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Florida Keys Community College Offers New Sea School Summer Camp

Key West, FL, May 27, 2009—Florida Keys Community College is proud to announce a Sea School Environmental Camp, a new summer program for children in grades 3-6, which will begin June 15. The educational program will take place on FKCC's Key West campus, surrounded by the Gulf of Mexico with seagrass beds and mangroves. The five week-long camps will run Monday through Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm, and are scheduled for the weeks of:

June 15-19
June 22-26
July 13-17
July 27-31
August 10-14

"As part of our ongoing effort and commitment to serve our local community, we are very excited to offer this great program," notes FKCC president, Dr. Jill Landesberg-Boyle.

Based in the newly renovated Clark Maxwell Nature Center at the college, activities for Sea School include a shark program by internationally recognized shark expert and Dean of Marine Sciences, Dr. Patrick Rice; ancient Japanese eco-friendly fish painting; multi-media, interactive environmental presentations; and field trips including a scavenger hunt at the Eco-Discovery Center and family day at Fort Zachary Taylor where students will get to show off their work. Throughout the week, campers will get to learn all about their amazing local environment through hands-on activities, the issues affecting our environment, and actually be a part of a community clean-up where they can make a meaningful personal difference.

"Not only are these children going to have a fun, educational experience but they are going to understand and appreciate the incredible environment in which they are growing up, become active stewards in the future, as well as be a part of the changes happening now", notes Dean of Marine Science and Technology Dr. Rice.

Sea School is staffed by FKCC Environmental Club volunteers as well as interns from the South Florida Workforce summer youth employment program. Limited space is available and the cost is \$195 per week, with a 10% discount offered for siblings attending the same week. For more information about the program, contact Michael Pritchard at m.leepritchard@gmail.com or to enroll your child, please contact FKCC's Office of Continuing Education at 305-809-3185 or email Cathy Torres at cathy.torres@fkcc.edu. Special needs for campers will be happily accommodated.

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FKCC SEA SCHOOL – SUMMER 2009

Overview

Sea School is an environmental summer camp, based at Florida Keys Community College, giving elementary school children the opportunity to participate in interactive activities, hands-on environmental projects, multi-media, and field trips to learn about our amazing local ecosystems.

Program

Sea School 2009 will be Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm to coincide with the normal schedules of working families. Each day, students will meet in the Clark Maxwell nature area at FKCC's Key West campus. The first part of the day will be an interactive learning activity centering on an environmental topic. These activities may include creating an environmental poster, learning about the food web, effects of trash on our environment, or the identification and importance of various species in our local ecosystem. Campers will bring their own lunches; however, Sea School will provide a daily healthy snack. Afternoon activities may include watching a film about coral reefs, nature walks, student presentations, and guest speakers.

Camp Dates

In working around the academic calendars of the Monroe County School District and Florida Keys Community College, faculty, staff and holidays, the dates will be:

- June 15-19
- June 22-26
- July 13- 17
- July 27-31
- August 10-14

Cost

Cost per student will be \$195 per week of camp. This will include all supplies, any field trips, and a healthy daily snack.