Science Solutions: Working together to protect Rookery Bay

Rookery Bay Research Reserve has a rich history of bringing people together to create solutions to complex environmental issues. To share lessons learned over our 40+ years of conservation work, we invite you to a new online series of learning and skill building events. In this series, we will share Rookery Bay's successful conservation approach to get the <u>right information</u> to the <u>right people</u> in the <u>right way</u>. Visit **rookerybay.org/events/solutions to learn more**

In this series you will learn:

- How Rookery Bay works with partners to translate cutting-edge research into protective actions
- Information on Rookery Bay's scientific research and conservation
- Skills for translating scientific data into effective solutions

Learn with us

Want to learn more about the conservation work at Rookery Bay? Join us as we share examples of how science was used to create on-the-ground conservation strategies in southwest Florida. These local success stories will be shared through free, interactive webinars each month. Questions will be encouraged from the audience to be answered live by our guest speakers from Rookery Bay staff and other environmental organizations such as Collier County Mosquito Control, Audubon Florida, and Florida Gulf Coast University.

Audience: Anyone age 13 and up who would like to learn more about conserving our unique environments of Southwest Florida.

Build your skills

After hearing the stories of Rookery Bay's success, we want to help you build skills to share your own story. Join us for interactive online workshops designed to help you effectively engage with stakeholders and translate scientific information into solutions for a better future. Each workshop will build your capacity to implement a different aspect of successful conservation based on lessons shared from the preceding webinar. Workshops will be limited to 30 participants to allow you to personally interact with our nationally recognized instructors.

Audience: Environmental professionals, scientists, students, and community leaders who want to implement projects to protect coastal natural areas.

Special study group opportunity: Join a cohort of your peers to gain a deeper understanding through a formal study group. You must commit to register for all learning and skill building events (10 events) and participate in a monthly study group (5 meetings). The cohort will meet each month to review takeaway points, discuss questions about application, and reflect on implementation. There will be no additional fee to join the group, but you must apply as space will be limited. Students and professionals are encouraged to apply here or email jessica.mcintosh@dep.state.fl.us for more info.