



Pelican Island Audubon Society  
**Audubon Advocate Newsletter**  
 Students With A Voice | April 2018  
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Happy Springtime to all the Advocates and their families. We are so proud to see your progress thru the program. Learning how to work as a team, overcoming fears, and learning new skills like kayaking, are a few of the positive developments we have observed. Your commitment to attend each and every lesson is to be commended. We have even more awesome experiences to come!

**April / May 2018 Calendar**

**April 2-5: Oak Hammock Habitat:** Put on some comfortable walking shoes, and join us on a hike thru the Oak Hammock. Long sleeve shirts and long pants are recommended.

**April 9-12: Butterflies and Pollinators:** Explore the magic of metamorphosis and the world of insects. We will be out in the field, so wear sneakers, socks, and long pants.

**April 16-19: Bloodsuckers:** Special guest Scientist, Dr. Nathan, will lead us on a journey to discover the bloodsuckers in our environments. Long sleeve shirts pants, shoes with socks should be worn.

**April 23-26 Mangrove Habitat:** Get ready

to get wet! We will be wading thru the mangroves and collecting specimens as marine biologists. Wear shorts, with t-shirts, and water shoes or an old pair of sneakers. A towel and dry clothing is recommended for afterwards.

**April 30-May 3:** Presentation Prep: Audubon Advocates will be preparing for the special presentations for Graduation Night.

**May 7-10:** 2nd week of Presentation Prep: Audubon Advocates will continue to prepare for graduation.

**May 15: Audubon Advocate Graduation**  
 Location: Citrus Elementary School Cafeteria at 6 pm



**SPECIAL EARTH DAY EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**  
**APRIL 21 @ 10AM-1PM**

Join us for a **FREE FAMILY EVENT** at the Audubon House! In honor of Earth Day, we are hosting the youth founders of One More Generation (OMG). OMG was founded in 2009 by then 8 year old Carter Ries and 7 year old Olivia Ries. They are both passionate about animals and conservation. They learned of the pressing issues surrounding endangered species, and knew they had to act.



Carter and Olivia started their own non-profit in an effort to help educate children and adults about the plight of endangered species. Their intention is to preserve all species for at least One More Generation and beyond and empower youth around the world to stand up and help create solutions for the issues of today! Afterwards, we'll be building birdhouses with FPL for the new solar farms of Vero Beach, and lunch will be provided. We are so fortunate to have them come speak to us! Please bring your families and friends.

**TURN IN THE BOTTOM OF THIS SHEET TO SIGN-UP FOR THIS FREE EVENT.**

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Children Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Turn in to your Audubon Advocate teacher by Thursday, April 5, 2018**

# Summer Adventure Camp at the Audubon House

Give your child a summer of outdoor adventure, exploration, and education. Activities include: kayaking, wildlife & plant identification, outdoor adventures, hiking, science education, and more! Visit [www.PelicanIslandAudubon.org](http://www.PelicanIslandAudubon.org) or call the Audubon office at 772-567-3540 and for more information.



Our Audubon Advocates learned the about stormwater pollution. Ask your student ways that our community can help keep the water in the Indian River Lagoon clean.



Students learned to work together as a team while kayaking on the Indian River Lagoon. Alicia Peterson: "It was fun kayaking with my friends!"



Nathan Monplaisir: "We can be a voice for the Indian River Lagoon by speaking out to protect the environment like the One Less Straw Campaign." (This is a campaign to reduce the use of drinking straws since they are harmful to the environment. To sign this pledge go to OneLessStraw.org)



The students all had the opportunity to hold a corn snake and learn about the important role of snakes in our environment. Jordan Jackson: "I overcame my fear of snakes and learned that they don't attack people."



Isaac Roberson: "If you see a snake in the wild, step back three steps or more and call an adult."