

# Field Research Ranger Program



Parents of Palm Beach County,

The Science Department of Palm Beach County School District has teamed up with R.I.S.E. Organizations (Resources in Science Education) to offer your child an adventure in learning and exploration they will remember for a life-time! This unique experience will take them beyond the four walls of their classroom and into the great outdoors with their family and friends.





This exciting initiative offers your child the opportunity to become an official Field Research Ranger of the Palm Beach County School District. To become a Field Research Ranger your child must follow these steps:

- 1. Visit at least 10 participating RISE organizations
- 2. Complete the on-site Field Research Ranger activity
- 3. Bring the stamped passport booklet to the district office to receive their certification and the official Field Research Ranger patch.

This learning adventure is **FREE** for participating students, however, some participating state parks may require a minimal entrance fee that can not be waived according to policies set forth by the state.

By completing the Field Research Ranger certification process your child will experience nature walks, scavenger hunts, geocaching, and a variety of other hands-on learning activities supporting science and the discovery of Florida's natural resources and unique ecosystems. This opportunity has no time restriction and is available year-round so it can be a great weekend activity during the school year or a summer-long adventure.

\*The passport booklet is available following this link:

<u>Elementary Science Field Research Ranger Program</u> and can also be picked up at several of the participating organizations. If you have questions or concerns about this program please email Tom Salinsky at <a href="mailto:thomas.salinsky@palmbeachschools.org">thomas.salinsky@palmbeachschools.org</a>. (See reverse side for more detail)



#### PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Download the Passport document and open it.
- 2. Select Print icon and set preferences to "Print on both sides of the paper."
- 3. Be sure printer preferences are also set to "Flip on short edge" OR use other setting configurations depending on the printer to ensure that it prints properly.
- 4. \*Print as a front-to-back landscape image with all logos right side up on each page.
- 5. With printed pages evenly stacked, carefully cut along cover page center line (dotted line).
- 6. Place cover half-stack on top of the bottom half-stack, match corners of booklet, and fold.
- 7. Crease firmly and staple (2) along seam for durability.
  - \*Note—if printer configuration is problematic- print/cut/staple to create a logo booklet. The order does not matter. You can skip around at your convenience. Enjoy! ©

#### **STUDENT DIRECTIONS:**



The Passport booklet serves as a guide to help you find the participating organizations and is part of the Field Research Ranger challenge. Using modern technology, obtain directions to each organization from the websites listed in the passport booklet or choose to go on a geocaching adventure utilizing mobile technologies and the coordinates provided in the passport booklet. Visit the organizations listed below and complete their on-site activity. Receive stamps at each site and return the \*completed booklet to our district office FHESC, Room C-223 (26.6493, -80.0941).



### **Participating RISE Organizations:**

## **Expected Fees:**

FAU/Pine Jog Environmental Center	00.00	FIFTI
Gumbo Limbo Nature Center	00.00	RESEARCH RANGE
Loggerhead Marinelife Center	00.00	A VIV SOID
River Center-Loxahatchee River District	00.00	
Grassy Waters Preserve	00.00	
Green Cay Nature Center	00.00	Stool DISTA
Okeeheelee Nature Center	00.00	PA AL
Daggerwing Nature Center	00.00	BEACH CON
Manatee Lagoon- An FPL Eco-Discovery Center	00.00	N 26.6493
Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area	00.00	W80.0941
Palm Beach Maritime Museum & Academy	00.00 –Currie Park	KII.S.I.E.
A.R.M. Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge	\$5.00 car entry fee	
John D. MacArthur Beach State Park	\$5.00 car entry fee	
Sandoway House Discovery Center	Free to participating student (adults pay)	
Lion Country Safari	Free to participating student (adults pay)	
South Florida Science Center and Aquarium	Free to participating student (adults pay)	
Palm Beach Zoo	Free to participating student (adults pay)	

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