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**"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society** 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel, FL • tel (239) 472-1100 • fax (239) 472-7803

September 1, 2009

To All Lee County Teachers and Staff:

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society would like to announce the donation of \$5,000 to Lee County Schools for conservation education related projects. This money can be used to purchase teaching aids, books, and classroom materials; fund new classroom science projects; take field trips; and conduct work projects in your community or beyond. All Lee County Schools are invited to submit Environmental Education or Science related unit proposals.

These projects should reflect the mission of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, a not-for-profit friends group working with the Refuge and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to promote and enhance environmental education.

Criteria for projects:

- Projects should have an Environmental Education, Science, Math, Language Arts, or Conservation focus
- Each project should not exceed \$1,000
- Approved projects will be awarded December 2009
- Projects must be completed by end of school year May 2010 and proper documentation submitted with receipts.

Please submit the completed application form, project summary, proposal, and attachments to the **"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, ATTENTION: EDUCATION COMMITTEE, 1 Wildlife Drive, PO Box 565, Sanibel, FL 33957** by **October 31, 2009** for review. For further information please contact Doris Hardy, "Ding" Darling Society, at 239/ 472-1100 x233 or Toni Westland, Park Ranger & Environmental Education Specialist, at 239/ 472-1100 x236.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Cassell  
"Ding" Darling Society President

Enclosure

## **J.N. “DING” DARLING NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE & “DING” DARLING WILDLIFE SOCIETY CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROJECTS**

### **Step 1: Fill out Application Attached Below**

### **Step 2: Prepare a Project Summary**

Applicants should prepare a brief paragraph (3-5 sentences) summarizing your project.

### **Step 3: Prepare Your Proposal**

Applicants should prepare a brief project proposal. Your proposal must address the following questions:

#### **A. Need:**

- What are your specific needs for this project? (e.g, books, materials, etc.)
- Why is your project important to environmental education or science learning?

#### **B. Objectives:**

- What do you want to accomplish (measurable goals) with your project and why? Please be as specific as possible. (e.g 40 fifth graders will pass the Jr. Naturalist Course and lead two Lee County Schools on a tour through the “Ding” Darling Refuge.)
- Who will benefit from your project? (e.g Local Refuge, local community, elementary school children, etc.)
- Will your project increase awareness of the “Ding” Darling Refuge, National Wildlife Refuge System, or the natural resources of Sanibel to those involved?

#### **C. Methodology:**

- Describe how you will implement your project and your timetable for completing it. Please provide some detail as to how you plan to meet your objective.

### **Step 4: Include Attachments**

Applicants should include the following attachments with their submission:

- A. Cost of each item, quantity, and total cost
- B. Photocopied catalog sheets (or Internet Web site print-out) of items to be purchased.

**Step 5: Submit your Proposal** to “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society, ATTENTION: EDUCATION COMMITTEE, 1 Wildlife Drive, P.O. Box 565, Sanibel, FL 33957 by October 31, 2009.

### **Follow-up:**

- Approved projects will be awarded December 2009
- Projects must be completed by end of school year May 2010. Proper follow up paperwork/ receipts must be completed to the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society by May 31, 2010.

**J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge &  
“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society  
Conservation Education Project Application**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Teacher/Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable)

Contact information:

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Funds Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to include the following items:

Application

Project Summary

Proposal

Any Attachments

Send by Oct 31, 2009 to:

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FL 33957