

Wild Classroom programs were created with grants from the Florida Advisory Council on Environmental Education and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

Sandy Beck, St. Francis Wildlife's educator, has been recognized for her contributions to environmental education:

- 2000 Leon Association of Science Teachers Excellence in Science Teaching Award.
- 2009 Tallahassee Community College Women's History Month honoree as one of the "Women Taking the Lead to Save our Planet."
- 2008 & 2011 Florida Magazine Assoc. Charlie Awards for Writing Excellence, Florida Wildlife Magazine.
- 2011, Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle's Woman of Distinction award.

- B.S. Elementary Education, FIU,
- M.S. English Education, FSU
- Florida DOE Professional Educator's Certificate
- Permitted to possess and display wildlife by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Florida FWC, and Georgia DNR.

What others say —

Beck brings her love and knowledge of wildlife to the children of Tallahassee [who] sit enraptured by the birds and animals.

"Wild birds and wide eyes," Tallahassee Democrat

Thank you for the wonderful owl presentations; the children and teachers are still hootin' & hollerin' about it!

Janet Childers, Teacher, DeSoto Trail Elementary

Thank you for providing another outstanding presentation for our participants. There's something magical about seeing your animals up close, and your talks are always so interesting and informative.

Lynn Artz, Chairwoman, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Annual SEEK Conference



Dear Mrs. Beck,

I loved the barred owl the best. I loved when he hooted. I was surprised. It was so exciting. I will never forget it. I want to be a wildlife teacher.

*Sarah,
Grade 4, Springwood Elem.*

Schedule a Wild Classroom program

Contact Education Director, Sandy Beck

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Internet: stfranciswildlife.org/Education.html

Program Fees

	Schools & Scouts	Adult Groups
Fewer than 50	\$100	\$150
50 - 99	\$150	\$200
100 - 149	\$200	\$250
150 or more	\$250	\$300

- Programs are 60 to 75 minutes & include three or more animals, hands-on activities, and a Q&A. Pre-K and K programs are 45 minutes.
- Travel Expense: Add 50 cents per mile roundtrip between our site & yours. For 50 miles roundtrip or more, please also add \$50 per hour traveled. Time & distance calculated by GPS.
- For special events, teacher workshops, conferences and parties, please contact us to discuss your special interests and fees.



is a local, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of native wildlife in north Florida through education and the rescue and rehabilitation of injured, orphaned and sick wildlife, since 1978. Each year, we care for 3,500 wild animals, with the goal of returning each to its natural habitat.

Unfortunately, some sustain permanent injuries. The Wild Classroom uses these non-releasable "wildlife ambassadors" to help explain the challenges their species face and how we can help.

If you find injured, orphaned or sick wildlife, please contact St. Francis Wildlife at (850) 627-4151 or www.stfranciswildlife.org

The Wild Classroom



St. Francis Wildlife Association's innovative education programs feature live wildlife ambassadors and a widely respected environmental educator.

www.stfranciswildlife.org/Education.html



Wild Classroom Programs

Where learning takes place naturally.

unique wildlife programs that educate, entertain, and can be adapted to meet the needs and interests of all ages and audiences.

What You Can Do to Help Wildlife

Live, native birds of prey and reptiles help teach about their species and the interconnectedness and importance of all living things as well as specific actions we can take to help wildlife.

Talon Talk

Meet 5 magnificent, native birds of prey — 2 hawks and 3 owls. Dive into the characteristics that define all raptors. Learn how each is perfectly adapted to survive in its particular habitat and what we can do to help them.



Wild Poetry

Learn and experiment with new poetic techniques as you make the connection between observing nature and writing

about it. Perched raptors awaken hidden talents and provide inspiration for writing and illustrating poems. Grade 3 to Adult.

Tigers in the Sky — Owls

A rare encounter with three native owls — the Great Horned, Barn and Screech Owls, whooo demonstrate the extraordinary adaptations that make them spectacular nocturnal hunters.

Whooo Ate Whooom?

A Hands-on Food Chain Workshop

Follow a *Tigers in the Sky* — Owls program with this hands-on workshop. Students learn how owl pellets are formed; dissect Barn Owl pellets, and then reconstruct and label skeletons of the owl's prey, which they take home.

Pellets available from us, or purchase at pellet.com. We supply all other materials and extension lessons.

Reading With Owls

Pre-K through first-grade students become ENRAPTURED when an owl puppet helps read a storybook about owls. Then children meet and learn about three live owls. The puppet helps make a smooth transition to the real owls so children can respect and appreciate these predators without fearing them.



Amazing Adaptations

After an interactive program in which students closely observe a hawk, two owls, a snake, and a gopher tortoise and examine skulls, shells, feathers, eggs, and talons, they will be able to:

Describe the unique physical and behavioral adaptations that enable these wild species to find food, avoid predation, survive extremes of climate, and produce young.



Gopher Tortoise - the Hospitable Host

Beside a large mural of a gopher tortoise burrow and surrounding longleaf pine ecosystem, students meet and learn about its inhabitants - a live gopher tortoise, hawk, owl, and snake; why the gopher tortoise, a threatened, keystone species, is so important to the more than 350 species that find shelter in its burrow; and specific actions we can take to help conserve this hospitable host.

Club Meetings, Special Events & Parties With a Purpose

In an entertaining one-hour program, meet and learn about live, native birds of prey as well as the valuable services that St. Francis Wildlife has provided for four decades as north Florida's oldest and largest wildlife rehabilitation center.

