



## 2018 S.E.E.K

Environmental Conference Sponsored by  
The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

Where: Crystal River Marine Science Station

When: July 8 – 11, 2018

Cost: \$300 Inclusive

Lodging: Crystal River Marine Science Station

Meals: Planned for Healthy Options

Who Can Attend S.E.E.K?  
Students Entering Grades 10 – 12

Online Registration Begins January 1, 2017  
[www.ffgc.org/youth/seek](http://www.ffgc.org/youth/seek)

## How to Get Connected

With

### The S.E.E.K Team

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## What's New for 2018?

The mission of the Marine Science Station (MSS) is to increase student environmental literacy through hands on laboratory and field based educational experiences in Gulf of Mexico coastal and nearshore habitats; to inspire student interest and involvement in environmental conservation and protection; and to promote student development of environmental stewardship ethics.

All MSS field trips, lesson plans, and experiential activities are correlated with the Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards as well as the Ocean Literacy Principles set forth by the Ocean Literacy Network (NOAA) Education Plan Goals and Outcomes. The field excursions and experiential activities focus on basic impacts at the local, regional and global level. Special emphasis is directed towards instilling a higher level of scientific literacy and an environmental stewardship ethic that can be spread to the students communities.

**Facilities:** Rustic campus nestled within a 15 acre coastal hammock and saltmarsh habitat alongside the Salt River, an estuarine river system connected to the spring-fed Crystal River and the nearshore marine environments of the Gulf of Mexico. Air-conditioned, bunk-style, male and female dormitories. Dining hall with full kitchen where all meals will be served. Recreational areas including basketball and beach volleyball. Wet lab classroom with aquaria and dry lab with computers and wireless internet. Environmental Education Center & Aquarium with museum quality interactive exhibits, aquaria, and touch tank. Boats to accommodate 15 people each for extended field trips into freshwater, estuarine and marine habitats. Students will snorkel and study aquatic habitats, study mangrove communities, study oyster reefs, and study natural hardbottom areas with algae, sponges and stony corals. All snorkeling equipment is included.