



JEKYLL ISLAND FOUNDATION

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Breaking with Tradition
Students on Spring Break Use Time to Volunteer

Jekyll Island, Ga. (March 08, 2007) – Nine students from the University of Central Florida headed to Jekyll Island this spring break are breaking with tradition as they head for the Georgia beach. The students are participating in the University’s Alternative Spring Break Program, and will be using their free time to volunteer.

Alternative Spring Break, a nation-wide program, provides students with the opportunity to use their vacation time to give back to society. The University places teams of college students with community agencies dealing with issues such as poverty, disability awareness, hunger, and the environment. Students engage in community service and experiential learning.

The volunteers headed to Jekyll Island will focus their time on assisting with environmental projects that benefit the Georgia Sea Turtle Center and the Island at large. The Georgia Sea Turtle Center, providing a state-of-the-art rehabilitation center as well as interactive learning museum, opens in June of this year.

“While our doors officially open this summer, there are plenty of projects currently underway,” said Bill Irwin, director of the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, “We are thrilled to have the assistance from our spring break volunteers.”

Students will participate in a variety of environmental projects related to the Center while on Jekyll Island. Activities will include beach and river debris clean-up, planting of native plants

and pine tree seedlings, compilation and distribution of conservation education information and signage.

About the Jekyll Island Foundation

The Jekyll Island Foundation is a tax exempt, public, non-profit that serves to raise, receive, manage and disburse funds for the stewardship of the historic and natural resources of Jekyll Island. This stewardship includes preservation and improvement of historic sites, conservation of the undeveloped portion of the island and improvement of amenities for visitors to the island. For additional information on the Jekyll Island Foundation or to learn how you can help, visit www.jekyllislandfoundation.org or call (912) 635-4402.

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