

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MEMORANDUM**

**CONSENT**

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**TO:** Indian River County Board of County Commissioners

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

**THROUGH:** Eric Charest, Interim Natural Resource Department Director

**FROM:** Alexis Peralta, Stormwater Educator

**SUBJECT:** Request for Stormwater Summer Camp 2024

**DATE:** January 24, 2024

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**DESCRIPTION**

Building on the success of Indian River County's (IRC) 2-week long Stormwater Summer Camp hosted in July 2023 at the Audubon House on Oslo Rd., Stormwater Staff is requesting Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (Board) approval to host another 2-week Summer Camp this upcoming Summer to be held at the Audubon House once again.

This year Staff have changed the name of the camp to "Summer Camp for the Lagoon!" an IRC Stormwater Camp for outdoor fun with nature and conservation-based messaging. The 10-day camp will remain focused on the same stormwater issues as in the past with activities including water quality testing, lessons on preventing pollution, litter cleanups, kayaking, and more!

As in previous years, campers will be selected by Audubon staff. Audubon will charge an estimated \$100.00 per camper to help cover costs of the van, snacks, and activities. Stormwater staff will provide 20 days of staff time total, with a schedule of 10 consecutive weekdays for the County's 2-week "Summer Camp for the Lagoon" that focuses on stormwater education and includes anticipated trips to IRC Stormwater Parks, the IRC Landfill, the Sebastian Inlet, and the Indian River Lagoon. In addition, staff will provide 10 non-consecutive weekdays of assistance to help co-lead the Audubon camps in response to the Audubon's educator assisting in the IRC Summer Camp. This would be an average of two days per week of staff time during Audubon's camp schedule.

IRC Stormwater staff participation in these camps is separate from other regularly scheduled stormwater presentations and lessons provided at other camps such as those hosted by the Environmental Learning Center (ELC), the Learning Alliance's Moonshot Summer Program, and other Audubon events.

The County's cost for the 2-week Stormwater camp along with providing staff assistance for the Audubon camps will include up to 150 hours of Stormwater staff time, \$500.00 for Camp T-shirts, \$500.00 for activities such as a pontoon ride on the Lagoon at the ELC, and up to \$200.00 in supplies for items such as gloves, safety vests, water quality testing kits, etc.

**FUNDING**

The \$1200.00 in IRC related camp costs is available and budgeted in:

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Transportation Fund/Stormwater/ Other Promotional Expense	11128138-034820	\$1,200.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff requests approval from the Board for Indian River County Stormwater Staff to participate in and lead Summer Camp sessions hosted at the Pelican Island Audubon House in Summer 2024.

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2024**