



Eco Dawgs Youth Paddling & Ecology Program

Through this program, students will learn valuable life skills focused on the biodiversity and history of Port Richey and will gain an appreciation for their environment through hands-on presentations and learning experiences.

Paddling & Water Safety

Students will learn the essentials of kayaking, starting with an introduction to paddling and water safety, and ending with a guided kayak trip through the beautiful mangroves of Port Richey.

History and Geology

Students will have the opportunity to explore an ancient ceremonial mound built by native peoples and learn the significance of the salt springs at Werner-Boyce State Park.

Ecology

Students will gain an understanding of the importance of our watershed, including wetlands and mangroves systems, identify native species, and recognize human impact on such a vital ecosystem.

Stewardship

Through the program, students will gain life experiences and skills that will help them be better stewards of the land and have a deeper appreciation of their community.

Lifetime Skills Gained:

- Water safety
- Basic paddling skills
- Wildlife identification
- Leadership skills
- Education on:
 - ◊ Our watershed
 - ◊ The wetlands and mangrove system
 - ◊ The human impact on our ecosystem

Personal Growth and Development:

- Gain an appreciation for the natural and historical significance of their community
- Learn healthy ways to become active and explore nature
- Technical and Educational Development

For Students Grades 6-8

Program includes: Program leader, kayak rental, guided kayak trip, lunch at Gill Dawg

Program Length: 3.5 hours

Program Cost Per Student: \$45

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Eco Dawgs is a community outreach initiative of Gill Dawg, a dining and recreation facility focusing on eco-friendly, healthy activities with a strong emphasis on paddling and watersports.

**Learn more about this program at
www.gilldawg.com/ecodawgs**

