

2019

Refuge Wish List



Membership donations and annual gifts are essential for the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society to continue its support of conservation and education efforts at the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Below are just a few unique giving opportunities on our wish list this year to enhance the impact of support at the Refuge. To see the scope of the Society’s impact and for more ideas and opportunities for giving, please visit dingdarlingsociety.org.

All gifts are tax deductible.



Honor Gift: Any Amount

An gift in their honor of a loved one to the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society is a wonderful way to tell friends and family that you love them. Send a general gift or designate it to a specific area by indicating, for example, “Your gift helped a class dissect owl pellets at the Refuge.”



Compound Binocular Microscope: \$400 per microscope or \$2,400 for a class set of 6

More than 250 classes from around the area come to the Refuge by bus each year. Many of these kids are missing the link between science and wonder. Seeing the details of a spore of pollen or the intricacies of algae up close through a microscope can ignite a passion for conservation and exploration in children that will continue throughout their lives. **Consider also supporting a set of Prepared Microscope Slides with your donation - \$60 per set of 25 slides.**



Everyday Education Supplies: \$50 per class or \$12,500 per year

From owl pellets to nature journals to pencils, countless classroom supplies are in demand by our educators to support the 5,000 children who come to the Refuge annually. With an ever-decreasing federal education budget, we hope that you will choose to support our educators, who tirelessly educate and inspire our next generation of conservation stewards.



Portable Smartboard: \$2,000

Our education team prepares many in-class lessons and discussions for the days kids need an escape from the Florida rain and heat. A portable Smartboard would make these programs much more interactive where the school children could match which animal made what sound, see their microscope findings projected on the screen, and play Wildlife Jeopardy.



Support an Intern Stipend: \$200 per week or \$10,400 per year

Throughout the year, we have several interns from across the country come to the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge to gain experience and help fill in gaps with staffing cutbacks in the fields of non-profit management, education, biology, and visitor services. These interns, usually recent college graduates, provide invaluable support to the Refuge while gaining hands-on, practical experience as they enter their career field.



Trail Cameras: \$300 per camera or \$1,200 for a set of four cameras needed total

Our biology team conducts research in many different parts of the Refuge using trail cams. Whether it’s looking for bobcats and following their movements or seeing what species inhabit the restored portion of the Bailey Tract, much can be learned by these simple yet informative devices.

This year, we hope that you choose to support the many conservation and education efforts at the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Best wishes in this new year from our “Ding” family to yours.



For more information about making a gift to support an item on the Refuge’s 2019 Wish List, please contact the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society at 239.472.1100 ext. 4.