



TURTLE TRACKS

FALL 2024

Exciting projects happening at the ESC...



The Environmental Studies Center is thrilled to announce that on January 3, 2024 Phase 1 of the Beach Shoreline Stabilization project took place. This project is aimed at ensuring the health and stability of the Indian River Lagoon and its vital marine ecosystem. With a strong emphasis on fostering a natural, sustainable living shoreline habitat, the project aligns with the Center's commitment to promoting smart environmental practices within the local community and schools.

The Environmental Studies Center is proud to collaborate with esteemed partners, including the

Martin County School District, The Environmental Studies Council, B the Change Native Plants and Design, Martin County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Town of Ocean Breeze, Sun Resorts- Ocean Breeze, University of Florida Sea Grant Program, Indian Riverkeeper Organization, RiverKidz, Earth Savers and others. These partnerships emphasize the collective commitment to environmental conservation and community engagement.

A big Thank You to the ESC's very own plant operator Mike Glynn, and Carly Batts from the Martin County Public Works for spearheading this project!



Thank You Jensen Beach Garden Club!



Mary Chambers and Dana Avon Rintein, from the Jensen Beach Garden Club, stopped by the Center to present a donation for camp scholarships to scholarship chair, Kris Kerr. We appreciate their generosity and are happy to provide more students with the opportunity to experience our ESC summer camp.

Please consider leaving a legacy by naming the Environmental Studies Council in your estate plans.



The Environmental Studies Council, Inc.

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Mission Statement

To protect and enhance the education programs of the Environmental Studies Center and to promote and extend environmental awareness through community education.

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From the desk of the President

I hope you all had a rejuvenating summer filled with relaxation, adventure, and maybe even a bit of exploration of our beautiful natural world. As we transition into the new school year, I'm filled with excitement for the opportunities and activities that lie ahead.

This year promises to be action-packed, with a calendar full of events to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the environment. To make sure you don't miss a thing, I encourage you to keep an eye on our social media channels, where we will be regularly posting updates and important dates.

One of the best ways to stay involved and support everything we do at the Environmental Studies Center is through membership. Your membership directly supports our mission and activities. Whether you're a long-time supporter or new to our community, we would love to have you join us.

Additionally, if you have a passion for environmental studies and are interested in getting more involved, we are always looking for enthusiastic members to join our team. Your ideas, energy, and commitment are what make our center thrive, and we welcome everyone who wants to contribute to our efforts.

We are thrilled to announce that the Environmental Studies Council has been selected as this year's beneficiary for the Michael Shields Memorial Tournament Series! We are honored to be part of this amazing event.

Join us for Casting for a Cause on September 27-28, 2024, at River Palm Cottages & Fish Camp.

To sign up, visit: fishforthekids.org

Let's make a splash for a great cause!

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to an exciting and impactful year ahead!

Sincerely,
Coltin Radabaugh

Did Your Membership Expire?

Have you renewed your membership to the Environmental Studies Council? We need your support!

To sign up, log on to www.escmc.org or call (772) 219-1887 x 121

Tom Prestopnik's Tessellation Exhibit

Explore Tom Prestopnik's latest collection at the Elliott Museum, on exhibit August 1st – December 27, 2024. Tom's artwork isn't just for viewing, it's an invitation to interact and interpret. Each piece is designed to engage your senses and spark your imagination. Feel an immersive art experience where bold colors and large canvases draw you in! Tom is a retired Martin County Educator and local artist who has a deep affinity to the Environmental Studies Center and will be donating 50% of his sales to the ESC!

Call for more information 772.225.1961



New turtle enclosure

Kathryn Rogers is a junior at Martin County High School. This summer she was an incredible camp counselor at the ESC and she also attended the 2024 Florida East Ambassadors, Hugh O'Brian Youth Conference (HOBY) as a part of a service leadership program. Kathryn has partnered with Valerie Gaynor, Director of Environmental Studies Center to give back to our community. Her first project was to build a new enclosure for the turtles. Kathryn is looking forward to more opportunities to protect our environment and learn more about conservation in the Treasure Coast. She hopes to pursue a degree in Veterinary Sciences.



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Save the Date!

Our annual open house, presented by the ESC Council, will be held on Oct.26, 2024 from 10-1pm. Come take part in all the fun! Guests will enjoy interactive activities, refreshments, tours of the wet labs including the sea turtle display and Joey the alligator! The gift shop will be open and fully stocked. This fun filled day is free of charge, donations are accepted. See you there!

Wish List

The Environmental Studies Center needs your support! The Center has a current need for:

- Batteries- various sizes
- Paper Towels
- Expo Markers
- Sharpies
- Copy Paper
- Damp rid (hanging type)
- Garden Gloves
- Latex Gloves
- Sunscreen (reef safe)
- Regular Band-Aids
- Dish Soap

If you are interested in supporting any of the above opportunities, please contact us at info@escmc.org or by calling 772-219-1887 x121. Or stop by the Center - we'd love to see you!

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Summer Camp at the ESC



“Cause a little bit of summer is what the whole year is all about.” –John Mayer

That's a wrap! What an incredible ESC Camp 2024! We are truly grateful to all the families who

brought their campers and to our amazing staff, teachers, counselors, and CITs who work tirelessly to make this summer one to remember. Your dedication and hard work are what make this camp truly special. And to our campers - we were blown away by your kindness and well-behaved nature! It's been an absolute pleasure to have you all here with us. As the director, I am beaming with pride at the wonderful memories we've created together. Thank you for making this the best camp ever! We can't wait to do it all again next year!

-Valerie Gaynor



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