

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

CONSENT

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
THROUGH: Richard B. Szyrka P.E., Public Works Director
FROM: Eric Charest, Natural Resource Manager
SUBJECT: **Stormwater Summer Camp**
DATE: May 6, 2022

DESCRIPTION

For Summer 2022, Staff is requesting to provide two, one-week Stormwater Summer Camps hosted at the Pelican Island Audubon House. For the past four years Alexis Peralta, the Stormwater Educator, has partnered with Audubon through their summer camp programs to great success. This year however, as Audubon has lost their educator and as the position is yet to be filled, Alexis has requested to lead her own Stormwater camp partnered with Pelican Island Audubon who would supply their facility, a van, and a volunteer co-counselor.

The Audubon House offers a great location for camp as it is near the Lagoon, surrounded by nature, and gives the students space to enjoy themselves without being in the way of others. The Audubon van with volunteer driver offers exclusive transportation for camp field visits that is otherwise difficult and expensive to secure. The Audubon co-lead volunteer is a certified social worker and has worked with Alexis through the years.

Campers will be selected by Audubon staff from their graduating Advocates program (ages 11-14) as well as children from the Homeless Children’s Foundation. Audubon will charge \$100 per camper to help cover costs of the van, snacks, and activities. Alexis will provide two weeks of staff time to lead each of the one-week camps focusing on stormwater issues; including trips to Egret Marsh, the IRC Landfill, the Sebastian Inlet, and the Lagoon.

The cost to provide two one-week long camps at the Audubon House will include 75 hours staff time; \$500 for “Stormwater Summer Camp” T-shirts; and up to \$200 in supplies for activities such as gloves, safety vests, water quality kits, etc.

FUNDING

The sum of these costs is \$700 which can be funded by a line transfer from Transportation Fund/Stormwater/Promotional Account to Transportation Fund/Stormwater/Stormwater Summer Camp

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
Transportation Fund/ Stormwater/ Stormwater Summer Camp	11128138-041130	\$700

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests approval from the Board for Indian River County Stormwater to lead a Summer Camp hosted by Pelican Island Audubon at the Audubon House.

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR May 17, 2022