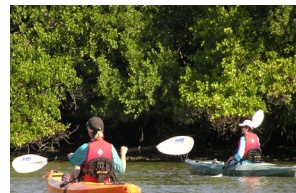


Friends of Rookery Bay Year in Review



2013-2014



Connecting people with Southwest Florida's dynamic estuarine environment
in support of the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.



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5th Annual Batfish Bash for the Bay proceeds top \$100,000 Nearly 200 guests enjoyed a silent auction amidst the aquariums and art gallery, sunset and cocktails overlooking Henderson Creek, and a live auction followed by dinner and dancing on the center's back lawn on March 15, 2014. A special auction category called "Fund-a-Need" raised a record-setting \$9,300 to help purchase a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) for use by the Reserve's research and resource management staff to map the shoreline, work on prescribed fires, remove debris from the beach, and more.

Adventure Race Forty-five adventurous athletes hit the trails and waters of Henderson Creek as part of the 4th annual Rookery Bay Adventure Race, presented by Up A Creek Kayak tours on December 7, 2013. Crisp, cool air temperatures and bright sunny skies made perfect weather on the 3k kayak course and 4k run across the Observation Bridge and around the nature trails behind the Environmental Learning Center. Prizes were awarded to the top finishers in eight categories. In total, \$1,466.29 was raised for the Friends of Rookery Bay .

Sponsorships and Donations The Friends of Rookery Bay celebrated a \$10,000 donation from the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation for the renovation of a mullet skiff used in high school education programs provided by Rookery Bay Reserve. Reps from the Foundation, together with marine science students and faculty from Lely High School, Reserve staff, and other partners, "unveiled" the boat, which was outfitted with a new motor and Guy Harvey designed hull wrap, before taking it out on the water for an education program.

Membership This year our membership has grown to over 500 strong. Over the past decade declining state and federal budgets have made this annual income critical for the preservation of some of the Reserve's stewardship, research, and educational programs.

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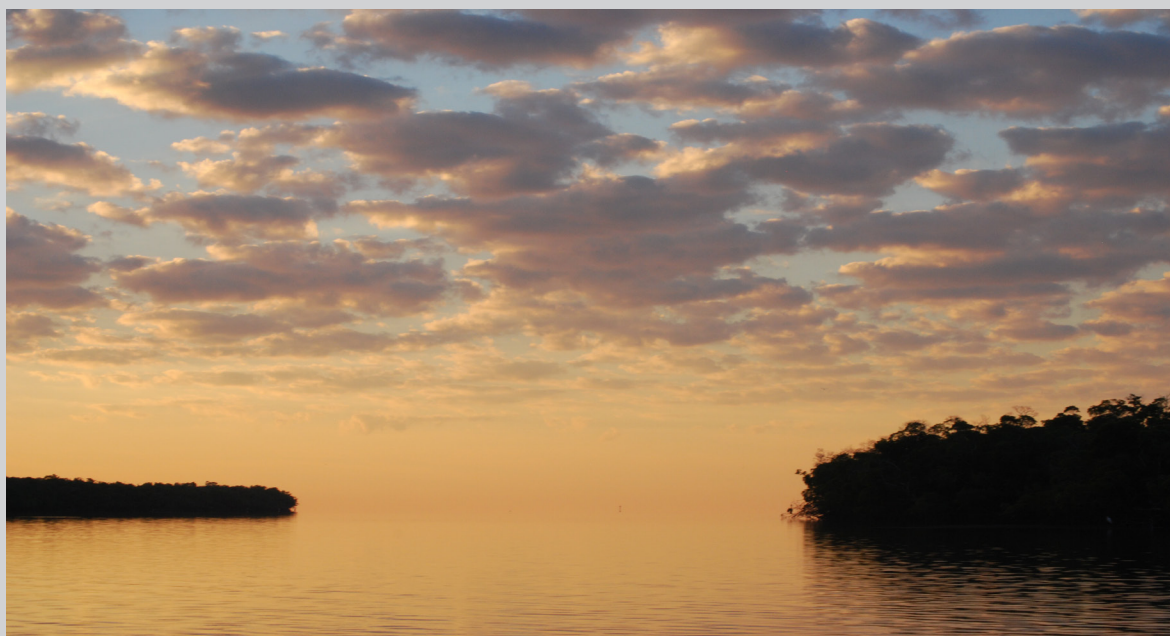
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connecting students with science



Marine Science Student Film Premiere

Throughout the 2013-14 school year, Lely High School teamed up with Rookery Bay Reserve and Discovery Education to research, develop and produce short videos about environmental issues facing their community. The Friends of Rookery Bay donated cameras for students to use to film their projects and a cash award to the winning student team in the 2nd annual film premiere on April 30.



Dr. Prager Engages Middle School Students

In celebration of Everglades Day, Rookery Bay Reserve offered lectures by nationally-renowned marine biologist and author Dr. Ellen Prager. Dr. Prager spoke to 280 students from Manatee Middle School, sharing stories and images from her adventures as a scientist, and reading clips from her about-to-be released new book, Shark Whisperer. The Friends helped sponsor copies of the new book that were provided to each student.



Exploring the Estuary

Rookery Bay Reserve staff and volunteers provide student education programs at the Environmental Learning Center and on the water. This year education programs served nearly 1,000 fourth graders, more than 500 high school students, and dozens of student groups from middle schools, colleges, universities, and other learning institutions in the community and beyond.

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The Reserve protects 110,000 acres of coastal lands and waters in southwest Florida that serve as an outdoor classroom and laboratory for students and scientists from around the world. It is managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in cooperation with NOAA.

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