

Seminole County Public Schools

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES CENTER

2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood, Florida 32750

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Seminole County Public Schools Environmental Studies Center is a public school environmental education facility in Spring Hammock Nature Preserve's Soldiers Creek Park. The Patricia Burkett Building and pavilions are open from 8:00am to 3:30pm on school days for Seminole County School programs. Soldiers Creek Park is open to the public daily from dawn to dusk.

School Programs

Fifth Grade fieldtrips are conducted each school day. While using compasses to find their way through the woods, students learn about the unique plants and animals of individual habitats and the inter-connectedness of Florida's wetland habitats. On the day of the long-awaited MUDWALK, students learn about the geology of the area, focusing on land formations, soil changes and the carbon cycle. On days fifth grade students are not available, first grade students and non-public school students participate in programs relative to their grade levels. The cost for students is \$5.00/field trip. A special treat is the Natural History Museum where all students have an opportunity to study some of Florida's native animals, their special features and adaptations. They enjoy holding a snake, petting an alligator and searching for the queen bee.

Student Participation

2009-10 SCPS Student Field Trip Participation					
	Fifth Grade DRY	*Fifth Grade WET	First Grade	High School	Unduplicated Totals
Classes	232	232	86	1	319
Chaperones	1088	1392	420	---	1812
Students	4659	4674	1465	36	6175
*Due to the grade 5 two-day program, 10,834 students participate in field trips.					

Operating Costs

Personnel Budget	\$109,506
Custodial Contracted Services	\$8,881
Custodial Supplies Budget	\$500
Department Budget-Operations and Supplies	\$15,372
Supplements and Extended Contract	\$6,319
Electricity	\$10,549
Other Utilities	\$1,133
Two .5 Instructional Assistants	\$22,000
Recurring Budget	\$174,260
Less; Estimated Revenue from Student Fees	\$47,465
Less Cost for Humidity Control	\$6,350
Net Amount Needed to Support the Center	\$120,445

Additional Community Benefits

- The Osprey Room is used during school hours for SCPS professional development. If not scheduled for SCPS use, the room is available during school hours for meetings. (Facility Use Agreement and Proof of Insurance required.)
- Environmental Studies Center staff are available to do school site presentations.
- Super Scientist preparation and training activities are conducted in the Osprey Room throughout the school year.

SAVE THE MUD WALK DONATIONS

Due to state reductions in education funding, donations are needed to fund the operating costs for the Environmental Studies Center for 2010-11.

Please access the Seminole County Public Schools home page at <http://www.scps.us> and click on the **PaySchools** account for the **Environmental Studies Center to donate electronically by credit card, debit card, or e-check.**

Please make checks payable to: The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools-Environmental Studies Center. Mail checks to **The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools – Environmental Studies Center, 400 E. Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford, FL 32773.**

THANK YOU FOR SAVING THE MUD WALK!