EVERGLADES WILDERNESS WRITING EXPEDITION

Challenge Yourself. Discover Your Wilderness. Find Your Story.

Have you ever imagined yourself exploring exotic places in search of the perfect story? Do you dream of travelling and changing the world through your writing? For over a century, the Everglades has been immortalized through the writings of people like Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Carl Hiaasen, Zora Neale Hurston and Michael Grunwald.

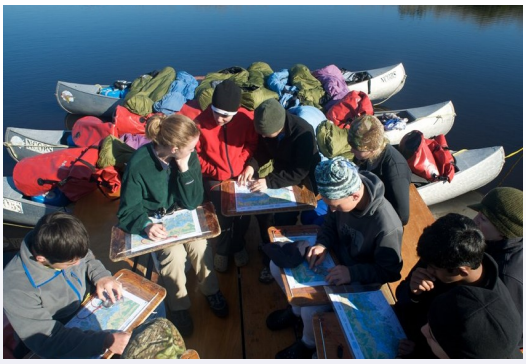
Now It's your Turn.

Travel deep into the wilderness of the Everglades, paddle through a maze of mangrove tunnels, and sleep on a canoe platform island surrounded by water. Write about your experience and get published in the newspaper!

Join Everglades National Park in conjunction with North Carolina Outward Bound School on a trip of a lifetime to discover the largest wilderness area East of the Rocky Mountains and located right in your backyard. Throughout the trip you'll discover wilderness, document your adventure, and hone your writing skills with Everglades poet, naturalist, writer and teacher, Anne McCrary Sullivan., and park ranger naturalist Sabrina Diaz. After your experience have your written work exhibited in a gallery and have your story published in the newspaper!

If you are a college student, age 18-25, and enrolled in a journalism, communications or creative writing program in South Florida then apply today! Selected applicants must be able to commit to all dates, times and activities related to this program,. Application must be submitted by Friday September 13, 2014. For more information visit:
http://tinyurl.com/EvergladesWilderness

Only 10 lucky students will be selected for this opportunity of a lifetime!



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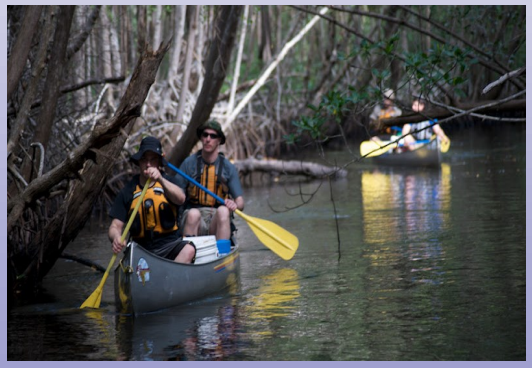
Online applications will be accepted from 8/24/14– 9/13/2014 midnight.



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To qualify for this program you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be a college student, currently enrolled in a journalism, communications or creative writing program in South Florida.
- You must be between the ages of 18—25 years old.
- You must be able to paddle in a canoe, prior experience is not necessary.
- Complete entire application no later than September 13, 2014, midnight.
- **In addition to these requirements, you must also be able to commit to all the activities listed below.**

Commitments of Selected Applicants:

Selected participants must commit to all of the following activities list below. Failure to participate in all activities will result in immediate expulsion from program. Upon successful completion of all program requirements applicants will receive a stipend of $150.

October 2nd, 7pm: "Meet the Selected Participants" Public Reception at Fairchild Tropical Gardens.

October 11th, 9am– 3pm: Everglades National Park Day Trip.

October 18th, 9am– 3pm: Everglades National Park Day Trip.

October 24th, 9am– 3pm: Everglades National Park Day Trip.

October 31st to November 3rd: Multi-night backcountry excursion into Everglades National Park in conjunction with NC Outward Bound School. All food and gear provided.

November 13th, 6:00pm: Post Expedition Panel Discussion at Florida International University.

Selected participants must also commit to the following program requirements:

- **Donate at least one piece of written work that reflects your experience in this program. Donated pieces become property of the National Park Service, and will be used in a written art exhibit, and in future publications.**
- **Submit a 300 word article about their experience in the program, to be published by the South Dade Newsleader.**
- **Must be willing to participate in media interviews and photography sessions related to this program.**
- **Submit all necessary paperwork within 7 days of selection notification. Sign all indemnity forms and photo release forms.**

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