

# *Friends of the Environment*

## *Abaco's Future is in Your Hands*

*Friends of the Environment is dedicated to the preservation and protection of Abaco's terrestrial and marine environments in order to achieve sustainable living for the wildlife and the people of Abaco.*

### Email Newsletter Vol. 3 Issue 1, January 2008

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Central Abaco: January 26th 10am at the new FRIENDS Education Center

Hope Town: February 23rd

Treasure Cay: March 29th

**Reminder! Nassau Grouper Closed Season Dec 15th – Feb 28th**

*The Reef Ball will be held March 1st at the Boat Harbour Pavilion – Call FRIENDS to reserve your tickets now!*

The FRIENDS Winter Hardcopy Newsletter will be sent in February, if you received the last hard copy newsletter in the mail, and would prefer an electronic version, please email us and let us know:

Lindsey@friendsoftheenvironment.org

### Discovery Club Afterschool Program starts, Volunteers needed

Beginning January 28, 2008, Friends of The Environment will introduce a bi-monthly after school program targeted at kids ages 6-13.

Discovery Club is an after school program developed by The Bahamas National Trust. It was first introduced in 1995 and immediately became very popular. Discovery Club incorporates environmental education with other disciplines such as art, ecology, history, camping, exploration and astronomy. Kids attend Club meetings, wear a uniform and participate in different activities in which they earn badges.

Meetings will be held bi-monthly at the following locations:

Location	Venue	Meeting Day	Contact
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Marsh Harbour	Friends of the Environment Education Center	Every other Monday 3:30-5 p.m.	d'Shan Maycock 367-2721
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North Abaco	S.C. Bootle High School	Every other Monday 3:30- 5 p.m.	Laura Davis 365-0065
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South Abaco	J.A. Pinder Primary	Every other Tuesday 3:30- 5 p.m.	Tonia Ferguson 365- 4015
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If you would like to register your child, or volunteer with the program, please contact that coordinator for your area or call FRIENDS!

### 3rd Annual ASAC a Success

But don't take out word for it, read the words of a Bahamian journalist who attended: <http://www.bahamapundit.com/2008/01/conjuring-a-pre.html>

More about ASAC to come in the upcoming FRIENDS hardcopy newsletter.

### FRIENDS Wish List

Hopefully all are aware that FRIENDS is now located in a new Education Center in Marsh Harbour. As is the case with every nonprofit, FRIENDS has a wish list (now that we have room for more equipment). If you have any of these items and are willing to donate them please contact FRIENDS!

Wall-mounted projector screen (the kind that rolls back into its box) and LCD Projector for Education Center Classroom

TV, DVD and VDR player for Education Center Classroom

External Hard drive to store and backup files  
Digital cameras  
Copy Machine (colour and b/w, double sided, automatic feed)  
Environmentally related reference books for classroom

Central Abaco Plant Fair – Saturday, January 26 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Come visit FRIENDS' new Education Center, learn more about invasive and native plants and receive a FREE native plant for attending! Dr. Maurice Isaacs will be the featured speaker and Michael Parotti of Rocky Farms will be demonstrating propagation techniques. It will be a great morning – we look forward to seeing you there! Please call FRIENDS for more information or directions!

*Your comments and suggestions on email newsletters are most welcome. Please check FRIENDS's website for detailed information on our other programs and activities.*

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