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SFWMD, High School Students to Leave Legacy at Corkscrew Marsh

New education program gives students hands-on experience on public lands



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WHAT: Students from Gulf Coast High School will spend a morning in the Corkscrew Marsh identifying birds and documenting plants and animals to help the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) kick off a new hands-on environmental education program.

Known as Legacy, the program connects water resource and environmental education with land management activities. Legacy partners local high schools with public lands managed by the District to provide outdoor learning experiences for teachers and students.

The 7,000-acre Corkscrew Marsh, the headwaters of the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW), is one of four sites around the 16-county District that will be part of the program in 2010-2011. The entire 60,000-acre watershed spans Lee and Collier counties and provides natural flood protection, water purification and critical aquifer recharge.

For more information on the Legacy program, please visit the District's Educational Programs [website](#).

WHEN: Thursday, October 21, 2010

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to noon

WHERE: Corkscrew Marsh Trailhead (Gate 1)
4600 County Road 850 (Corkscrew Road)
Immokalee, FL 34142

WHO: SFWMD Governing Board member Charles Dauray and District staff will join Gulf Coast High School students and teachers at this event.

DIRECTIONS:

Traveling north on I-75

Take Exit 123 in Lee County and go east on County Road 850 (Corkscrew Road) approximately 18 miles. The trailhead parking area and entrance are on your right. Look for brown road signs that say "CREW Marsh Trails."

Traveling south on I-75

Take Exit 138 in Lee County and go east on State Road 82 approximately 20 miles. Turn right on County Road 850 (Corkscrew Road). The entrance is about 1.5 miles on your left. Look for brown road signs that say "CREW Marsh Trails."

From LaBelle

Go south on State Road 29 for 19 miles. Turn right on to State Road 82, and drive 5.36 miles. Turn left on to County Road 850 (Corkscrew Road). The entrance is about 1.5 miles on your left. Look for brown road signs that say "CREW Marsh Trails."

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.