



2023 Schedule

Time	Lodge	Murals	The HUB	Cave	Lagoon
9:30-9:40	Zoo Teen Welcome				
9:40-10:10	<u>Keynote:</u> Alexandra Komara				
10:20-11:20	The Brevard Zoo Aquarium Project	Gardening for Wildlife & the Planet!	Recycling & Landfills	Sustainable Agriculture	Sea-stainable Living
11:30-12:30	Career Panel	Youth Panel			
12:40-1:40	LUNCH Break				
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1:45-2:25	Box, Paper, Scissors	Sustainable Shopping 101	Social Media & Sustainability	ROS	Tackling Textiles
2:40-3:20	Box, Paper, Scissors	Sustainable Shopping 101	Social Media & Sustainability	ROS	Tackling Textiles
3:30-4:00	Call for Action/Closing Remarks Group Photos!				
4:00-4:15	Chat with Zoo Teens and Pickup				

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Thank you for joining us back in person for 2023! Remember to complete our post-survey (emailed following the event) to be entered into a raffle to win 4 tickets to Brevard Zoo.

Workshop Descriptions

ZOO TEEN WELCOME: Meet your hosts – Conservation Leaders Cheyenne Davis, Martin Gonzalez, Savannah Miller, Bailey Milligan, Chloe Neuhart, Wisper Reynolds, Grace Rush, & Ben VonEschen, with staff mentors Jen Katona and Brandon Eckerd.

KEYNOTE: Alexandra Komara of Space Swap

Alexandra Komara is the Executive Director of local nonprofit Space Swap. Space Swap stitches the community together through sustainable fashion, music, and the Arts. To date, Space Swap has properly recycled almost 4,000 pounds of textiles in under two years. In April of 2023 Alexandra and her team opened the doors to their physical location in Mid-town Melbourne. This is a safe space for workshops, events, art, repurposing, and textile recycling.

MORNING WORKSHOPS:

Brevard Zoo's Aquarium Project (Zach Marchetti – BZ) – Have you heard about Brevard Zoo's current campaign to build a world class Aquarium and Conservation Center at Port Canaveral? Discover how celebrating local wildlife can teach universal lessons on how to coexist with nature wherever you live.

Gardening for Wildlife & the Planet! (Amy Reaume – Sustainability Working Group) – A simple way to make your home more sustainable, and beautiful, is by gardening for wildlife. Learn about Homegrown National Park, and how you can apply the lessons learned to your own home. Decorate a small pot & take home your own wildflower seeds!

Recycling & Landfills (Kevin Smith – Brevard County Solid Waste) – On average, how much is added to your local landfill each day? Each week? Each year? Learn how to properly recycle items in

Brevard County, and learn more about the important roles landfills play in our daily lives.

Sea-sustainable Living (Shanon Gann – BZ) – All of the choices we make impact sea turtles and other marine life. Discuss how humans affect the lives of sea turtles, and observe a patient of the Sea Turtle Healing Center (STHC) receive a treatment. *Group meets on the Lodge Deck to walk back to STHC.

Sustainable Agriculture (Justine Snyder) – Gain an understanding of production agriculture around the state of Florida and the sustainable practices used to protect Florida's ecosystems. Create a model to determine how water and nutrients flow through Florida soils, learning Agricultural topics include cattle, nursery and greenhouse production, and citrus production.

Career Panel (moderated by Martin Gonzalez, featuring Jen Katona, Zach Marchetti, Amy Reaume, Kevin Smith, and Kaitlyn Sollberger): Learn about just a few of the myriad of careers to choose from as an environmentalist. Meet incredible people with careers in varying fields, seeing how different paths can converge with the goal to protect our planet. Hear the career paths of our panelists, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions and share your own insights.

Youth Panel (moderated by Wisper Reynolds, featuring Cheyenne Davis, Chloe Neuhart, Jonah Vignier, and Ben Von Eschen): You can do it! Kids and youth are capable of great things if you believe in yourself and take the initiative to make an impact. Meet some peers who are out there changing the world, one small step at a time, and learn that age is no reason to hold yourself back from taking action now.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS:

Box, Paper, Scissors (Laurie Der) – If you enjoy crafts and upcycling, this is the workshop for you! Give recyclable materials a second chance by helping make a creative enrichment for our Zoo residents, using cardboard boxes, paper towel tubes, brown packing paper, and more. You may even meet an animal friend!

ROS: Innovations in Habitat Restoration of the IRL (Olivia Escandell – BZ) – Since 2009, Brevard Zoo's Restore Our Shores (ROS) conservation program has been working to restore oyster reefs and native shorelines to the Indian River Lagoon. Follow the Zoo's journey in lagoon restoration and the innovations made along the way to make projects more sustainable.

Social Media and Sustainability: Making an Impact in the Virtual Space (Kaitlyn Sollberger) – Amid viral cat videos and endless laugh-cry emojis is the potential for something

even greater. Social media has been essential to a brighter tomorrow and it's just getting started! Join Kaitlyn to learn about her time doing social media for environmental giants and see how you can make a difference - all from the comfort of your own home.

Tackling Textiles (Alexandra Komara – Space Swap) – Take a hands-on deep dive into the composition of textiles. Together we will learn about different materials textiles are made of, how they affect the environment, and how to identify eco-friendly materials.

Sustainable Shopping 101 (Chloe Neuhart) – A more eco conscious approach to shopping with tips on how to pick out timeless clothing that looks great and lasts forever.

CALL TO ACTION & CLOSING: Youth in Conservation (led by Conservation Leaders) – Young people around the world are stepping up to teach their communities about environmental conservation and taking action to protect the planet. Wrap up the day with us, reflecting on what you've learned today and getting ready to make your own waves! Join us for a group picture!