

## Nature Center - Division 30

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### **Entry Form Registration Deadline - January 24, 2012**

**Arrival Date** - March 1, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in Arnold Hall.

March 3, 2012 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, in Arnold Hall.

**Release Date** - April 5, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in Arnold Hall.

**Group Entries** - Not Accepted

### **Theme:**

The exhibit must relate to Florida's native freshwater/marine wildlife, plants and habitats. In order to protect our precious environmental resources, project cannot include living animal/plant specimens or parts.

### **Rules:**

1. Animals, plants, and habitats of South Florida.
2. Dioramas, sculptures, replicas, and other such 3-D exhibits may be no larger than 24" X 24" X 24" (length, width and height) or weigh over 10 pounds.
3. Each project can be displayed as a model, replica, or paper-mâché sculpture of an animal or plant.
4. Students may submit no more than 1 entry per class.
5. A written report no longer than 2 pages, must be attached to each exhibit. The writing should be original and express the exhibitors accurate knowledge of the topic.
6. **Due to limited space, only entries awarded blue and red ribbons may be on display.**
7. **Class 3001** includes mammals, birds, insects, reptiles, and fish.
8. **Class 3002** includes The Everglades, hardwood hammocks, cypress swamps, Biscayne Bay, beaches, mangroves and parks (county and state).

### **Unacceptable Exhibits Include:**

1. Absolutely **NO** science fair projects are acceptable in this division.
2. The use of live plants, animals, or parts of animals. No coral or seashells!
3. **NO** projects dealing with solar systems, space technology, human anatomy, and diseases of the human body, dinosaurs and volcanoes or other geological formations that do not relate to Florida's history.

### **Class Descriptions:**

Class 3001 - Native Florida Wildlife

Class 3002 - South Florida Habitats

Class 3003 - Environmental Science (Must relate to South Florida)

### **Judging Criteria:**

Quality of workmanship, originality, merit of subject matter, research conducted, effective use of materials, compliance with division rules. Exhibits of inferior quality will not be displayed.

**Premiums, Plaques and Trophies:**

Best Nature Center Exhibit - Individual.....	South Florida Resource Library
Best Nature Center School Exhibits .....	South Florida Resource Library
Purple Ribbon .....	\$5.00 and Rosette
Blue Ribbon .....	4.00
Red Ribbon .....	3.00
White Ribbon .....	2.00
Yellow Ribbon .....	Ribbon Only

**Superintendent Awards:**

*South Florida Resource Library*

A nature library consisting of books on South Florida’s natural history will be presented to the Miami-Dade County Public or private school which has the most students awarded blue ribbons for their projects on display in the Nature Center Division. The books will enable students to continue their education of Florida’s unique and fragile environment.

A nature library consisting of books on South Florida’s natural history will also be presented to the individual who demonstrates in their exhibit the best overall presentation and research.

If there are no entries meeting the quality standards for any special awards, no award will be given.