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E-Newsletter

HOBE SOUND NATURE CENTER

THE NATHANIEL P. REED HOBE SOUND
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



ABOUT US

Our partnership with the Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge has played a pivotal role in conserving the rich biodiversity of South Florida. Together, we have hosted transformative educational experiences for people of all ages, which have contributed to the protection of countless acres of critical habitat, the restoration of fragile habitats, and ensured the survival of many threatened species.

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"We must teach our children to smell the earth, to taste the rain, to touch the wind, to see things grow, to hear the sun rise and night fall - to care."

- John Clean



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT



50TH ANNIVERSARY “SHELLEBRATION”!

In 1973, a vision was born in the minds and hearts of passionate members of the Jupiter Island Garden Club – one of a cherished sanctuary, where nature enthusiasts, young and old, could connect with the great outdoors, celebrate the delicate balance of our unique ecosystems, and actively participate in conservation efforts. This vision became a reality with the establishment of the Hobe Sound Nature Center and a cooperative agreement with the refuge. We have been honored to stand by their side ever since!

This fun-filled day included a squid dissection, an introduction to marine mammal health and rescue, live animal displays, sun print art, a scavenger hunt, sidewalk chalk designs, and a gourmet food truck!

Thank you to our community partners for helping us make this event a HUGE success!

The River Center
Treasure Coast Wildlife Center
Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park
University of Miami (RSMAES)

“Environmental education is an awareness of the world and the study of the interrelationship of life.”

- Elizabeth Kirby, Jupiter Island GC



NEW LOGO REVEAL

Our new logo features the iconic Florida scrub-jay to honor the tireless efforts to conserve this intelligent and seemingly fearless bird, which is the only bird species in the Sunshine State that lives nowhere else in the world! The Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge encompasses a large remnant of ancient sand dunes, without which, the Florida scrub-jay would not survive.



WPTV "LET'S HEAR IT!"

The incredible WPTV team set up camp at the Nature Center to engage members of the community as part of their "Let's Hear It!" program. Their goal is to make a difference in the communities they serve by providing a platform for dialogue - "the good and the bad". It was a blast getting to know this vibrant team of kind, compassionate, and dedicated individuals who invest their energy and hearts into everything they do!

"Sometimes we can only find our true direction when we let the wind of change carry us."

- Mimi Novic

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In the month of October, our Wildlife Educators visited 13 schools and reached over 530 children and adults. The programs ranged from “Bats: Myth and Reality”, “Wildlife Around Us”, an owl pellet dissection, and edible bugs! From schools, to libraries, to special events, our goal is to ignite a lifelong passion for the natural world and empower countless individuals to become stewards of the environment, advocating for a sustainable future.

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ADIL

The Nature Center teamed up with the Pine School’s Honors Florida Ecology class to participate in “A Day in the Life of the Indian River Lagoon”. ADIL is a longitudinal citizen science initiative, started by the Ocean Conservation Research Association (ORCA), to not only better understand the health of the lagoon but to also instill a deep sense of appreciation for this precious national estuary.

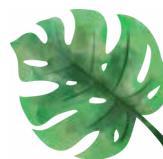


Thank you to the many donors and sponsors who make our programs possible! Your generosity is the greatest gift... to us, our community, and South Florida’s unique natural heritage.

A special thank you to Loblolly Community Foundation and Hobe Sound Community Chest!

“To raise a nature-bonded child is to raise a rebel, a dreamer, and innovator... someone who will walk their own verdant, winding path.”

- Nicolette Sowder



HOOK KIDS ON FISHING

Anglers for Conservation hosted their annual "Hook Kids on Fishing" Clinic at the Nature Center. Their mission is to introduce children to the incredible world of fishing as a powerful way to connect with nature, inspire efforts to protect our waterways, and create unforgettable memories!

A special thank you to Reel Life Bait & Tackle for sharing their passion for fishing and providing goodie bags for all of the attendees.



CREEPY CREATURE FEATURE

Our annual Halloween event was a monster hit! From tiny superheroes to grown-up wizards, everyone had a fang-tastic time! We celebrated with ghoulish crafts, games, glitter tattoos, and an introduction to some creepy but totally cool creatures. A huge shout-out to the countless, dedicated volunteers and the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network (FYCCN) for helping us make this our best Halloween event to date! Everyone's enchanting spirits brought our community closer than ever.



"The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions of hope." - John Buchan





VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP!

REFUGE NEWS

The refuge hosts beach cleanups every third Saturday of the month. At our October cleanup, we collected well over 100 pounds of trash! We are always looking for more help; so, please join us for our next community effort to keep our beautiful beaches clean on November 18th at the refuge beach from 9 - 11 a.m.!

For more information, contact us at (772) 546-6141 or julia_izzo@fws.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"Frogs" - Hobe Sound Library, Nov 4th @ 3:00

"Turkey Tales" - Hoke Library, Nov 15th @ 3:30

Support us on Giving Tuesday, Nov 29th!

Come cheer us on at the Hobe Sound Christmas Parade, December 2nd!

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