

The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center: Growing a New Generation of Conservationists.

The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, a non-profit environmental education center, welcomes around 100 students every day from 5 local panhandle counties free of charge. Each year, Bay County schools send over 1,700 students to experience either 2 or 4 days of hands-on science based programs and lessons that are aligned with Florida's education standards.

The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, works closely with other organizations like the St. Joe Community Foundation to help fund transportation costs to and from the Center. Director Paul Arthur adds, "The Biophilia Center is more than grateful to the St. Joe Community Foundation for their support and assistance with our educational mission along with the continuous support they give to numerous other Panhandle charities and events. We are all very lucky to have such a generous company in our area."

Students who visit the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center learn about the natural environment through interpretive exhibits, live animal ambassadors, as well as an extensive trail system through natural forests and wetlands on the 53,000 acre Nokuse Plantation.

The core mission of the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center is to educate students and visitors on the importance of biodiversity, to promote sustainability, and to encourage conservation, preservation, and restoration of local ecosystems.

The Center is named after and dedicated to world renowned scientist Dr. Edward O. Wilson, who has made his life-long mission to educate the public about the importance of conserving the world's biodiversity. Dr. Wilson developed the term "biophilia" which literally means "the love of all living things".

Want to visit the Center? The Center is open to the public for select special events, summer programs, and summer day camps. Also, stay tuned for other events benefiting the Biophilia Center.

Donations, memberships, and volunteers make it possible for the Biophilia Center to give children a meaningful, educational experience outdoors.



Upcoming Biophilia Events and Benefits:

eowilsoncenter.org for more info on events and registration

Saturday, January 23rd - **Biophilia Members Only Event**
@ E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center

Saturday, February 27th - **Wine and Chocolate Safari**
@ Tops'l Resort Center 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23rd - **Where the Wild Things 5K Run**
@ E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center



Become a Bio-Member

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\$30/year INDIVIDUAL

- Quarterly Newsletter updates
- Biophilia Member Decal

\$60/year FAMILY

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- Biophilia Member Decal
- Discount on Biophilia Summer Day Camps
- Discount on Biophilia merchandise

\$100/year SUPPORTER

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- Invitation to special supporter only events

\$250/year AMERICAN BALD EAGLE SUPPORTER

- Includes Supporter benefits.
- Plus privilege to rent Biophilia rooms for events or meetings. (Does not include event fees.)
- *Dates subject to availability and compliance with school schedules.

\$1000+/year BLACK BEAR SUPPORTER

- Includes American Bald Eagle Supporter benefits.
- Plus behind the scenes wilderness tour of the Biophilia Center and Nokuse Plantation with Director, Paul Arthur.
- *Limited to 10 people in your group.

Your gift does more than just "keep the lights on" here at the Biophilia Center. You are directly responsible for giving a child a meaningful and educational experience outdoors!

Your membership will help us educate students, train teachers, feed and provide medical care for animal ambassadors. PLUS it gets you special perks here at the Biophilia Center.

*We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) Organization, and your gift is tax deductible.



41 Schools
throughout 5 local Northwest Florida Counties
experience the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center each year.

6,000 students
4th and 7th graders visit each year.

55 NEW Teachers
trained on our integrated curriculum each
new school year.

Over 20 science based programs
including hands-on lessons throughout our
2 or 4 day visits.

40 educational wildlife ambassadors
Permanent animal residents
that need our care.

FREE of CHARGE
to local schools.

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and Volunteer Hours**
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