



MarineLab

Marine Resources Development Foundation

Marine Science education in the Florida Keys

Backcountry Sunset Picnic

Students will board boats to go to FL Bay and enjoy a sunset. MarineLab staff will bring a picnic dinner for the group to enjoy on the boat. Site is not conducive to snorkeling, but students are welcome to swim. This is a relaxing evening without any planned curriculum.

** This program is only available as it is written for groups of 1-4 boats. If you have a group of 5 or more boats, we can (1) split the groups up- a few go out one night and a few go out the next – and run the program as it is written OR (2) we can prepare an early dinner for everyone in the cafeteria and then everyone can board the boats and go on the water for sunset. **

Grade Level: All

Timing: ~ 3 hours; we generally schedule boat to leave dock 1.5-2 hours before sunset

Extensions:

- We can tow for plankton on the return trip (those of you that came to MarineLab years ago probably remember plankton tows with students on the boat!) and then follow the boat trip with a plankton lab. ** The availability of this option will be dependent on time of sunset **
- Often, participating groups choose this trip for their last night. It works well to give the students a “free” afternoon – perhaps with the summary class – and then follow with the picnic to conclude their time at MarineLab

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