

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

DEPARTMENTAL

TO: Mike Zito, Interim County Administrator
THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka P.E., Public Works Director
THROUGH: Eric Charest, Natural Resource Manager
FROM: Alexis Peralta, Stormwater Educator
SUBJECT: **Request for Stormwater Summer Camp 2023**
DATE: January 12, 2023

DESCRIPTION

After the success of Indian River County’s (IRC) Stormwater Summer Camp in 2022, Stormwater Staff is requesting Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (Board) approval to participate in hosting a combined 2-week Summer Camp for two sessions (4 weeks) in the Summer of 2023. Each camp session would offer two weeks for students; the first week being an Audubon focused extension of their 5th grade advocate program where they learn multiple environmental disciplines, followed by a second week hyper-focused on stormwater education. Stormwater staff will provide camp support to the Audubon educator the first week, while leading camp the second week with the Audubon educator’s support. A second two-week camp session for new students will be conducted this same way later during the Summer.

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 four weeks of staff time; two weeks of time co-leading the Advocates portion of camp, and two weeks of time leading the camps focusing on stormwater education; which include anticipated trips to IRC Stormwater Parks, the IRC Landfill, the Sebastian Inlet, and to the Indian River Lagoon.

IRC Stormwater staff participation in these camps is separate from other regularly scheduled stormwater presentations and lessons at other camps including the Environmental Learning Center, the Learning Alliance’s Moonshot Summer Program, and other Audubon events.

The County’s cost to participate in these two camp sessions at the Audubon House will include up to 150 hours of Stormwater staff time, \$500.00 for Camp T-shirts, and up to \$200.00 in supplies for activities such as gloves, safety vests, water quality testing kits, etc.

FUNDING

The \$700.00 in IRC related camp costs is available and budgeted in:

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
Stormwater Promotional Account	11128138-034820	\$700

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 2023.

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR JANUARY 31, 2023