

DAY AT DICKINSON

Travel through the many ecosystems at Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Jupiter, Florida! On the way, students travel past Jupiter Lighthouse, eventually arriving at Hobe Mound. Students will discover endangered plants and animals of the Florida scrub, the first of many ecosystems visited on this journey. While traveling through Jonathan Dickinson State Park, students observe and compare the Florida scrub habitat that transitions to pine flatwoods, eventually arriving at the Loxahatchee River. After a canoe skill lesson, student groups canoe the scenic Loxahatchee River. Students watch for alligators, manatees, turtles, and even the occasional otter on the river. Students observe the effects of saltwater intrusion as they weave along the edge of the mangroves and into a cypress forest creek. Students learn about the legendary Trapper Nelson and his 1940s homestead-turned-zoo! Focusing on conservation efforts and sampling the river, students analyze water quality. Continuing, students travel to Jupiter Island to explore a coastal ecosystem and observe the geologic formation, Anastasia limestone, also known as Blowing Rocks. Walk through the coastal hammock and arrive at the dunes, where students explore a barrier island in its natural state. On the beach, students walk along the Anastasia limestone formations, looking for tide pools and examining the diverse organisms making the intertidal zone their home. Students travel to Loggerhead Marine Center on Juno Beach for a study of sea turtles. During the educational tour, students understand the challenges these endangered marine animals face on their way to rehabilitation and eventual release.



WETLAND WONDERS

Students will begin to understand the hydrology of the Everglades and the importance of this wetland ecosystem in supplying freshwater to communities in South Florida. Students will also learn how humans control the flow of freshwater through the Everglades using water pumping structures and get a first-hand look at how human needs have led to severe alterations to water flow through the Everglades, affecting wildlife populations. Students will canoe in a sawgrass prairie marsh, learn about what the presence of certain species can tell scientists about water quality, and conduct water testing. The second group goes on a cypress slough slog and dip netting, collecting and studying samples of invertebrate species.

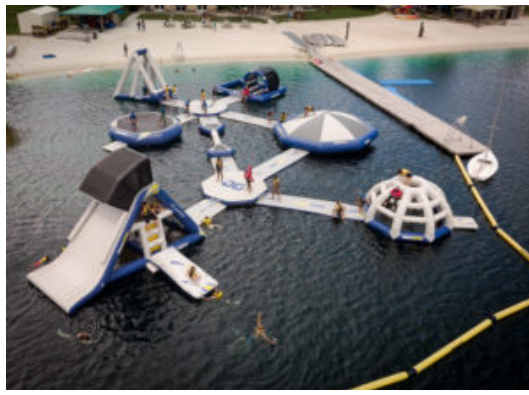
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SEAS THE DAY



TIGERTAIL LAKE RECREATION CENTER

At Tigertail, students will have the opportunity to engage in exciting activities that promote teamwork, build confidence, and conquer fears. They will climb towering structures and navigate a unique lily pad-style ropes course, all while being supported by their peers. Additionally, students will tackle the brand-new Aqua Challenge - an exhilarating water obstacle course with eight challenging elements. Safety is paramount, and our experienced and certified facilitators provide all necessary gear and oversee the belaying process. Through various games and initiatives, participants will learn the essential skills of communication and teamwork in a fun and challenging environment.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

As part of the Week Without Walls program, every student at Sagemont Prep will participate in a day of community service. Middle and High School students will have the opportunity to either lead a beach cleanup or volunteer at a food pantry. The school's mission highlights the significance of making a positive impact on the community.



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