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Geocaching at the Environmental Learning Center

Wabasso Island, FL –The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) is introducing a new event that utilizes the popular Global Positioning System devices. The program, called “Geocaching”, is intended for families to share time with their children. ELC Naturalist, Sarah Rhodes-Ondi, who is a Certified Interpretive Guide through the National Association of Interpretation, designed this experimental program. Mrs. Rhodes-Ondi will show participants how to navigate the ELC campus using lifesaving, handheld GPS devices. Each family will use the device to locate their own small treasure from the days hunt to take home with them. When participants have mastered the basic techniques, they can be used at Geocaching sites all over the globe.

Five programs over five consecutive weeks are offered. Each week will have a different theme. During the first four weeks, February 17 and 24, and March 2 and 9, participants will explore the ELC campus looking for crabs, birds, fish, and native plants. On March 16, during Spring Break for Indian River County students, the ELC will partner with the Indian River Land Trust to explore their new Toni Robinson Waterfront Trail north of Vero Beach.

This instructive, engaging, and fun event will take place from 10 AM to 11:30 AM each day. The cost is \$12 per family (\$10 for ELC Members). Reservations are required, and can be made by calling (772) 589-5050 or email to Reservations@DiscoverELC.org .

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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