun and stimulating experience, The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) is offering for the first time a Family Campout Weekend on February 3-5. “Camping in the natural environment is a wonderful way to cure the stress of everyday living” says Heather Stapleton, the ELC Education Coordinator. “Also, it is a great way for a family to spend a weekend together outdoors.”

The 3 day, 2 night program begins at 9 AM on Friday, February 3, with the families paddling their rental kayaks (provided) to an island in the Indian River Lagoon where they will camp for two nights. Using this as a base camp, Ms. Stapleton will lead an exploration of other islands and winding mangrove trails. Wildlife observation, seine netting of marine life, days of sun and fresh air, nights under the stars are great ways to spend a break from school and work. The program ends at 4 PM on Sunday, February 5, in plenty of time to get home for the “Super Bowl.”

The Campout Program is for families with children who are at least 8 years old. The fee of \$305/child and \$425/adult (\$10 discount for ELC Members) includes kayak rental, gear, tent, all meals, snacks, and drinks. It is a complete package including Ms. Stapleton’s skills and interpretive knowledge as the lead guide. Advanced reservations may be made by calling the ELC at (772) 589-5050. The deadline for making reservations is Monday, January 30, 2012.

The Environmental Learning Center is located north of Vero Beach off County Road 510 at the western end of the Wabasso Bridge. Its campus includes exhibit areas, native plant gardens, picnic facilities, gift shop, and visitor center. ELC membership benefits, a list of its many field excursions, EcoVentures, including nature walks, canoe excursions, and boating adventures can be found at www.DiscoverELC.org. Admission is \$5 per person, children 12 and under free, and ELC members receive free admission year-round. The first Saturday of every month is free to all.

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