



# JAN - MARCH 2022 IMPACT

## DTc BREAKDOWN

It took a week to setup and less than five hours to take down our display at Deck the Chairs... BGG is sending out a GIANT thank you to our amazing volunteers who helped breakdown the "Inspiration Pathway." The BGG team donated the lighting & accessories to Deck the Chairs and most importantly, the "Octopus Garden & "Jelly fish Park" have found their new home at Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School.



## FIRST CLEAN-UP OF THE NEW YEAR - MICKLER ROAD

BGG student clubs hosted the first official event of 2022 - a cleanup as part of the St. John's County "Adopt a Highway" program. BGG Student Clubs have adopted a one mile stretch of highway from the Mickler's beach access to the roundabout at Publix in Ponte Vedra Beach. There will be regular clean-ups along this stretch!

**NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS: 53**

**DURATION OF CLEANUP: 2 HRS**

**BAGS OF TRASH: 14**

**CIGARETTE BUTTS: 697**

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER**

**CONTRIBUTION: \$3,025.24**

**TRASH ABATEMENT CONTRIBUTION**

**TO THE CITY: \$282.94**

**OVERALL CONTRIBUTION TO THE**

**CITY: \$3,308.18**





## THE FUTURE LEADERS OF BEACHES GO GREEN

As part of our Beaches Go Green school club mission, the student club from Ponte Vedra High School and the interns from UNF presented eco-friendly lessons to multiple elementary and middle schools.

Hundreds of younger students listened intently & learned as these amazing teens shared their love of the environment by creating skits, games & powerpoint presentations to get a conversation started. Creating awareness through education is the first step! The staff and students at all of the schools had a great time and we even brought our friend, The Plastic Monster!

The biggest message given was "THINK REUSABLE" & "CREATE LESS WASTE"!





# ST. JOHN'S COUNTY GETS CLEANED UP

**The BGG student clubs continue to keep our "adopted 1 mile section" of Mickler Road clean in March with 2 clean-up events for the area. The combined contribution to the community for both events was:**

**NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS: 74**

**DURATION OF CLEANUP: 3.5 HRS**

**BAGS OF TRASH: 9**

**CIGARETTE BUTTS: 387**

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION: \$7,391.86**

**TRASH ABATEMENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY: \$181.89**

**OVERALL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY: \$7,573.75**

**Both events were planned & run by the students with adult supervision.**



# ECO-CINEMA IS BACK!

**THE STORY OF PLASTIC** - our 1st in a series of 4 films at our **NEW** location, St Augustine Yacht Club. These impactful films and discussions are really eye-opening and fun too! This event featured guest panelist, Lilly Davis, a senior at Nease High, who shared her passion and knowledge about plastic pollution and the role that she believes her generation will play in its solution.

**Don't miss out on our next film: "The Pollinators" May 12th. Doors open at 4:30 and the show begins at 5:30.**  
**Eco-cinema films are family-friendly events with eco-friendly vendors & food trucks.**

**HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS & SPONSORS FOR MAKING THESE FILMS A SUCCESS!**



# ERC WOMEN EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP

Beaches Go Green founder, Anne Marie Moquin, was invited to speak at Enhanced Resource Centers Women Empowerment Workshop. More than 100 women attended in person & via zoom to celebrate the impact of women in our community. Moquin discussed her background and evolution to founding BGG and why it matters to her to "Be the Change".

ERC has always been and continues to be one of Beaches Go Green's biggest supports/sponsors/funders. We are so grateful to have them on our team!



## BGG CONTINUES TO RECYCLE BUTTS WITH TERRACYCLE

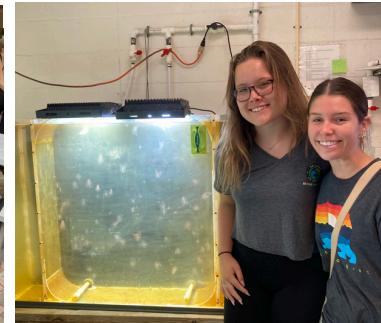


Beaches Go Green continues to collect, mail in and recycle littered cigarette butts with Terracycle. Many of the butts collected are from Keep American Beautiful (KAB) cigarette butt collections canisters that we have installed in the last couple of years via KAB grants. To date, BGG has collected more than 88,000 cigarette butts from Amelia Island through Fernandina Beach, FL.

Cigarette butts are the **MOST** littered item on the planet. The filters contain a plastic called cellulos acetate. They can take up to 5 years to break up into microplastics. All the while, these butts leach toxic chemicals into the water & soil like arsenic, formaldehyde, lead, nicotine & more!

# BGG STUDENT CLUBS @ UF WHITNEY LABS & SEA TURTLE HOSPITAL

**Beaches Go Green Officers & guests & teacher sponsors received a VIP behind-the-scenes tour of experiments, invertebrate programs sea turtles rehabilitation at the University of Florida's Whitney Labs & Sea Turtle Hospital. After the tour, we enjoyed lunch at Back40 Restaurant in St Aug. Its only of the only ocean-friendly certified restaurants in the area!**





# APRIL - JUNE 2022 IMPACT

Spring seems to be our our busiest time of the year! Not only is it Earth Month, but school is winding down for the year & we have LOTS to pack in! Most importantly, we are celebrating our amazing volunteers who keep Beaches Go Green going strong! Although it's impossible to recognize everyone, we wanted to highlight a few people who show us that they want to "be the change"





## JAX BEACH COMMUNITY CLEANUP 4/19/22

Teaming up with News4Jax, ERC, Mayo Clinic, The Players Championship, JunkLuggers & more... we pulled off a record-breaking cleanup in Jacksonville Beach. The Community Clean-up was based out of Latham Park, the weekend after the Springing in the Blues Festival; our volunteers brought in massive amounts of trash. Cigarette butts and plastic straws were the most common items collected.

**NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS: 453**

**DURATION OF CLEANUP: 2 HRS**

**BAGS OF TRASH: 75**

**CIGARETTE BUTTS: 28,000+**

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION: \$25,857.24**

**TRASH ABATEMENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY: \$2,178**

**OVERALL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY: \$28,035.24**



# SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### AVI PATEL

GRADUATE OF STANTON PREP  
HIGH SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING YALE IN  
THE FALL.



## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### RANYA BENCHAABOUNE

GRADUATE OF NEASE HIGH  
SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING CORNELL  
UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL.



## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### KAYLA RUKAB

GRADUATE OF MANDARIN HIGH  
SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING UNIVERSITY  
OF FLORIDA IN THE FALL.



## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### KATHRYN WALTEMATE

GRADUATE OF NEASE HIGH SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING UNIVERSITY  
OF NORTH FLORIDA IN THE FALL.



## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### LILLIANA LEITAO

GRADUATE OF NEASE HIGH  
SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING FLORIDA  
STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL.

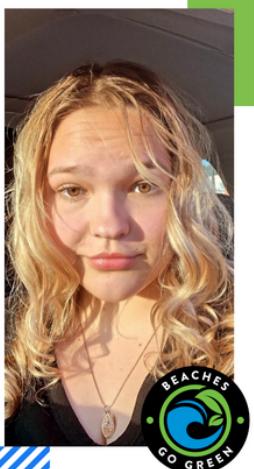


## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### LILLY DAVIS

GRADUATE OF NEASE HIGH SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING UNIVERSITY  
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA IN THE  
FALL.



# FMS CAMPUS CLEANUP 5/26/22

Just in time for the end of the school year, the BGG Fletcher Middle Club partnered with FMS Athletics to clean up their school campus and surroundings. We picked up A LOT of plastic - mostly straws & single-serving wrappers. A big shout out to Tropical Smoothie for feeding the students!

**NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS: 39**

**DURATION OF CLEANUP: 1 HOUR**

**BAGS OF TRASH: 8**

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION: \$1,113.06**

**TRASH ABATEMENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY: \$161.68**

**OVERALL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY: \$1,274.74**



# THANKING OUR UNF ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS

For the last 2 years, BGG has had the privilege of working with UNF Environmental student partners on Beaches Go Green Initiatives. Our 1st year of 2021, our 3 student partners worked remotely on BGG environmental education videos. They made clever and engaging content to educate that we have used on our social media and our BGG YouTube Channel. This year for 2022, our 2 student partners, Noah M & Sephora K, worked with us to present eco-friendly lessons to local elementary schools including: Lake Lucina Elementary, Ocean Palms Elementary, Jacksonville Beach Elementary & Fletcher Middle School. Topics of focus were: Fast Fashion, Think Reusable, The 3Rs, There is No Away! We attended the end of semester ceremony at UNF to view their presentation boards and both thank and congratulate them on their contributions.



# BGG SCHOOL CLUBS CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK

Many of our Beaches Go Green school clubs participated in Earth Week by hosting their own events. The events included: a tree planting ceremony, beach & campus cleanups, an Earth Day gram fundraiser, volunteering at a pet adoption event, Earth Day games & prizes, Best Buddies chalk art & more... these students are inspiring & amazing! Thank you for all that you do!



# EARTH DAY AT BREWHOUND DOG PARK!

BGG set up for a day of environmental education & games at a family-friendly Earth Day event at Brewhound in Atlantic Beach. The day consisted of live music, a showing the movie The Lorax and of course...lots furry friends :)



## ECO-CINEMA: THE POLLINATORS



With our awesome Eco-Cinema partners, BGG showed the film, The Pollinators at St Augustine Yacht Club. We discuss the plight of bees & what we can do to be more "bee friendly." Taylor Brown, president of the PVHS BGG club, did a fantastic job participating as a panelist in our discussion. These events are FREE & family-friendly & offer eco-friendly vendors & food trucks.





# BEACHES GO GREEN'S SPRING FIELD TRIPS

Another way that we celebrated Earth Month & our awesome student volunteers was to explore the community up close & personal & behind the scenes.

On March 31, we visited the UF's Whitney Labs & Sea Turtle Hospital. In April, we took a private trip on the Mantazas Riverkeeper's Litter Gitter to clean up the intracoastal waterways. We even saw a newborn fawn on one the islands! We also learned about the importance of bees at a private bee hive tour with Bee Friend's at a local farm.



# SOLUTIONARIES: BGG REUSABLE BOTTLES FOR SPORTS (RBS) PROGRAM in the NEWS!

This month, our BGG RBS program received local & national coverage by Vic Micolucci of WJXT's new show called **SOLUTIONARIES**. The show features every day people providing solutions to big community problems! Our RBS program has combined our environmental education mission and a **REAL** solution to create a change in habits!

By partnering with local schools/teams & community sponsors, we are able to provide double-walled stainless steel reusable water bottles for all athletes & staff in a program.

The goals of the program are 1) to reduce plastic pollution in the environment.

2) Reduce the exposure of youth athletes to the toxic chemicals in plastic that leach into our food & drink.

Our BGG student club officers & members deliver the important messaging when giving the bottles to youth athletes & their leadership. **#THINKREUSABLE**



# DEDICATION OF THE BGG OCTOPUS GARDEN

The famous Beaches Go Green Octopus Garden, a single-use plastic awareness art installation, created for Jacksonville's Deck the Chairs has found its permanent home at Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School.

The single-use plastic art display will serve as a permanent outdoor learning space for the middle school featuring educational signage, native plants and a space for activities like yoga. BGG was able to be there to celebrate the grand opening of the new space to be enjoyed the Mayport community.



# BEACHES GO GREEN ON RCL & 904 NOW

Beaches Go Green was fortunate enough to appear on 2 LIVE shows this spring & a recorded segment too. We joined Eden Kendall of River City Live on an outing with the Matanzas River Keeper's Litter Gitter where she covered the adventures of our BGG Club Student Officers. Then we joined Eden LIVE in studio, on one of her last appearances hosting the show, to discuss our BGG Reusable Bottles for Sports Program. We Joined the hosts of St John's County local network - The 904 Now, where we discussed the mission of BGG and all the amazing stuff that we have going on in our local schools!



# END OF THE YEAR BGG STUDENT OFFICER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION!

Our Beaches Go Green Student officers & teacher sponsors work hard. They deserve to be appreciated for the amount of initiatives that they tackle in a single school year! We celebrated them all with pizza, a friendly kickball game and pool party! We are so proud of each and every one of them. We send off the seniors for a wishes of an impactful, safe, happy and successful future!





# JULY-SEPTEMBER 2022 IMPACT

## COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION JUNE '18 - AUGUST '22

WITH THE HELP OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS, WE HAVE MADE A TOTAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$1,379,093.10 TO THE COMMUNITY!



**TOTAL VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED: 5,913**

**TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS CONTRIBUTED: 48,924**

**TOTAL VOLUNTEER VALUE CONTRIBUTED: \$1,359,674.12**



**TOTAL CIGARETTE BUTTS COLLECTED: 94,045**

**TOTAL BAGS OF TRASH COLLECTED: 812 + LARGE ITEMS**

**TOTAL TRASH ABATEMENT CONTRIBUTED: \$19,418.98**



**WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL EVERY TIME YOU SHOW UP TO GIVE BACK.**

- DOES NOT INCLUDE STUDENT CLUB VOLUNTEER HOURS





# REUSABLE BOTTLES FOR SPORTS- YMCA CAMP IMMOKALEE

We kicked off the summer with our BGG Reusable Bottles for Sports program at YMCA's Camp Immokalee in Keystone Heights, FL.

1800 summer campers & counselors received SIC brand stainless steel REUSABLE water bottles with two goals:

- 1) to reduce plastic pollution in our environment
- 2) to decrease our youth's exposure to the toxic chemicals that leach from plastic into our food and drink especially when heated and as plastic ages.

YMCA Camp Immokalee's Executive Director, Richard Bombach had this to say about our RBS program:

"When I arrived at Camp Immokalee just before summer, I was absolutely blown away with the water bottles that were to be provided to our campers. I have been at camps over the past twenty years where plastic and foam waste have been some of the biggest battles that I've faced in running my programs. This has been the first facility where the "Leave No Trace" program actually has an ACTION to REDUCE WASTE and make the active effort to reduce our footprint on the land, our lake, as well as the beaches and oceans as these kids take their water bottles home from camp. I would love to ensure that YMCA Camp Immokalee continues working with Beaches Go Green for the foreseeable future. Again, thank you for all you're doing for our small community and for generations to come."

A huge thank you to Publix for sponsoring these amazing reusable water bottles!



## RIVER CITY LIVE APPEARANCE!

**Our Bartram Trail HS Student Officers, Ryan and Cali, appeared on WJXT's River City Live to educate the community on plastic pollution while promoting reusable over single use plastic.**



## BGG SUMMER VIDEO CONTEST

**Mandarin High School Senior & BGG Club President, Meika, won our summer environmental education video competition. Meika's clever & creative video about the 3 R's; Refuse, Reduce, Reuse was a standout winner!**



## TPC GREEN TEAM PRESENTATION



**BGG presented to more than 40 Green Team Members at the PGA/TPC Headquarters in Ponte Vedra, FL. PGA is making great strides with reducing event waste. The stunning new PGA Tour building is Gold Leed Certified.**

## ECO-CINEMA: ENDANGERED MERMAIDS

**We partnered with St. Augustine Film Society to present the film "Endangered Mermaids" at the St. Augustine Yacht Club. The film speaks about the plight of manatees. Our films are always FREE, family-friendly events with eco-friendly vendors and food trucks.**

**Thank you to all of our sponsors who make these events possible!**



# SISTERS OF THE SEA 24TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S SURF CLASSIC

Beaches Go Green sponsored and supported the 24th annual Sisters of the Sea Women's Surf Classic in Jax Beach. An epic day of surfing and witnessing the strength of women in action at an eco-friendly event!

**GREEN** highlights include:

- **NO** food/beverages or single-use water bottles were sold or served. Instead, everyone was encouraged to **BYO** reusable water bottles and pack lunches!
- Beaches Go Green provided a water filling station for contestants & spectators
- Food for volunteers was served buffet style instead fo single-serving/single packaged to save waste.
- All surf trophies were recycled. Male trophies were repainted with bikinis.
- Mini beach cleanup- there were **SO** many cigarette butts in the high tide wash line and lots of small plastic items.
- Contestants were given reusable bags and top finishers received BGG & EIDON sponsored reusable water bottles with contest logo.
- Reef-safe sunscreen and eco-friendly surf wax was provided.
- Surf leashes made from recycled plastic.
- Surf rash guards for contestants are **REUSED** every year!
- Beaches Go Green eco-tips were read over the loudspeaker throughout contest!





## 1st EVER - BEACHES GO GREEN STUDENT OFFICER & TEACHER SPONSOR CLUB TRAINING

50 students and teacher volunteers dedicated 5 hours of their summer to BGG club training. They learned about environmental issues and met with BGG club officers/future officers from different schools.

It was a whole day that included:

- Environmental and leadership lectures
- Guest speakers from Cornell
- A tour of the Link (a leed certified smart building)
- Dissected Albatross boluses for plastic
- Experienced the Flagler Health Immersion Theatre
- Yoga and drumming mini sessions
- Collaborated with local environmental groups such as Matanzas River Keeper

A very BIG thank you to our sponsors: Flagler Health who sponsored our meeting space at the Link in Nocatee. Publix sponsored all the food and snacks for our volunteers!

## Make-up TRAINING FOR BEACHES GO GREEN CLUB STUDENT OFFICERS & TEACHER SPONSORS

In September, we held a make-up training session for students officers and teacher sponsors of our BGG Clubs who could not attend our inaugural event.

Beyond learning the basics of plastic pollution & the goals of Beaches Go Green clubs, we all made new friends, experienced a crazy thunderstorm with cool lightning & double rainbows, dissected albatross Boluses (vomit balls) unfortunately they had lots of plastic in them, met the Moquin Zoo & had a quick stretching session with Lauren!

Schools represented were Beachside HS, Douglas Anderson HS, Fletcher Middle, Fletcher HS, Mayport Middle, NEASE HS, Providence HS & St Augustine HS.

**HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR ADULT VOLUNTEERS & TEACHERS that helped us to make it EXTRA awesome!**



## BGG STUDENT CLUBS PRESENT TO IRAQI EXHANGE STUDENTS WITH JAX GLOBAL IYLEP

BGG officers had the unique experience of meeting with 2 different cohorts of Iraqi teens from Jax Global's IYLEP (International Youth Leadership Exchange Program). BGG Club teens presented on plastic pollution as well as exchanged ideas, concerns and fun facts about both of our cultures. Our BGG teens specificall talked about -friendly friendly program to go along with the IYLEP "sustainability" theme of their trip. BGG student clubs spoke about their roles in the club, environmental education in the community, our environmental education videos, and our reusable bottles for sports program to go along with the summers theme of SUSTAINABILITY. Each Iraqi quest received a BGG SIC-brand reusable bottle to take home!

BGG Clubs represented were Fletcher Middle, Fletcher HS, Mandarin HS, Nease HS, Ponte Vedra HS and Providence HS.

Big thank you to Joseph's Pizza in Atlantic Beach who donated food for this truly an unforgettable experience.





# OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2022 IMPACT

## RECORD TURNOUT FOR COMMUNITY CLEANUP IN JAX BEACH



643 VOLUNTEERS

1286 TOTAL SERVICE HRS

\$38,515.70 TOTAL VOLUNTEER VALUE



84 BAGS TRASH + 500LBS LARGE ITEMS

2,180 LBS LITTER CLEANED UP

\$2,616 TRASH ABATEMENT CONTRIBUTION.

18,896 CIGARETTE BUTTS COLLECTED!

**\$41,131.70 TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY!**



VOLUNTEERS CLEANED UP JACKSONVILLE BEACH & SURROUNDING AREAS.  
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO CAME!



## JAX BEACH COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP CONT'D



WE HAD MANY AMAZING COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO PROVIDED FUNDING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AS WELL AS PRIZES & FOOD FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS INCLUDED: MAYO CLINIC, THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP, ATP, NATIVE SUN, JAX BEACH BRUNCH HAUS, ERC, TIAA BANK, FLORIDA BLUE, STATE FARM, SURFING EVOLUTION & PRESERVATION, SIC CUPS, TOBACCO-FREE JACKSONVILLE, NEWS4JAX POSITIVELY JAX, SALT LIFE FOOD SHACK, O-KU SUSHI, THE LOCAL BOX, YOGA MIX, THE MINI BAR DONUTS, DONATOS PIZZA, WONDERBIRD, BOLD BEAN COFFEE, TACOLU, PETERBROOKE CHOCOLATE AB, SOUTHERN SWELLS BREWERY, IROCKER STAND UP PADDLE BOARDS, DUNSEL RECYCLED SAIL BAGS.

SEVERAL DUVAL & ST. JOHN'S COUNTY SCHOOLS WERE REPRESENTED INCLUDING: BEACHSIDE HS, BOLLES LOWER, CREEKSIDE HS, FLETCHER HS, FLETCHER MIDDLE, FSCJ, JAX BEACH ELEMENTARY, MANDARIN HS, MAYPORT MIDDLE, NEASE HS, PONTE VEDRA HS, PROVIDENCE SCHOOL, SANDALWOOD HS, ST AUGUSTINE HS & MORE!



# BEACHES TOWN CENTER FALL FESTIVAL 2022



**Beaches Town Center Fall Festival was a great success! HUGE THANK YOU to Kendra & the Beaches Town Center Agency for always putting on such a fun & community building event! More 500 people came out to celebrate!**

**We are grateful for our awesome student volunteers. We could not do it without you! Schools represented were: Fletcher HS, Fletcher Middle, Landrum Middle, Mandarin HS, Mayport Middle, PV Rawlings Elementary & Wolfson HS!**

**Beaches Go Green hosted the drink station with recyclable paper cone cups! NO PLASTIC CUPS! We did our best to hand out sustainable treats. They included Yum Earth candy, Annie's Organics Snacks, cotton bracelets, paper pads & more! We also handed out BGG stickers, had games & a BGG tattoo station for the kids!**

**Beaches Go Green's "BEWARE OF SCARY PLASTIC" golf cart won 2nd place in the golf cart decorating contest. All decorations were "reused" from previous years!**



# REUSABLE BOTTLES FOR SPORTS (RBS):

- **RBS program total (since 7/2020): 28,300+ bottles**
- **2022-23 school year total: 16,000+ bottles**
- **OVER 4,400,000 single-use plastic bottles SAVED from environment!**  
(1 reusable bottle saves 156 single-use bottles/year - [earthday.org](http://earthday.org))

## CUCO Track Club

**CUCO** stands for "chin up, chest out." It is the only youth track & field program in the Jax Beaches area.

Huge THANKS to Donovan Heat & Air who sponsored the bottles & to Sarah w/ FHS BGG & Mrs Foss w/ Mayport BGG who helped to delivery the important message with the bottles.



## ECO-CINEMA: SEASPIRACY

Seaspiracy was the last of 4 films in our FREE eco-cinema film series with St Augustine Film Society. The film focused on the environmental impacts of the fishing industry, particularly commercial fishing. After the film, we had a great discussion with local experts including a guest student panelist, Veronica Schoff, Co-President of our Ponte Vedra High School Beaches Go Green Club!

Eco-Cinema was made possible by St. Augustine Film Society, Beaches Go Green & our fantastic partners: The Golden Way, St. Augustine Yacht Club, Jackson Law Group, The Truck Accident Law Group & Yellowstone Landscape.



# BEACHES GO GREEN RECEIVES COMMUNITY AWARDS

Beaches Go Green & our awesome volunteers were recognized by 2 different organizations with 3 different awards for our environmental education contributions to the community. It's an honor & privilege to be recognized among such truly inspirational leaders & change-makers in our area!

Congratulations to them all and THANK YOU!

- Keep Jacksonville Beautiful/ City of Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (EPB) awarded BGG an “Organization Impact” award.
- Anne Marie Moquin, founder & ED of BGG was awarded the “Jake Godbold” award. The Mayor Jake M. Godbold award is presented to “an individual who has consistently demonstrated community advocacy and environmental stewardship.”
- In a separate event & ceremony, Tobacco Free Jacksonville awarded Beaches Go Green a “Community Impact Award” for helping to reduce tobacco litter & advocating for tobacco-FREE beach & park ordinances.



# BGG STUDENT CLUBS ARE MULTIPLYING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FORCES BY TEACHING AT LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Our Ponte Vedra High School BGG Club presented to a couple hundred 5th graders at Ocean Palms Elementary for the 3rd year in a row. Environmental presentations included a powerpoint, a skit with the "plastic monster", games and even an appearance from "Bruce, the Ponte Vedra Shark"!

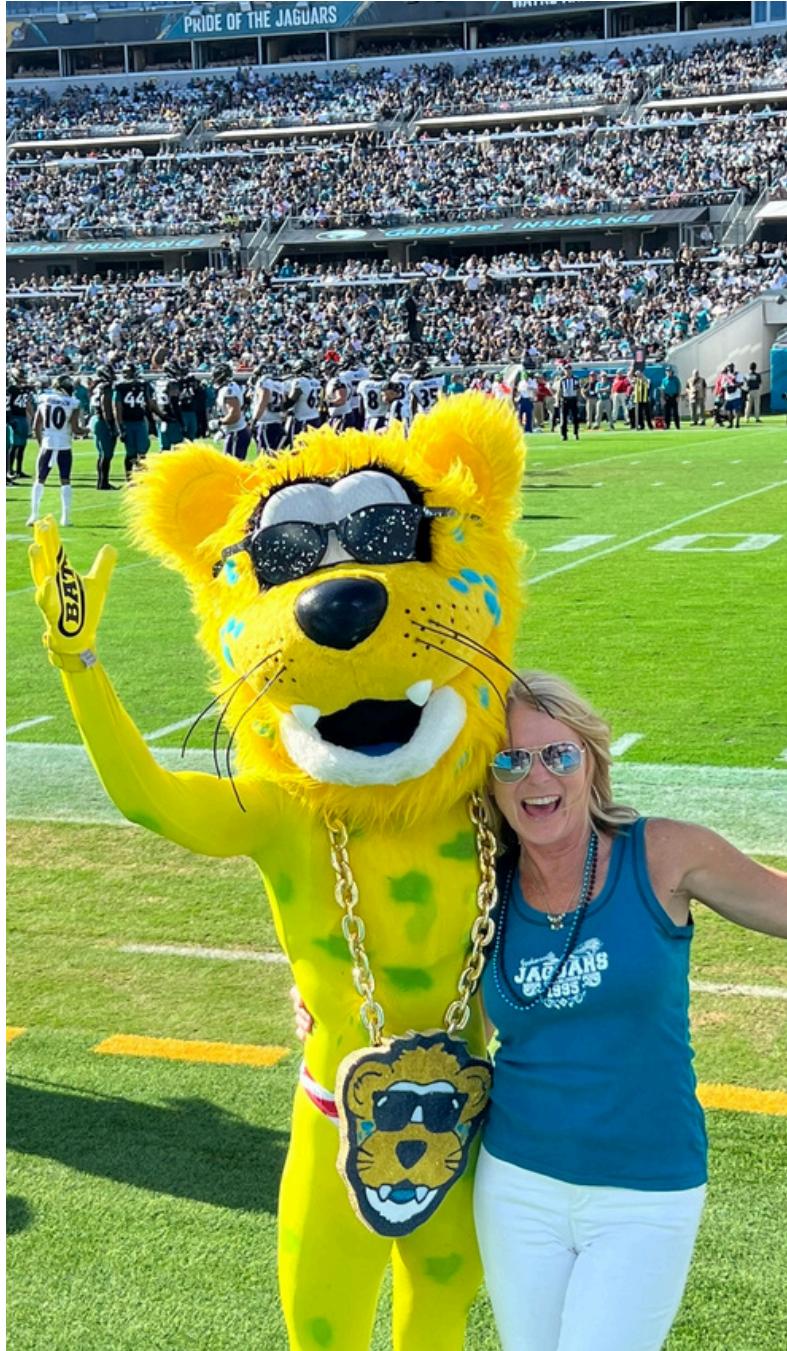


The Fletcher Middle BGG Club presented on plastic pollution at San Pablo Elementary to multiple classrooms. The middle schoolers used powerpoints, posters and the "plastic monster" as teaching aids.

# BGG'S OWN KIM DECKER REUSES WINS COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD!

Our very own BGG volunteer, KIM DECKER, was honored as the TIAA Bank Community Champion at the Jacksonville Jaguars game vs. the Baltimore Ravens in late November. Decker was recognized for her work in environmental education through Beaches Go Green.

We are so proud of you Kim & grateful for your support!



# A FEW BEACHES GO GREEN STUDENT CLUB HIGHLIGHTS - WE ARE THE CHANGE!





# BEACHES TOWN CENTER HOLIDAY CLEANUP

Huge thank you to all of our volunteers & sponsors! Our events would not be as impactful without you! Sponsors included Beaches Dentistry, Surfing Evolution & Preservation foundation, Florida Blue, Edie Williams State Farm, the Local restaurant, Sierra Grill & Donatos Pizza, YogaMix, iRocker SUP boards, TrueEast, Southern Grounds, Whits Frozen Custard, Jax Beach Brunch Haus, Natural Life, Doro Restaurant, One Ocean Hotel, Jaffi's, Poe's Tavern & Eco-Lux Skin Spa & Tobacco Free Jax



300+ VOLUNTEERS

600+ TOTAL SERVICE HRS

\$18,089.80 TOTAL VOLUNTEER VALUE



38 BAGS TRASH + SOME LARGE ITEMS

760 LBS LITTER CLEANED UP

\$919.60 TRASH ABATEMENT CONTRIBUTION.

12K+ CIGARETTE BUTTS COLLECTED!

**\$19,009.40 TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY!**