



Environmental Learning Center Annual Report 2020-2021





Our Mission

Our mission is to educate, inspire and empower all people to be active stewards of the environment and their own well-being.

Our Vision

The ELC is an attractive destination for people of all ages to frequently return to for adventure, learning and wellness. Our visitors will experience and appreciate the benefits of immersion in nature, understand the value of a healthy environment and be inspired to create a sustainable world.

What We Offer

- Environmental Programs
- School Field Trips
- Camps
- Interactive Exhibits
- Aquarium & Touch Tank
- Wellness Programs
- All-Terrain Wheelchairs/Walkers
- Canoe and Kayak Rentals
- STEAM Programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math)
- Art Galleries
- Facility Rentals
- Community Events
- Pontoon Boat Tours
- Bicycle Tours
- Walking Tours
- Over 2.5 Miles of Trails
- High School and College Internships/programs for underserved communities

The ELC fosters community awareness, appreciation and concern for the environment. We promote the use of 21st century knowledge and skills to make informed decisions, solve current environmental problems and prevent new ones.

Not only do we educate people about these issues, we empower them to be a part of the solution. ***The time is now to restore health to our planet and in turn, ourselves.***

Our Team

Board of Directors

John L. Daniels, *Board Chair*

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Jill Liddell

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Our Staff

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Coordinator*

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Marc Spiess
Guest Services Specialist

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Senior Environmental Educator

Rhian Smith
Environmental Educator

Gian Cetrulo
Environmental Educator

Sharon Tyson
Environmental Educator

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Facilities Manager

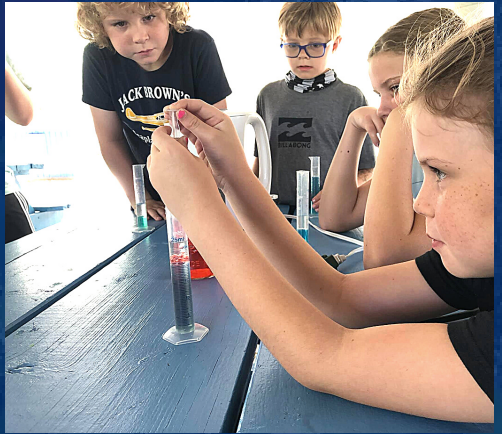
Phil Chieco
Boat Captain & Facilities Assistant

Jason Van Hoffman
Facilities Support

Angel Mosher
Support Services



Fostering Hands-on, Feetwet Connections



A Letter from our Executive Director



Dear Fellow Earth Lovers,

The time is now.

This sense of purpose guides us daily in our work to strengthen human connections to our natural world.

As we adapt to a world emerging from the grip of a global pandemic, I am proud of our community for showing resilience and taking refuge in nature when faced with extreme challenges.

This time of collective reevaluation has shone a spotlight on the interwoven connection between the health of our environment and our own human health. Our journey of restoration requires a steadfast commitment to working together toward critical environmental solutions. The quality of our future depends on our success.

More than ever, people are inundated with technology, and there are still local residents that have never explored the natural treasures of our Indian River Lagoon. We can't ignore the consequences of abandoning our instincts and failing to interact with people and the world around us.

Because of the generous support of our community, the Environmental Learning Center fosters a sense of wonder and connectivity through engagement, education and experiences with our natural world.

Because of YOU, today, a child is taking their first steps into the mangroves, pushing the gate wide open to a world of never-ending discovery.

Because of YOU, guests from all walks of life deeply inhale the salty clean air and enjoy time unwinding amongst the wild elements of nature on our unique 64-acre lagoon island campus.

YOU are an essential part of our winning formula. As we restore the glory of our native Florida campus and expand our offerings for the community, we need your investment. Every gift honors the synergy of life, human health, and our planet. Our actions today will determine what the future holds. We believe you share our conviction that future generations deserve to breathe fresh air, swim in clean waters and ultimately adventure into a healthy world.

Help ensure the longevity of our vital work at the Environmental Learning Center. Everyone can make a difference, including you! We ask that you please give in a way that is meaningful for you.

The time is now.

With passionate conviction and humble appreciation,

Barb

Barb and your entire ELC family



From John Daniels, Chair of the Board of Directors

One only has to look at the vastly increased market capitalization of FaceBook, Apple, Google, Amazon and Microsoft to get a sense of how digital and information technologies are affecting everyday life. All of us are becoming so dependent on these technologies in our work as well as play that we almost lose track of what it is like to be unplugged from our favorite devices.



Humanity needs antidotes, and I believe one of the best ones is getting outside and connecting to nature. Nature Centers like the ELC are important because they provide sanctuaries for this connection as well as interpretation to help us as individuals understand and value what we see and feel. ELC promotes healthy behavior and healthy environments.

I am extremely grateful to all the ELC stakeholders for their continued support and patience over the last year.

Our **donors** have kept us alive, enabled us to refurbish critical components of our existing infrastructure, like roofs and walkways and our Discovery Station, and helped us get started on the road to future growth by initiating the first phase of our master plan - The Thomas R. Schidel Education and Event Pavilion.

Our **Foundation** has been terrific at shepherding and growing our endowment.

Our **staff** has stuck with us through very challenging conditions and been extremely resourceful in getting visitors onto our island campus and our educational offerings into the community.

Our **volunteers** continue to be wonderful interpreters of our natural surroundings and make our visitors feel welcome and connected to what they discover here.

Our **fellow environmental organizations** have worked collaboratively to promote a healthier Indian River Lagoon.

Our **visitors** of all ages have coped with closed exhibits, boardwalk repairs, and COVID restrictions, but still continue to come.

Our **School District of Indian River County** contract has been renewed for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our **Board members** have been generous with their time and resources.

Most importantly I would like to thank **Barbara Schlitt Ford** for her dedication, energy and initiative as Executive Director. She is the glue that keeps us all together.

And lastly I would like to thank our outgoing Chair, **Don Barr**, for the incredible leadership and counsel he provided to all of us during his tenure. He has overseen the restoration of the ELC.

The future is very promising indeed.

John Daniels

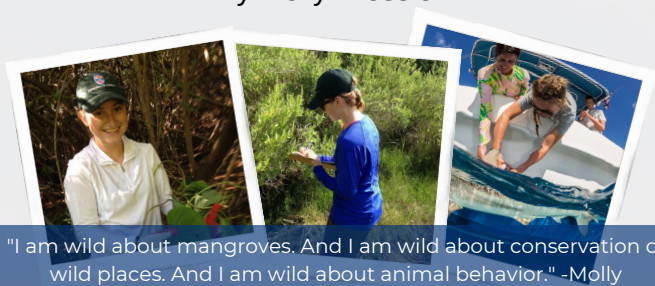


Board Chair



ELC Helps Launch Another Steward Superstar!

By Molly Kressler



"I am wild about mangroves. And I am wild about conservation of wild places. And I am wild about animal behavior." -Molly

The childhood memories I cherish the most are alongside my grandfather Robert Prindiville, "Poo-bah", exploring the Indian River Lagoon. With the changing of seasons, there was always something new to discover in this amazingly diverse ecosystem. Our many adventures included tracking the tiny tree crabs as they scaled the tell-tale prop roots of the red mangroves. Other days we were inspired by the regal importance of the brown pelican and its story in the Lagoon's conservation history. By boat and by foot, our days on the Indian River Lagoon were like playing "Where's Waldo" identifying the vast array of wildlife that surrounded us.

My grandfather was and is a long-time supporter of the ELC and while growing up it felt natural to think of the welcoming campus as an extension of our backyard. This exciting mangrove island habitat was teeming with life! In the early days of the ELC, my family and I eagerly explored the beautiful campus. The signature "hands on" and "up close" learning that ELC provides nurtured my love for marine ecosystems. It was there that I developed a passion for the special mangrove trees, fascinated with their intricate root systems. The ELC offered adventure, plenty of wild space to explore, and unique opportunities to learn more about the lagoon I loved. This immersive, sensory-rich learning experience instilled in me a yearning for discovery and a desire to expand my knowledge of the natural world.

Poo-bah was and still is very involved with the ELC and local grassroots efforts to conserve the vital remaining mangrove forests of southeast Florida.

After 18 years of learning to evaluate and appreciate this wondrous habitat, I followed my passion, pursuing an undergraduate degree at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. After my first year, my desire was to be outside the traditional classroom, studying in the field. I applied for ELC's first summer

Our Impact...

research internship position. Unique to the ELC's internship program was an opportunity that was open and inclusive; no prerequisites were required. As the first ELC Summer College Intern, I crossed the Trans-Atlantic, returning to the ecosystem that was "home." My summer internship at the ELC provided the perfect springboard for launching my career. I experienced diverse and immersive growth opportunities, including working with local ELC partners that proved to be invaluable. ***I led canoe tours of the mangrove nurseries in the Indian River Lagoon. I collaborated with local stakeholders to survey and catalogue the biodiversity of essential habitat, salt marshes and mangroves, up and down the area's coastline. I was hooked and I knew one day I wanted to dig deep into the mangroves and help protect them.***

My internship at the ELC allowed me to solidify my career path as a research scientist studying marine ecosystems, specifically mangrove forests. As I work toward a Ph.D. in Marine Predator Ecology and Conservation Research, I carry with me the memories of my time spent exploring the ecosystems within the Indian River Lagoon. Looking back, I never imagined the influence one place could have in shaping the rest of my life. It is because of the adventures I had with my grandfather from an early age, my experiences with the Environmental Learning Center, and the tools provided to me by the ELC that I study Marine Predator Ecology and Conservation Research with a focus on Juvenile Lemon Sharks, specifically their pups that live in the mangrove forests. ***My internship at the ELC was the "lynch pin" in my successful career. The ELC positively affected the trajectory of my future and for that I will always be grateful. Indian River County is fortunate to have this gem in its midst as untold lives of all ages have been and continue to be similarly influenced by their time spent in this wild Florida space.***

The Environmental Learning Center's Summer Internship program is just one of many ways your donation is changing lives! We celebrate our success stories because of your investment. As we continue to set new goals, it is exciting to know you are behind us 100%. Donate today to support our efforts to help mold environmental stewards that will determine our future. Your tax-deductible donation is deeply appreciated. We are grateful to our donors whose generosity helps us to succeed in fulfilling our mission, "to educate, inspire, and empower all people to be active stewards of the environment and their own well-being."

OUR ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Highlighting the successes of our purpose-driven mission

Looking Back

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021



11,640*
Visitors



1,838
Pontoon Boat
Passengers



2,438
Educator Run
Program Hours



461
Members



45
Maggie Bowman Fund
Scholarship Beneficiaries



3,483
Educational Program
Participants Served

*In addition, we opened our outdoor campus to the community without admissions for several months and this number also does not include volunteer work groups and meeting attendees.



Volunteers

"Volunteering at the ELC gives me the opportunity to be outdoors, on the lagoon, among the mangroves while sharing my love of nature with budding scientists of all ages."

Bonnie Mountain

You Can Make a Difference!

Some Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Aquaria Touch Tank & Discovery Station
- Campus Maintenance/Gardening
- Roving Nature Guide
- Pontoon Boat Guide
- Greeter
- **And more!**



\$170,868.98

Total Value of
Volunteer Service



5,987

Hours Volunteered

Want to become a volunteer?

Email volunteer@discoverelc.org or call (772) 589-5050 ext. 107.

Fill out our online application at DiscoverELC.org/volunteer

Financial Statement

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Revenue

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Contributions | \$965,500 |
| Special Events | \$4,463 |
| Programs | \$199,739 |
| In Kind | \$16,484 |
| Other | \$59,920 |
| Investment Gain | \$2,072,813 |
| Total Revenue | \$3,318,919 |

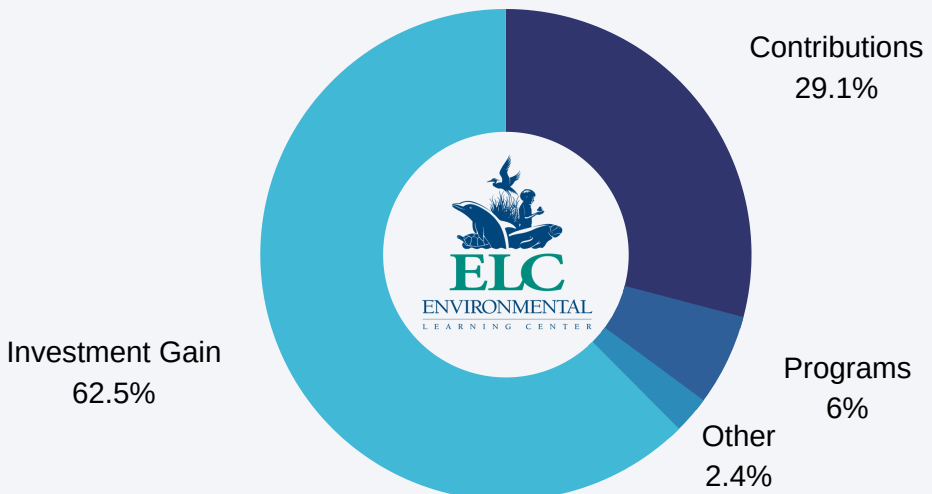
Expenses

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Program Services | |
| Educational Programs | \$804,303 |
| Support Services | |
| Management and General | \$194,834 |
| Resource Development | \$156,165 |
| Total Expenses | \$1,155,302 |

Net Assets

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning of the Year | \$6,193,625 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$2,163,617 |
| End of the Year | \$8,357,242 |

Breaking Down the Revenue



With Your Help...

This year the focus of the Environmental Learning Center has been TLC for the ELC. We strived to make repairs, upgrades and improvements to our lovingly worn facility. With the help of some key donors who provided matching gifts and all those who gave their time and treasure to the campaigns we were able to make great strides in restoring the campus for generations to come.

Ecosystem Flooring

The Discovery Station and Touch Tank area was upgraded with an immersive ecosystem experience with a show-stopping, ultra-realistic lagoon life epoxy floor. When you walk in you begin your journey through the different ecosystems, all featuring the creatures who call them home.



New Roofs

We had three buildings that were in desperate need of new roofs. Mr. William Barrows stepped up to the challenge and provided the ELC with a \$50,000 matching gift and the community helped with the rest. We were able to replace the roofs on the Welcome Center, Administration Building and the Waterside Pavilion.



TLC for the ELC

The ELC is over 30 years old and many of the initial structures were in need of upgrades. The ongoing TLC for the ELC campaign is aimed at providing funding to replace/maintain our many boardwalks and handrails.



With the funds from the engraved planks we have replaced two staircases and a section of the raised boardwalk. The ramp from the Welcome Center to the Lagoon Room and Discovery Station area will be replaced next as part of our ongoing restoration.



Lagoon-side Area

Our new lagoon-side picnic area provides guests with a tranquil, shady spot to sit down and relax or perhaps enjoy a meal while soaking in the view of the Indian River. It features a native plant path designed to help visitors explore options which they might like to incorporate in their own yards to make them more eco-friendly. This space also makes for a unique event venue.



Thank you!

Coming Soon!

Our new Thomas R. Schidel Education & Event Pavilion will be completed in early 2022 and we will celebrate with a one-of-a-kind event. RESTORATION will be our unveiling and Annual Fundraising Gala. On March 26, 2022 this exciting campus addition will be showcased as a unique venue for the community to attend and host their events. The next day, we will host LagoonFest, a fun-filled day for the whole family. We hope you will join us in celebration.



MEET THE NEW

Thomas R. Schidel Education & Event Pavilion

RAINWATER

Designed for rainwater collection to be used for irrigation.

SOLAR REFLECTIVE

Silver metal roof to reduce heat gain.



LIGHTING

L.E.D. energy efficient lighting and motion sensor lighting control to conserve energy.

LIVING WALLS

Shading the exterior walls to reduce heat and provide shade to outdoor spaces.

XERISCAPING

Drought tolerant landscaping to reduce water usage.

SOLAR TINTING

High performance "Low E" tinting insulated impact glass to reduce heat.

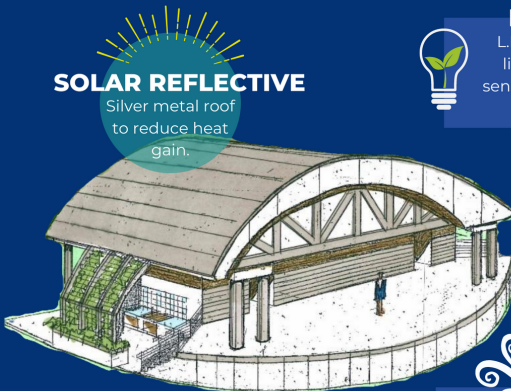


RECYCLED

plastic and concrete used in the building materials.

PASSIVE COOLING

Use of a shaded open air structure, ceiling fans, and cross ventilation.



Restoration

Produced by: FW Productions

March 26, 2022

6-10 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE

**ANNUAL GALA & THOMAS R. SCHIDEL
PAVILION UNVEILING**

Saturday, March 26th, 2022
255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach
6:00 - 7:00 pm Sponsorship/VIP Reception
7:00 - 10:00 pm Annual Gala

ELC
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active stewards of the environment
and their own well-being.*

FW

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Presenting Sponsor: Vero Beach Outlets



LagoonFest
(Formerly EcoFest)

March 27, 2022
12-4 p.m.

A day filled with fun for all ages!

Featuring:

- Quick canoe trips
- Scavenger Hunt
- Music
- Performance Highlights from the Restoration event
- Food Trucks
- Seining
- Pond Dip Netting
- Environmental Info Tables

Coming Soon!

Septic to Sewer

The ELC is in the process of completing the final stages of our septic to sewer conversion at a cost of over \$87,000. As committed stewards of the environment, it was essential that we model implementation of lagoon health best practices. A St. John's Water Management District grant funded more than 70% of the cost of this project.

Pontoon Dock Replacement

With the support of Ray and Susan Malamet and The Florida Inland Navigation District, our nearly 30 year old pontoon dock will be replaced in 2022.



Coming Soon!

Osprey Cameras

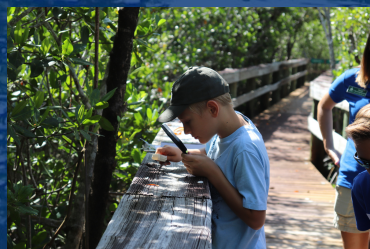
Installation of cameras on two of our osprey nest sites has begun. These cameras will provide a live feed of the birds as they build their nests, prepare for their young and care for them after they've hatched. Thank you to Gillis and Lynn Green for funding this exciting project. Keep an eye on our website for when they go live!



Our Collaborative Partnerships

Abilities Resource Center
Alzheimer & Parkinson Assoc of IRC
American Association of University Women
Anglers for Conservation
Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge
Archie Carr Working Group
Barrier Island Center
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County
Captain Hiram's River Challenge Triathlon
Children's Services Advisory Committee
City of Sebastian
Clean Water Coalition of Indian River County
Coastal Connections
Coastal Conservation Association
Cultural Council of Indian River County
Dasie Hope
Eastern Florida State College
Executive Roundtable of Indian River County
Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection
Florida Dept. of Health
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida Master Naturalist Program
Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory
Eugenia Ch. Florida Native Plant Society
Friends of the Spoil Islands
Friends of St. Sebastian River
Gifford Youth Achievement Center
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
Head Start of Indian River County
Hibiscus Children's Center
Home Depot
Homeless Children's Foundation of IRC
I Am One Caring Adult
Indian River CARES
Indian River Charter High School
Indian River Citrus Museum
Indian River Community Foundation
Indian River County Chamber of Commerce
Indian River County Environmental Leaders Coalition
Indian River Land Trust
Indian River Neighborhood Association
Indian River State College
Interfaith Community
IRC Solid Waste Disposal District

IRC Stormwater Division
IRL National Estuary Program
Keep Indian River Beautiful
Key Club
Kiwanis Club of Vero Beach - Treasure Coast
Kiwanis Youth in Action
Leave No Trace
Literacy Services of Indian River County
Main Street Vero Beach
Master Gardeners UF/IFAS extension
Moonshot Community Action Network
New Normal Society
Pelican Island Audubon Society
Pelican Island Conservation Society
Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge
Quail Valley Charities
School District of Indian River County
Science Institute of Discovery
Sea Turtle Conservancy
Sebastian Inlet District
Sebastian Natural Resources Board
Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce
Senior Resource Association
Smithsonian Marine Station
St. Johns River Water Management District
Suncoast Mental Health
Sunrise Rotary
Sustainable Events Network
Sustainable Kashi
The Learning Alliance
The Young Journalist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
United Way of Indian River County
Vero Beach Film Festival
Vero Beach Museum of Art
Windsor
Youth Guidance Mentoring Academy
Youth on a Mission



Community

We are proud beneficiaries of:



Children's Services Advisory Council



Community Leaders

Indian River CARES

Indian River CARES is a coalition of nonprofit leaders that initially came together in the spring of 2019, under the leadership of ELC Executive Director, Barbara Schlitt Ford. The goal of the coalition is to build bridges between nonprofits so that they can be knowledgeable about the services provided in Indian River County and to encourage collaboration between community organizations to most efficiently use limited resources.



This coalition also works together to bring resources and speakers to help one another strengthen the staff, board of directors, and processes for the benefit of those they serve. They identify community issues and work together to help solve them. This strong coalition meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month at 11 a.m. at various nonprofit locations.

Learn more at www.indianrivercares.org

Environmental Leaders Coalition

The Environmental Leaders Coalition of IRC was formed in 2020, spearheaded by ELC Executive Director, Barbara Schlitt Ford, as a means of keeping the various environmental organizations and agencies in the county connected and informed. These environmental leaders work together to make sure the public is informed as to what each group is working on and how we can each support these important efforts.



The resulting collaborations serve to most efficiently use limited resources to make positive impacts for our local ecosystems. The Coalition established priorities with the most pressing being the health of the Indian River Lagoon, as well as restoration of biodiversity and protection of natural areas among a host of other environmental topics. The group meets quarterly and is currently working to create a community environmental dashboard. The ELC has also created an Eco-Info Hub in our Welcome Center.

The ELC Foundation

The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) Foundation, Inc. is a separate not-for-profit corporation that serves as a support organization to the Environmental Learning Center, Inc. and manages both funds designated by the board for long-term investment and funds permanently restricted by donors for investment in perpetuity.

The ELC Foundation utilizes an internal committee of financial stewards who manage the Foundation's assets. Through prudent oversight, this Investment Committee has ensured rates of return that have performed solidly over a ten-year period.

Foundation Board of Directors

Todd Fennell, *Chair*

Donald E. Barr

Alice Cole, *Vice Chair*

Tim Buhl

Jim Sourbeer, *Secretary*

Haydn Cole

John Daniels, *Treasurer*

John D. Lowenberg, Sr.

Investment Committee: Robert Prindiville

Platinum GuideStar Rating

In 2021 the team at ELC worked hard to successfully maintain the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, Platinum Level. GuideStar is an information service that specializes in reporting on US nonprofits.



We are proud to use GuideStar to share our full and complete story with the world. To reach the Platinum level, we added extensive information to our Nonprofit Profile: basic contact and organizational information; in-depth financial information; quantitative information about goals, strategies, and progress toward our mission.

Ways to Give

Why Give?

Because **the time truly is NOW** to restore a healthy planet.

No matter what other treasures we have in this world, if we do not have a thriving natural environment, we cannot flourish. We can no longer push off this task for others to deal with. Please join our efforts today so that future generations can enjoy the health and wellness that balanced ecosystems provide.

So many ways to give...

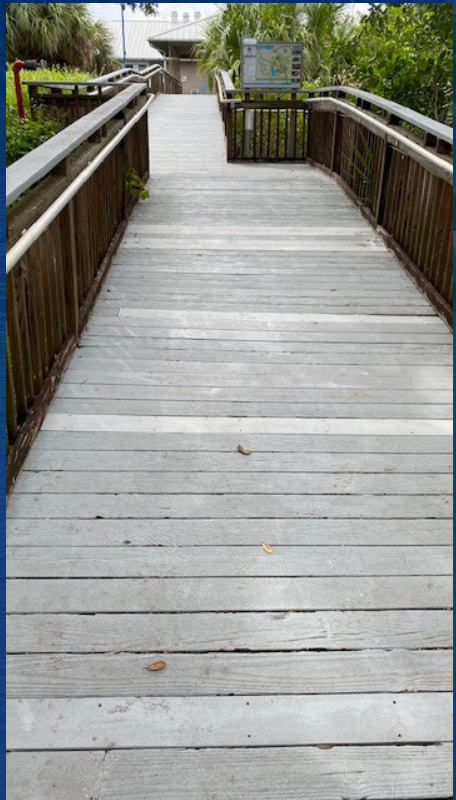
- Invite ELC to speak at your service club, HOA or business.
- Volunteer. There are dozens of ways to volunteer and share your time and talents while supporting the ELC.
- Sponsor an event or program.
- Make an in-kind donation of goods or services.
- Make a charitable donation.
- Become a Member and give the gift of membership.
- Create a lasting legacy through planned giving.
- Give appreciated assets.
- Make your mark with one of our many naming opportunities.
- Designate ELC as the beneficiary of your IRA Charitable Rollover Distribution (aka Qualified Charitable Distribution)
- Match a donation with your employees or members.
- Make a memorial donation to the ELC.
- Create long-term stability by giving to the ELC Foundation Endowment.

Email Give@DiscoverELC.org or
call (772) 589-5050 for more information.

Entry Ramp Replacement

Help us to continue our TLC for the ELC
Fundraising Goal: \$70,000

Our entry ramp and handrails between the Welcome Center and the raised buildings need to be replaced. Over the years we have patched it and repaired it as much as we can but it is time for a replacement. We will begin this project in April of 2022 so it will be ready to go when our campers are here in the summer.



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Families Unplugged in Nature

Be a Part of the Plan

Fundraising Goal: \$100,000

We envision a place where children can escape from technology, a place where they can go back to the basics and participate in nature play. Our proposed FUN Zone (Families Unplugged in Nature) will give children the opportunity to have these experiences.

The FUN Zone aims to reconnect children and their caregivers to nature - to feel more comfortable with taking their own adventures and learning about the environment through joy-filled, participatory and open-ended free play.

Physical, emotional and social health is strengthened as children work to resolve problems, overcome challenges and get wild!

FAMILIES
UNPLUGGED
in
NATURE



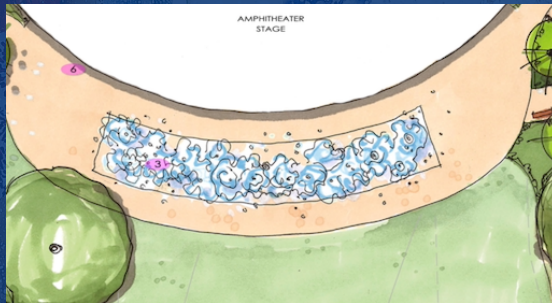
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Splash Pad

Wet and wild fun at the ELC
Fundraising Goal: \$150,000

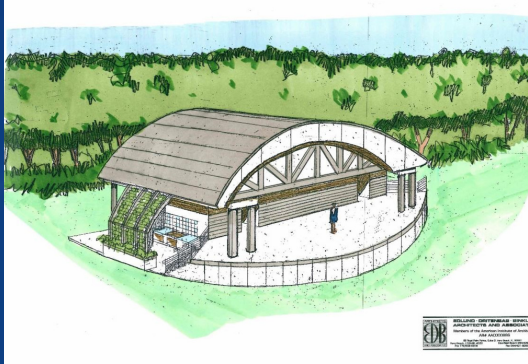
The splash pad will be the "coolest" addition to the new Thomas R. Schidel Education and Event Pavilion and Oval, allowing children and families to cool off in the fountain with bursting spouts of water.

The envisioned splash pad will be situated right in front of the pavilion stage and will also act as an entertaining fountain during performances. The mosaic front wall of the stage will be an educational art display of life in the Indian River Lagoon, allowing children to be immersed in a watery world.



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Pavilion Naming Opportunities



- Stage
- Pathway Lighting
- Live Oak Trees
- Oval Lawn
- Kitchen
- Bathrooms
- Outdoor Kitchen
- Landscaping
- Cisterns
- Bridal Room
- Solar

Other Naming Opportunities

- Ecosystem Flooring Habitats
- Entry Signage
- Challenge Course
- Sunset Deck
- Food Truck
- Outdoor Classroom Renovation
- Impact Resistant Windows
- Critter Cove Children's Play Area

Call Barb or Sue at (772) 589-5050 or email
Give@DiscoverELC.org to discuss the many options

Engraved Planks

Leave your mark

\$1,000 per plank

Discounts available for multiple planks

The ELC wants to be the keeper of your memories, and we hope you will help us reshape a brighter future as we move forward together. Now is the time for us to revamp our beloved campus, and you can be a part of it. People of all ages visit the ELC every year and leave the same footprints on our boardwalks and trails. We want to continue to inspire people who visit our campus and share our passion for the environment.

When you purchase a plank, you will be leaving your mark on campus while helping the ELC revitalize its infrastructure so we can continue to be the place where memories are made. The planks last up to 25 years, ensuring a long-term investment.



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*A special thank you to our donors.
We couldn't do it without you!*

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