

Eco-Action Team launches Adopt-A-Habitat program



The JBE Eco-Action Team is making a big impact at the Environmental Studies Center (ESC) with their newly created Adopt-a-Habitat program! This initiative provides vital funding to support the resident creatures at the ESC, ensuring their habitats remain healthy and thriving.

As part of their journey to become a nationally certified Eco-School, students at Jensen Beach Elementary are taking the lead in environmental efforts. Through their Eco-Action Team, they host meetings, engage in eco-friendly community service, and advocate for sustainability.

Recently, the team participated in Dirty River Jam and Grandparent's Day, spreading awareness about local ecosystems. They have

also presented their efforts to the Council and their peers, emphasizing the importance of environmental stewardship.

Beyond conservation, these young leaders are developing valuable soft skills and leadership abilities—all while making a difference doing something they love! Scan the QR Code or go to www.escmc.org to donate!



Congratulations to our Science Fair winner!

Congratulations to Nina Goyal!

The Dr. Walter Stokes Environmental Science Fair Award is presented each year to a student whose project touches on an important environmental issue and exemplifies the type of scientific research and knowledge that Dr. Stokes so avidly pursued and promoted in his lifetime.

This year's winner was Nina Goyal from Martin County High School. Her project was titled "Bio enhancers to Improve Pest Control" and basically involved using low-cost eco-friendly solutions for crop pest control.



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

Welcome to our new Co-Presidents!

“It is a privilege to sit alongside Kaija as co-president for the Council this year. ESC has always warmed the hearts of our community and students, opening doors and minds about the beautiful environment in Martin County. I look forward to leading and contributing to our Council’s mission.”

Sincerely,
 Kari Polhemus

“As one of the two new co-presidents of the Environmental Studies Council selected this year, I am grateful for the opportunity to help lead this valuable organization. I look forward to working with Kari as we navigate the upcoming year and the events and initiatives that the Council supports, such as the Michael Shields Memorial fishing tournament, the Environmental Lecture Series, and the open house events at the Center, just to name a few. I grew up in Martin County going to the Environmental Studies Center, and it has always been near and dear to my heart, as I know it is to many. The Council supports and enhances this local treasure we have, and I couldn’t be more excited to be a part of it. ESC is the place to be!!!”

Sincerely,
 Kaija Mayfield

Thank you to our Dirty River Jam Sponsors!

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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

Dirty River Jam 2025: A Huge Success!

The Dirty River Jam on March 29, 2025, was an incredible event, with proceeds benefiting the Environmental Studies Council. A huge thank you to Troy Pulley and the Tako Tiki team for not only donating the venue but also for their incredible support in making this event happen.

A special shout out to Jo Neeson, whose dedication and hard work were instrumental in organizing and leading this event to success.

We are grateful to all the volunteers, vendors, and donors—this wouldn't have been possible without you. A special thank you to Key to Music for sponsoring the Kids Zone and showcasing their talented students.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who attended to enjoy the music, fun, and support education for the Indian River Lagoon. “Sea” you next year!

Congratulations to our scholarship winner

We are excited to announce our 2024-2025 Environmental Studies Council Scholarship Winner is Sarah Ladd from Jensen Beach High School.

Each school year we award a scholarship to a deserving student who is pursuing an education in environmental or marine related field.

Sarah will be attending college as a Marine Biology major and we look forward to seeing her excel in her college endeavors and her bright future!

We wish her the best and look forward to hearing how she is enjoying her college experience!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce has honored Ainsley Anderson as the Environmental Studies Center Student of the Month! A dedicated volunteer and camp counselor at the ESC, Ainsley goes above and beyond—helping care for the animals, assisting with volunteer activities, and making a lasting impact. Her passion and commitment truly make a difference!

Garden Club

The Environmental Studies Council was thrilled to receive a check from the Jensen Beach Garden Club for \$2080 toward our summer camp scholarship program. We were also surprised by an anonymous donation from a Jensen Beach Garden Club member in the amount of \$4,000. Lots of happy campers will be seen on our campus in June! Thank you all for generosity and support.



Wish List

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

- *Batteries- various sizes*
- *Paper Towels*
- *Kleenex*
- *Quart size plastic ziploc bags*
- *Dawn 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



Summer Camp is upon us! This is always such a busy and exciting time at the ESC. Activities include fishing, seining, snorkeling, cast netting and rides on the River Scout. Children also enjoy arts & crafts, games and interacting with the animals on campus. It truly is such a special time for the kids

in our community! A heartfelt thank you to our generous donors. Your contributions make camp scholarships possible, giving kids unforgettable memories and valuable learning experiences that will last a lifetime.

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