



Pelican Island Audubon Society
Audubon Advocate Newsletter
 Students With A Voice | March 2018
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Moving forward into March, we have several fun and exciting activities planned for the Audubon Advocates. Your continued commitment to attend each and every lesson will ensure you receive the most benefit from the program.

March 2018 Calendar

March 1-2 Role of Fire in Scrub Habitat
REMINDER: Glendale Elementary will meet on Friday March 2, instead of Wednesday.

March 5-8 Kayaking on the Indian River Lagoon We will be getting wet! Please bring a towel and change of dry clothes and shoes. Board shorts, t-shirt, and an old pair of lace up sneakers are recommended for kayaking.

March 12-13 and 15-16 Snakes: An Important Predator **REMINDER: Glendale Elementary will meet on Friday March 16 instead of Wednesday.** Students will have an opportunity to hold a live Florida Rat Snake!

March 19-22 Kayaking: Exploring Submerged Habitats Once again, get ready to get wet!

March 26-29 HAPPY SPRING BREAK
 * calendar activities subject to change due to speaker schedules, weather, etc.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING: Most of our activities are outdoors and sometimes we get wet and/or muddy. It is important to dress appropriately for your own comfort and well-being. Long sleeve shirts and pants with closed-toed walking shoes are recommended. Bring jackets as necessary.



Healthy Outdoor Families

Spending time outdoors in Nature is good for the whole family! Below are some upcoming local events for the whole family.

26th Annual Pelican Island Wildlife Festival
 President Roosevelt as the Master of Ceremonies teaches us about the history of Pelican Island plus rehabbed birds-food, fun, and games. **When:** Saturday, March 3rd
Cost: Free **Location:** Riverview Park, 600 US Hwy 1, Sebastian 10am-4pm

Environmental Learning Center EcoFEST
 Live music, wild animals, exhibits, and activities
 Free parking and shuttle service provided.
When: Sunday, March 4th, Time: 12-4PM
Where: Environmental Learning Center
 255 Live Oak Drive (Wabasso Cswy)
Cost: ELC members free; Non-members: \$5 adults, \$3 child, children under 2 free

Sign the One Less Straw Pledge

Why is this important? Plastic straws are made of petroleum which means once discarded, they will sit in our environment for hundreds of years, or even worse, end up being ingested by animals who will ultimately die. In fact, each year 100,000 marine animals and over 1 million sea birds die from ingesting plastic every day. In the U.S., we use 500,000,000 plastic straws every day, which is enough to fill 46,400 large school buses per year! Sign this pledge at onelessstraw.org to not use plastic straws for 30 days or longer.

One More Generation

OMG was founded in 2009 by 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! We are so fortunate to have them come speak to us on **Earth Day, Saturday April 21st from 10am-1pm.** Please bring your families and friends. Seating is limited. **Please turn in the bottom of this sheet to sign-up for this free event to your Audubon Advocate teacher.**

When: Saturday, April 21st 10am-1pm
Where: Audubon House, 195 9th St. SE (Oslo Road) Vero Beach, FL 32961
Who: Audubon Advocates and their friends and families

School: _____
Adult Name: _____ **# of Children Attending** _____
Parent Email: _____ **Parent Phone:** _____

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