



Archbold Expeditions

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Greetings!

Ecology Summer Day Camp 2008 is just around the corner! For all of you newcomers, this is a unique science-based summer camp offered by Archbold Biological Station to the children of Highlands County and surrounding area. We believe that providing hands-on outdoor experiences is the best way to stimulate curiosity, foster appreciation, and teach children about the endless wonders of the natural world. Our activities focus on the endangered Florida Scrub. This intriguing habitat holds one of the greatest concentrations of threatened and endangered species of plants and animals in the United States. Archbold's 8,000+ acres is a superb place to explore!

The camp is broken into **four** one-week educational sessions. Monday is reserved for getting acquainted and sharpening observation skills. Tuesday, we typically take a close up look at the insect/aquatic world. Wednesday, we swim in Archbold's own Lake Annie - a pristine sinkhole lake. During Thursday's "Ranch Safari" to Buck Island Ranch, we have an opportunity to see deer, wild hogs, alligators, caracaras and much more. Thursday also offers a thrilling night hike, followed by an overnigher in Station cabins for the 10-12 yr. olds (For the 7-9 yr. olds, the night hike is optional. See attached flyer for details). Friday, we wrap up the week's activities.

Each day of camp, we check our live traps for scrub critters, play exciting games, make cool crafts, collect and investigate insects, and interact with Archbold biologists. We do our best to give campers an experience they will never forget.

We do offer a limited number of **scholarships** for low-income families. If anyone is interested **or** would like to make a **scholarship donation**, please contact the Education Office. Your donation would be **greatly** appreciated.

If your child is interested in joining us, we recommend that you register him/her **as soon as possible** since sessions fill **very** quickly. In order to reserve your child's space, we **must** have your **completed registration form** with **signed medical, photo & liability releases** and **check** in hand. Please be aware that we cannot register campers over the phone.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rick at 465-2571 ext 276. We look forward to seeing your child at summer camp!

Sincerely,

The Education Office