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## Summer Campers to Fish, Swim and have Fun in the Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway

For 24 local summer campers, Monday will be all about fun and fishing as they will spend the day on a boat off the coast of Palm Beach.

The campers will leave the Riviera Beach Marina at 9 am and will practice what they have been learning over the past two weeks. They are expected to return at 3 pm.

“They will catch a variety of fish, and learn the basics of environmental stewardship, fishing ethics and techniques, angling skills and safety,” said Jasmin Collins, director of The Quest, a 10-week camp, which is operating on Singer Island. “They also will get to explore the great outdoors.”

In preparation for Monday’s trip they learned how to tie a rope knot, cast a line and about boating safety in a previous session.

They will spend the last two hours swimming in the Intracoastal Waterway.

The STREAM-focused camp is operated by KOP Mentoring Network in partnership with Estella’s Brilliant Bus.

Camp officials said the trip is designed to teach the campers – tomorrow’s boaters, anglers and environmental stewards – to enjoy Florida’s fragile marine resources in a way that preserves the ecosystem for generations to come.

“This is more than a day of fishing for these kids,” said Mia Pyfrom, interim Executive Director of Estella’s Brilliant Bus. “We hope to provide them with the tools and knowledge to resist the temptations of the streets and to gain a richer appreciation for our local waters. Hopefully, some will use what we teach them to pursue jobs in the marine industries.”

The Quest is funded by Palm Beach County Youth Services, the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, Riviera Beach Community Development Corporation, Riviera Beach Parks and Recreation Department, City of Delray Beach Neighborhood Services Division and Delray Beach Police Department.

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