Every moment is a learning moment at Nature’s Classroom Institute. We motivate students in ways they don’t even realize they are learning. Instead of looking out the window at nature ~ we teach there!

Our goal is to incorporate the whole environment, teaching through the elements of the world around us.

Our classes are engaging through every step of the program and include your classroom curriculum to keep it relevant to your class goals.

Parrish, Florida

NCI’s Marine site is on Manatee River in Parrish, Florida, perfectly located just 15 minutes from the I-75 near the Tampa region. Nestled in its own pocket of serene wildlife the facility offers a true Marine environment waiting to be explored. Wilderness trails, tree canopies and an estuary provide a comprehensive learning experience for all.
Benefits of NCI

• Teachers discover new ways to reach your students and elevate your relationships.

• NCI enhances community, enthusiasm, and excitement for learning in the classroom.

• Veteran staff to present and customize curriculum for each school.

• Pre-program guidance and planning.

• Students enjoy a unique educational experience that motivates them to learn.

• Students gain new independence and confidence to help them succeed, grow and become leaders.

• Funding options and guidance.

Why NCI?

Nature’s Classroom Institute is the very best in environmental education. We develop tomorrow’s leaders through self discovery, collaboration and a deep thirst for learning.

Our program encompasses team building, individual independence, experiential outdoor learning while including the current classroom curriculum of history, mathematics, science, art and writing.

NCI motivates the students to continually learn by teaching through creative and progressive methods.

We build a framework that leads to specific goals and objectives and then, guiding along the way, allow each student the freedom to choose their own path, based upon their natural motivations, curiosities and learning styles.

Explore your opportunity to follow the interests of your students and exceed standards with customized experiences.

Why Parrish?

• Clean modern cabins, a spacious dining room and curriculum space. The facility offers students and staff comfortable quality sleeping accommodation.

• Offers hiking trails, an estuary with an abundance of life, a tree-top canopy walk, low-ropes course, canoeing and an engrossing environment for all to enjoy.

• A marine ecosystem with a huge variety of shore birds, insects and terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna. The estuary can be fully explored providing an insight into the joining of fresh and salt water.

• Huge open areas perfect for large group activities and educational opportunities.

• A hidden gem of preserved wilderness, easy to access from the highway yet quietly hidden away from the rest of the world.

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