



Can outdoor, experiential, environmental education build support for land conservation too?





We don't know,  
but we plan on  
having some fun  
finding out.



# Trends in EE & Public Lands



1. Interest: Env. Literacy
2. Direction: Nat'l Parks
3. Movement: LCIW
4. Legislation: NCLI
5. Funding: USFS





LIFE is an environmental science enrichment program designed to build knowledge, skills, and stewardship among middle school students in Florida



# Program Goals



1. Increase student achievement
2. Improve science instruction
3. Increase minority participation in STEM
4. Build stewardship for conservation areas
5. Support DEP programs





- Focus on DEP assets
- Guiding principles
- Meaningful learning experiences



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# Accomplishments



- 4870 students & teachers served
- 12 LIFE sites
- Leveraged funding
- Awards: Gulf Guardian '07; Coastal America '07
- External demand





- Focus on quality
- Support more DEP programs
- Scale-up existing sites
- Automate systems
- Increase exchange between sites
- Transition existing programs



## Support Needed



- Examine your education goals
- Contact us before pursuing education projects
- Sponsor or support a LIFE program with funding or staff





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