

COLLOQUIUM

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Sense of Place: Field Trip to Estero Bay; A Question of Sustainability

Estuary Field Trip

In the end, we conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught.

Baba Dioum, *Senegalese poet*

Field Trip to Estero Bay:

Explanation of the estuary community and fresh water in flow issues, exploration of biodiversity in estuarine and near shore communities of the Gulf Coast, discussion of balancing the needs of humans and of natural ecosystems. The class field exploration included a visit to Vester Marine Lab where the class took a canoe trip. On the bus trip to the Field station, we watched a 25 minute video entitled [Preserving our Waters 50 years of the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve](#). On the return trip we watched [Pink Gold Rush](#) (about the Gulf shrimp fishery 57 minutes)

To make this up you need to visit the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve on your own. Go to the [Matanzas Pass Preserve](#). Walk out the boardwalk to the waters edge.

- **What to wear:** Dress for the weather: hat, sunscreen, long sleeves to keep biting insects off y our skin
- **What to bring:** Water, snack
- **What to do:** Listen deeply to the water lapping at the shore and in the mangroves
- Watch both videos with attention.
- This link will help you learn more about the [Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve](#)

Then...learn about how

It takes a village to make a Shrimp Cocktail

These links will help inform you about the shrimping industry

The role of estuaries in keeping our cupboards [full NoAA](#)

[Fiisheries Pink Shrimp information](#)

<http://www.seagrantfish.lsu.edu/biological/shrimpniche.htm>

FIELD TRIP MAKE UP INSTRUCTIONS:

If you need to make up this field trip it will require you to visit the [Matanzas Pass Preserve](#), watch the two videos on your own, and make a brief (no more than 5 minutes, but no less than 3 minutes) about the Matansas Pass Preserve, the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve and role of the Estuary in the life cycle of pink shrimp.

The video must be posted on YOU TUBE, open to the public with a title containing the words FGCU Colloquium Estuary field trip, your name and the date. You need to be in the video at the Matansas Pass Preserve