

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM

CONSENT

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
THROUGH: Richard B. Szyrka P.E., Public Works Director
THROUGH: Keith McCully P.E., Stormwater Engineer
FROM: Alexis Peralta, Stormwater Educator & Fertilizer Enforcement
SUBJECT: **Summer Camp Partnership with The Learning Alliance**
DATE: April 26, 2021

DESCRIPTION

For summer 2021, staff has been requested by The Learning Alliance to participate as an environmental educator partner for the Moonshot Academy Summer Camp Program. The camp is an interdisciplinary, integrated literacy and arts curriculum that takes place both in classrooms and the outdoors with the environmental community partner (2 days per week) over 4 weeks in the summer at two sites.

Staff is requested to participate twice a week, for four weeks, to instill knowledge of the Lagoon, stormwater pollution, and a sense of personal responsibility to care for our environment through lessons that align with the STEAM into Literacy curriculum. These lessons include already implemented presentations and activities that the Stormwater Educator has used over the years in school programs, summer camps, and general learning (i.e. the Enviroscape stormwater model presentation, lessons on pollution and lagoon biodiversity, and litter cleanups). A field trip has been discussed to visit Osprey Acres Stormwater Park for a tour, physical exploration, and understanding of stormwater filtration.

County staff already has the necessary tools for the lesson plans. Staff is not required to fund any portion of the Moonshot Academy Camp; supplies, transportation, or the like. Potential materials requested by Stormwater staff will be requested of The Learning Alliance.

In 2017, the Stormwater Division completed their own second year of Summer Camp at the County Administration building and County Commissioners requested that staff no longer host their own camp but rather partner with outside organizations to teach alongside others at multiple camps, reaching more students, reducing resources spent, and creating valuable community partnerships. As Staff continues to assist with Audubon Summer Camps, this new partnership with the Moonshot Academy Summer Program allows for more educational opportunities, valuable time spent with the upcoming generation that can save our Lagoon, and continue fulfilling the requirements for the NPDES report by DEP to educate and promote pollution prevention.

FUNDING

County funding not required. County staff time for participating in the Moonshot Academy Summer Camp will be one staff member, 4 hours per day, twice a week for four weeks, totaling 32 hours of staff time.

Any additional required materials to support program implementation will be purchased by The Learning Alliance.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests approval from the Board to participate in the Moonshot Academy Summer Program and authorizes the Chair to execute the MOU after review and approval of the MOU by the County Attorney's office.

ATTACHMENTS

Moonshot Academy/IRC Summer Program MOU

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR May 4, 2021