

## Breathing New LIFE into our State Parks

Friends of Florida State Parks is embarking on an exciting adventure and we would like you all to be part of it. As mentioned in previous newsletters we have agreed to take over the reins of the LIFE program throughout the state.

LIFE stands for Learning in Florida's Environment and it served many purposes. First of all, it is a model for science-based education on public conservation lands. Each program represents a partnership between FFSP, the Department of Environmental Protection and a school district to bring students outdoors to learn science.

The goal of each LIFE Program is increased student achievement and teach professional development I science education. The LIFE program is not a curriculum, but a process for reinforcing and enriching the existing curriculum through hands-on, field labs facilitated by educators, scientists, rangers and trained volunteers.

Read the rest of the article [here](#).

## St. Joe Grant enables new environmental and wildlife programs

Friends of Florida State Parks (FFSP) has received a grant of \$8,200 from the St. Joe Community Foundation for new environmental and wildlife programs at Camp Helen and Eden Garden State Parks.

FFSP is the statewide, volunteer, nonprofit organization that supports all the volunteer groups that work with Florida's 174 award winning state parks and trails. The grants were awarded for FFSP's Yellow Buses in the Parks program.



FFSP believes it is vital for children to understand how important the natural environment is and to establish a solid