

## Imagine Our Florida

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2. Does your organization have 501(c)(3) Status? **Yes**

3. What social issue(s) may students address through community service work at your organization? **We primarily focus on protection of wildlife, natural resources, and land through science based education and outreach. We also partner with other organizations. Through our partnership with Keep Pinellas Beautiful we have encountered a connection between social struggles and environmental needs. One of the sites we conduct beach clean-ups at has become a refuge for homeless people. This would be an excellent opportunity for a student who may be focusing on both the issues. We have also done educational outreach to a foster community and Girl Scout troops.**

4. Do you have an age/grade requirement for volunteers? **No**

- a. If yes, please specify: **N/A.**

5. What are some typical activities that students might perform if they complete community service hours with your organization? **We conduct beach clean-ups two or three times a year. We do educational outreach using lesson plans we develop. We also research information and write blog articles that encourage positive environmental stewardship and coexistence with wildlife. We develop lesson plans and create activities to engage students in learning about wildlife, environmental issues, and science. We encourage students to use their personal talents and to be creative. We currently have one young volunteer creating an adult coloring book for our organization. Another helped with digging holes to relocate gopher tortoises.**

6. When can students volunteer at your organization? **Students can volunteer at any of our scheduled events. Currently we have the St. Petersburg Science Festival Scheduled for October 20-21, Tampa Bay Vegfest scheduled for November 4, and a beach clean-up at Gandy beach scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. Students can also volunteer their talents at other times. If students want to work on a unique idea of their own we can work with them or if they want to schedule a fundraiser we can enhance it with education and outreach. If students want to work on writing a research article for a blog or our guest corner in our newsletter we can work with the student and help show them how to enhance their work by referencing scientific studies.**

- a. Days of the week? **Varies**
- b. Typical number of hours per week available/required? **Varies**
- c. Times they may volunteer? **Any scheduled events listed on our website or if they have an idea other, arrangements can be made to accommodate their creative thinking.**
- d. Do you have students volunteer during the summer months? **Yes**
- e. Do you only offer community service hours during the summer? **No**

7. Please briefly list any additional information that students may need to know about your organization if they are considering you as a community service agency: **We are a science based education organization and while we do point out public comments opportunities we are not affiliated with any political party. This seems to be an occasional concern with parents. We also base all our education outreach on facts and do not sensationalize and while we respect and appreciate all wildlife we only focus on issues here in the state of Florida. Students will have to sign an ethics form as well stating they agree to act professional and adhere to our guidelines.**