



**Partnership for Environmental Education awarded a
Palm Beach International Boat Show Gives Back
Grant for JERFSA 2024 Field Studies**

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The Partnership for Environmental Education is proud to announce that it has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Palm Beach International Boat Show (PBIBS) Gives Back program. The grant will help support the day and overnight field work experiences of the Jupiter Environmental Research and Field Studies Academy (JERFSA) for the Spring and Fall of 2024. The field studies provide students with real world experiences critical to providing a comprehensive foundation in environmental science.

We greatly appreciate the PBIBS Gives Back program for recognizing the Academy's important work. The grant directly impacts approximately 190 - 240 JERFSA high school students in the Palm Beach County Public School District. It is significant to ensuring the field studies section of the program for 2024 which is a vital component of the program. From marine life surveying, water quality testing, to the reintroduction of native species the field studies offer JERFSA students real world work experiences that are important to their understanding of the curriculum, and continue to increase their interest in the various disciplines of their studies. The grant also serves Florida areas and residents as they benefit from the student's community service, field work, and leadership.

JERFSA is a rigorous palm beach county public high school environmental science choice program. It was the first environmental science high school program created in Florida. It provides special training in ecology, marine biology, water resources, and earth sciences. The Academy equips high school students with the requisite knowledge for environmental leadership and with academic and field skills that will open doors to environmental careers. Students from JERFSA have contributed more than 312,000 hours of volunteer service since the inception of the program. Over 65% will continue their education and career path in the environmental and biological sciences.

PFEE's mission is to receive and administer funds to the Jupiter Environmental Research and Field Studies Academy (JERFSA) for the purpose of engaging, promoting, and supporting environmental education, environmental stewardship, and responsible citizenry. PFEE, is a volunteer-run nonprofit 501(c)3, located in Jupiter, FL. It brings students, educators, scientists, businesses and other concerned citizens together to promote a sustainable environment for our region. Since its inception in 1995, PFEE has been instrumental in supporting JERFSA and its unique field studies training. To date it has provided over \$800,000 dollars in assistance to the program. PFEE's primary source of funds is generated through our annual 5K Green Run at Riverbend Park, in Jupiter, FL.

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