



# Alabama Coastal Foundation

## ACF K-12 Engagement

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## ACF'S MISSION



To improve and protect Alabama's coastal environment through cooperation, education and participation.



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### We accomplish our mission by:

- Bringing together stakeholders with differing interests to facilitate mutually beneficial solutions;
- Providing fair and factual information to encourage responsible citizen action;
- Offering opportunities for individuals to play a vital part in preserving our environment and our coastal way of life.
- Providing hands on volunteer opportunities



## GULF COAST BAY BUDDY



The ACF Bay Buddy program is a volunteer-led initiative that teaches children ages K-4 in Mobile and Baldwin Counties about basic conservation principles.

Students receive a free activity booklet, and teachers receive a toolkit with environmental lesson plans.



## Water Festivals



Water Festivals are free watershed education days held annually for 4th grade students in Mobile and Baldwin Counties.

These programs include a full day of hands-on activities that teach students about watershed and water quality protection and the interconnectedness of our coastal way of life.



## COASTAL KIDS QUIZ



- Competition for 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Mobile & Baldwin Counties to test their knowledge of conservation.
- Students & teachers compete to win thousands in scholarships.



## Mobile Bay Estuary Corps

- Middle School education program
- The Estuary Corps is designed to engage youth in activities which explore and improve the Mobile Bay Estuary system.
- Students entering the 7th and 8th grade are selected to participate in the program.
- Phillips Middle School and Spanish Fort Middle School piloted.
- Because of The Fuse Project, we are opening recruitment to all middle schools in coastal Alabama.
- Program is done in partnership with Mobile Bay National Estuary Program and the Dauphin Island Sea Lab.



## Coastal Alabama Service Learning Program (CASL)

- ACF's newest program
- Engages high school students in coastal environmental service projects.
- The objectives for CASL are:
  - To enrich their understanding of biology, marine biology, and conservation content with fieldwork.
  - To connect them with people who work in the environmental community and in the local universities.



## Osprey Platforms



## Osprey Live Video Camera

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Osprey Live Video  
Camera



## Wood Duck Boxes



## Tree & Marsh Grass Planting





## Cleanups & Invasive Species Removals



## Eco-Team

- Collaborative Recycling and Sustainability Program
- Started by focusing on two big events: BayFest and Mardi Gras
- Event organizers can now contract with ACF for services or receive general guidance on best practice for recycling
- Plastics, aluminum, and cardboard have been collected at events by over 200 volunteers.





## Create a Clean Water Future



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