

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
**THROUGH:** Richard B. Szyrka P.E., Public Works Director  
**THROUGH:** Eric Charest, Natural Resource Manager  
**FROM:** Alexis Peralta, Stormwater Educator & Fertilizer Enforcement  
**SUBJECT:** **Summer Camp Partnership with The Learning Alliance**  
**DATE:** May 4, 2022

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**DESCRIPTION**

For summer 2022, staff has been requested by The Learning Alliance to return as an environmental educator partner for the Moonshot Academy Summer 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.

Summer 2021 was the first year Stormwater Division partnered with The Learning Alliance Moonshot Academy and it was very successful in terms of children's engagement and enjoyment learning about stormwater pollution and visiting Osprey Acres Stormwater Park.

**FUNDING**

County funding is 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 17, 2022**