Florida’s Aquatic Preserves: ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Overview: Much of Florida’s distinctive character lies in the beauty of its coastline. The best of the coastal landscapes have been set aside for protection as aquatic preserves. This natural beauty has always been one of Florida’s major attractions for both tourists and residents. Ironically, the very features that have drawn people to Florida are potentially endangered by the increased population pressures. Aquatic preserves protect the living waters of Florida to ensure that they will always be home for bird rookeries and fish nurseries, freshwater springs and salt marshes, sea grass meadows and mangrove forests.

Day-to-Day: Students have the ability to engage in community service activities while enjoying Florida’s wonderful weather and coast, the best of both worlds. You will get a chance to work with the removal of invasive exotic plants, such as the Brazilian pepper, and to remove debris from spoil islands. Students also assist in trail maintenance and coastline clean-up.

Nitty-Gritty Details: Students will be staying in KOA rustic cabins with bunk beds and a small kitchen area for preparing basic meals. Meals are not provided by the housing or service sites but the group will be given a small grocery budget to purchase food and make meals throughout the week. Participants should expect to spend additional funds on some meals.

SPECIFICATIONS

Location: St. Petersburg, FL
Housing: Cabins
Price: $325
Trip Price includes:
- Transportation
- Participants will travel by charter bus and utilize a 10 person van throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue: Environmental
Physicality Level: Medium

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