



Entire 4th Grade Class of Fort Braden Elementary Become Junior Rangers! by Julie Balsden

For the past several years, the 4th grade class at Ft. Braden in cooperation with the park rangers at Edward Ball (near Orlando Springs State Park) and Lake Talquin State Park (Casselberry area), has incorporated the Florida State Parks' Junior Ranger Program into its curriculum.

The Florida State Parks' Junior Ranger Program provides the opportunity for young people to learn, share and serve Florida's natural and cultural resources. As part of the Junior Ranger Program, field trips to each of these state parks are arranged to provide the students first hand experiences to better understand how important our natural environment is, and to know of Florida's deep history and past cultures. By becoming a Junior Ranger, these young people learn how they can help the state park rangers preserve our state park's natural and cultural resources so that you and other visitors can enjoy them for many years to come.



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Effort is paying off as Junior Ranger Program reaches record 5,000!

To learn more about the Junior Ranger program, please visit FloridaStateParks.org



Learning in Florida's Environment - The LIFE Program Overview

One of the best ways we can preserve our fabulous award-winning state parks is to teach our children how wonderful they are and why they need to be protected for their children's children. That is why Friends of Florida State Parks was proud to take over the LIFE program (Learning in Florida's Environment) from the Department of Environmental Protection in 2015 and become its statewide administrator.

LIFE serves many purposes. First of all, it is a model for science-based education on public conservation lands. Each program represents a partnership between Friends of Florida State Parks (FFSP), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and a school district to bring students outdoors to learn science.



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