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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND

January 26 - 28, 2007



International Perspectives on the Marine Environment:

Teach the World: Sustain our Seas (SOS)

HOSTED BY:

The Big Pine and Lower Keys Rotary

and

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The Fifteenth International Weekend at the Newfound Harbor Marine Institute is an opportunity to explore serious international perspectives on the environment. Our theme for 2007 is *"Teach the World –Sustain our Seas (SOS)."* We at NHMI feel that we have a special responsibility to educate students and to generate discussions by these future international leaders in order to address ocean-related issues.

Our institutional mission statement describes our purpose...

- to create awareness, appreciation and knowledge of the complex, fragile marine environments of the Florida Keys, and to understand the Keys' connection with life in the rest of Florida and the entire planet;
- to develop an understanding of the specific forms of life in the oceans, and of the complex ecological, social and economic issues facing the state of Florida;
- to foster critical thinking and motivate persons of all ages to use resources wisely and to act conscientiously in their personal and public decisions.

International Weekend addresses our mission by both topic and approach. We are taking the lead in bringing marine environmental problems to the attention of local students as well as others across the planet. Students will think critically about these problems and pose their own solutions – solutions based on a global perspective. We are confident that this experience will elevate awareness of the ocean and help solve problems in the present and future. We believe that solutions of these problems will arise only from the cooperative efforts of international participants.

International Weekend Activities

	Thursday January 25	Friday January 26	Saturday January 27	Sunday January 28
Morning		8:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Welcome Meeting 10:00 - 12:00 Snorkle Workshop	8:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00 a.m. Field Trip Activity	8:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Wrap-up 10:30 a.m. Departure
Afternoon		1:00 p.m. Lunch 2:00 p.m. Pictures at boats 2:15 - 5:00 p.m. Field Trip Activity	12:30 p.m. Lunch 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Group Discussions and Lab	
Evening	7:00p.m. Arrival to Seacamp 8:00 p.m. Campfire	6:15 p.m. Sunset Pictures 6:45 p.m. Dinner 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Dance 10:30 p.m. Lights out	5:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Round Table Discussion 10:30 p.m. Lights out	

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