

Dear Lagoon Quest Chaperone,

You have been selected by your child's classroom teacher as a prospective chaperone for an exciting study trip to the Indian River Lagoon. All fourth graders will be participating in this "get wet" experience that has been made possible through a partnership between Brevard Public Schools and Brevard Zoo. Chaperones will play a vital role on the Lagoon Quest field experience.

Qualified chaperones will promote a safe and successful learning experience for the students they accompany.

Before you agree to be a chaperone please carefully consider the responsibilities listed below. As a chaperone you must agree to the following:

- Supervise children at all times.
 - The children in your group must remain within 10 feet of you while you are wading in the water, seine netting, and collecting juvenile organisms.
 - You are responsible for all of the children in your group, not just your own child.
- Participate fully in all activities.
 - Your assistance is needed and required in the water for 30-45 minutes.
 - You will be getting wet and dirty as you wade (to your waist) around in the water with your group of students.
 - Wear sneakers or closed foot water shoes for wading. **No Sandals!**
 - Dress accordingly; bring a towel, a change of clothes and shoes, and an empty plastic bag for wet articles.
 - Pack a lunch for yourself.
- Assist the teachers and zoo personnel to keep all students in the supervised area at all times.
 - Should a student need to use the restroom during the study trip, you must notify the classroom teacher. If an extra teacher is not available to go with the student, then the whole group must go.
 - Students may not go the restroom alone. Chaperones must check the restrooms prior to students entering and remain outside the restroom while students are inside. Please ask the general public to wait until the students are finished.
- Do not bring infants or other children who are not enrolled in the 4th grade class you are accompanying on this study trip.
 - To insure the safety of all the students you will need to remain focused.
- Serve as a positive role model.
 - Listen and observe.
 - Stay focused on the children in your group.
 - Turn off your cell phone.
 - Nurture enthusiasm and have a positive attitude.

Should you decide to accept this important role, please notify your child's classroom teacher. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at the Indian River Lagoon.

CHAPERONES MUST BE LISTED AS VOLUNTEERS WITH BREVARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Thank you in advance!

Directions to Brevard Parks Used for Lagoon Quest

Kelly Park, 2550 North Banana River Dr., Merritt Island, FL

❖ Tel. No. 455-1380

❖ **Location of Kelly Park, Merritt Island**

Kelly Park is located on the north end of North Banana River Drive, Merritt Island, just south of the 528 (Beeline) access.

From U.S. 1: Take the 528 exit, East, toward Cape Canaveral. The second exit on Merritt Island is North Banana River Drive. Take this exit, and then turn right (south). Approximately one block you will see a convenience store on your right, Kelly Park will be across the street on your left. We will meet at the large center pavilion.

From 520 Cswy.: Take 520 Cswy. east to North Banana River Drive. This will be an intersection with a traffic light and landmarked by the Boniface-Hiers Dodge dealership, a Shell and Amoco gasoline stations. Turn left at this intersection (north). Continue on North Banana River Drive approximately 2 miles. As you approach the access to 528 (the Beeline), you will see Kelly Park on your right and a convenience store on your left.

Long Point Park, 700 Long Point Rd., Melbourne Beach, FL 32951

❖ Tel. No. 952-4532

❖ **Location of Long Point Park**

Long Point Park is located on the west side of A1A about one mile north of Sebastian Inlet. A sign for Long Point Park and Campground is present on A1A about 500 feet before the turn. A convenience store at the corner of A1A and the turn serves as a good landmark. The entrance is relatively long and winds its way through a wetland community. A ranger station is at the end of this entrance and the ranger within will direct you to the proper pavilion where we will meet.

Rotary Park at Suntree, 6495 US Highway 1, Suntree, FL 32955

❖ Tel. No. 455-1385

❖ **Location of Rotary Park at Suntree**

Rotary Park at Suntree is located on the junction of U.S. Hwy 1 and Suntree Blvd at 6495 U.S. Hwy 1.

From SR-520: Go 9 miles south on U.S. Hwy 1. The park is on the left at the Suntree Blvd intersection.

From Pineda Cswy (SR-404): Go north 1.8 miles on U.S. Hwy 1. The park is on the right at the Suntree Blvd intersection.

Sendler Education Outpost

❖ Tel. No. 861-0668

❖ **Location of Sendler Education Outpost**

The Sendler Education Outpost is located at Dummitt Cove on the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge of the Kennedy Space Center off of SR-406 and SR-3 (Garden Street).

To get there:

Take I-95 North to exit 220. Go East on 406 until it becomes Max Brewer Parkway (after it crosses US Hwy.1, stay to the right). Continue straight over the swing bridge and into the refuge. Take the first paved left; there should be a sign pointing towards Black Point Wildlife drive. Follow this road until it ends and then turn left. Drive for approximately 2 miles. You will pass the Scrub Ridge trailhead on the right. Dummitt Cove is ahead on the left.

*****Instead of taking I-95, you can take US 1 North to State Road 406 in Titusville and turn right onto Max Brewer Parkway.**