

"Place: it's where we're from; it's where we're going ... It asks for our attention and care. If we pay attention, place has much to teach us."

- From Tom Vander Ark, Emily Liebttag, and Nate McLennen, authors of The Power of Place: Authentic Learning Through Place-Based Education

"Learning about nature and science makes a big difference when you can see it physically and it's not just on paper."

- Henry Brennan, 2022 WHIRL participant



WHIRL students show Kids' Nature Camp Participants Fresh-water Insects



Project WHIRL

Teens learn to love the lakes

Aldous Huxley said, "We can only love what we know, and we can never know completely what we do not love." Being considerate necessitates the act of considering. It involves exploring, asking questions, and connecting with the subject at hand. In this case, that subject is water, and in particular our Indian River Watershed.

Modern students face an uphill battle finding the time, places, and available mentors to teach them to consider the land and water around them.

Many of us on the lakes can remember what it meant to be "raised by a lake" and the people who loved the lake.

Consideration and conservation ethic were a way of life- a way of life worth passing on, and sharing with tomorrow's stewards. That is still true. Lake love is learned fishing on a shoreline, boating on a summer day, and learning about the animals and plants that share the lakes with us.

The good news is that your support will help tomorrow's stewards to overcome these barriers, and to have meaningful experiences on the lakes and in the outdoors.

Project WHIRL students are getting the chance to study the lakes, but more than that, they are learning to love the lakes because of people like you.

Thank you local businesses and sponsors

As we enter the season of giving thanks, we want to extend a special thank you to our local businesses for sharing our vision of protecting and stewarding our region's most precious places.

We are so thankful that you have shown such great generosity in making land conservation, water quality, and environmental education programs possible this year. Events like our annual water quality conference and Kids' Nature Camp absolutely hinge on your participation.

Thank you for taking a step towards preserving the area in and around the Indian River for your family and the all families as a place to enjoy for many years to come.

Your support is changing lives. It is protecting what's most important. It is shaping the Indian River Lakes Region of tomorrow one sponsorship at a time.



New website & ways to give in the works!

You can leave a legacy that changes lives.

We are excited to present an updated website in the near future. It will have a fresh, new landing page to inspire you and give you new ways to connect. Your gift of any type makes a difference for the future of the Indian River Lakes.

Lake Guardians Monthly Giving

When you give monthly, you make land preservation and water quality protection possible for the long-term.

Business Sponsorship

As a local business, we know that you care about our local environment. Talk with us about how we can turn your vision into a reality for a healthy community.

Stocks & IRA

A gift of stock is a great way to help reduce capital gains taxes, receive an income tax deduction, and support local land conservation.

Giving Tuesday

A gift today protects our landscape tomorrow. Join the #givingtuesday movement on November 29th, 2022 and give on Facebook or at indianriverlakes.org. Your donation will be doubled. Also, as part of Giving Tuesday this year, you will be able to sponsor a Kids' Nature Camp Participant for 2023's event.

See more ways online at indianriverlakes.org/join-us

