Welcome to the Community Classroom Consortium and Our Newly Published Resource Guide!

Tallahassee and the Big Bend region are fortunate to have a unique assortment of resources and organizations that offer citizens opportunities for ongoing informal learning. The Community Classroom Consortium (CCC) provides a platform where organizations can work collectively to have a larger reach and bigger impact. Created nearly 25 years ago by a group of local education professionals and a grant from the Smithsonian Institution, the mission of this 501(c)(3) nonprofit group is to provide educational experiences and resources to the public, especially K-12 teachers and students, that will encourage lifelong learning.

The CCC is a coalition of more than 30 cultural, scientific, natural history, and civic organizations in north Florida and south Georgia. One of our signature projects is providing grants to area teachers. In addition, membership in CCC provides opportunities for networking, professional development, and community partnerships. We meet as a group four times a year at various member sites. Throughout the year, the CCC hosts community events for teachers, educators, and the public where CCC members are encouraged to participate and promote their institutions. Collectively we can better serve our community and have more fun while we do it! We hope that this guide will help you find educational resources for your program or perhaps encourage you to become a member of our consortium!

Sincerely,

Kim Kelling Engstrom | President, Community Classroom Consortium

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Between stores and online operations, Barnes & Noble sells approximately 300 million books per year. Nationwide, outreach programs host over 200,000 events per year. Neighborhood stores are dedicated to serving and contributing to their local communities. In Tallahassee, partnerships with schools and nonprofit groups who feature literacy are a major focus. B&N sponsors literacy programs such as Raising Readers and holiday book drives benefiting the Early Learning Coalition. B&N offers in-store book fair fundraising, teacher discounts and educator-specific workshops, summer reading programs, book signings, and local author/writer panels.

Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle is the premier organization for girls and young women 5-18 years of age. Dedicated to creating the leaders of tomorrow, Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts have the opportunity to discover, connect, and take action in the world around them, and of course have the chance to sell the world famous Girl Scout Cookies every year.
Leon County Recycling & Education Services

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Leon County Recycling and Education Services provides many services to local schools, residents and community groups. Residents and businesses can bring Styrofoam™ to the Solid Waste Management Facility for recycling. Free mulch is available for citizens. Groups can promote recycling at their next function by borrowing the county’s event recycling containers.

Education services include landfill tours, presentations and The Rhonda Renee Recycles Show. Rhonda Renee Recycles’ creative costume and her lively music and game show educates and entertains. These services are by appointment only and are free to public and private schools, businesses, civic groups, scout troops and anyone in Leon County wanting to know more about garbage and recycling.

Leon County Senior Outreach

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Come join the fun! Helping seniors live independent, healthy and engaged lives is the primary focus of Leon County Senior Outreach, a program of the Tallahassee Senior Foundation, funded primarily by the Leon County Board of Commissioners. Monthly Senior Days in Bradfordville, Chaires, Ft. Braden, Miccosukee and Woodville bring services, information, resources, fun and fellowship to residents in the unincorporated areas of Leon County. Ongoing programming such as fitness, art and Lifelong Learning classes assist seniors in remaining active, both mentally and physically. Our Grandparents as Parents program (GaP) provides additional assistance to grandparents who are the primary caretakers of their grandchildren. Support groups, social outings and individual help is available to grandparents and other relative caregivers thrust into parental roles, oftentimes under unexpected and difficult circumstances.
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New Leaf Market, a cooperatively-owned business, has been serving the Tallahassee community since 1974. As the largest natural foods co-op in North Florida and South Georgia, New Leaf Market is proud to offer an abundance of organic and local produce, natural groceries, organic wine and beer, supplements, vitamins and body care products.

New Leaf Market is committed to building a vibrant and healthy local community by providing natural and organic foods and products. As a cooperative, it emphasizes socially and environmentally-responsible practices, and provides education and information about its products and the cooperative principles upon which it is based.

Sustainable Tallahassee, Inc.

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Sustainable Tallahassee is a 501 (C) (3) not-for-profit, community resource whose mission is to promote environmental stewardship and economic development through education and collaboration. Our vision is to empower each individual and business in our region to participate in creating a world-class sustainable community that will meet the needs of present and future generations. We invite you to participate in creating a greener community through our programs and projects including: recycling, Community Carbon Calculator, Green Business Development, low-income energy programs, Sustainability & You: Community Learning Series green field trips, educational programs and workshops, and more!
The Character & Heritage Institute

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The Character & Heritage Institute is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that develops innovative educational programs and products through the arts for individuals, schools, libraries, museums and the community.

The Sharing TREE

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The Sharing TREE (Teachers Reusing Everything for Education) is a reusable resource center where new and gently-used materials are made available to educators. The TREE is a public/private non-profit partnership founded by Leon County Schools, Goodwill Industries, Sustainable Tallahassee, and Leon County. The mission of the Sharing TREE is to support the betterment of our community by providing classroom materials to teachers that enhance the educational setting for students while also inspiring the entire community to reuse and recycle. If your organization or company generates scrap, discards or overruns that are destined for the landfill, then The Sharing TREE has an idea for you! By donating your discards or scraps to our program, your material donations can reach thousands of teachers. Besides supporting The Sharing TREE and local education, your material donation may also be tax deductible. Please contact Carly Sinnadurai if you are interested in donating to the organization or learning more about the resources that The Sharing TREE has to offer. Materials can also be dropped off at any local Goodwill location.
**TREATS, Inc.**

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TREATS, Inc. is an all-volunteer 501 (C) (3) not-for-profit community organization dedicated to the humane treatment of animals. It promotes responsible pet ownership early in life through Camp Bark-ly, a summer camp for kids ages 6-11 that offers hands-on experiences in animal care. TREATS sponsors KIND NEWS for 3rd grade classrooms in Leon County to help nurture respect for people, pets and the environment. TREATS also lessens the burden of animal overpopulation on the community through free spay/neuter surgeries and by providing pet medical assistance to people faced with relinquishing pets to shelters or rescue groups.

**Big Bend Maritime Center**

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Florida Foresight, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, promotes the preservation and enhancement of Florida’s intrinsic resources; encourages nature-based and heritage tourism, and advances long-term sustainable development projects. In partnership with Wakulla County, it is establishing The Big Bend Maritime Center in Panacea as a premier destination. The center will interpret, study and preserve the heritage of this significant maritime region, provide meaningful cultural experiences by joining maritime educational programs with contemporary marine skills and traditions, and showcase marine trades as a significant contributor to the region’s economy.
For the first time, a picture book biography (National Geographic Children’s Books) is available that illuminates the only woman ever elected a leader of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. An Accelerated Reader book, with student tie-ins, SHE SANG PROMISE: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Tribal Leader, is a unique way to bring social studies, women’s history and Native American topics to life. Invite author Jan Godown Annino to a book festival, classroom talk or other event. Visit www.bookseedstudio.wordpress.com for activity ideas, resources and author contact information.

Dance Repertory Theatre (DRT) is the performing ensemble of the FSU School of Dance. The company’s focus is the study and production of repertory and community outreach programs. The company performs regularly in the schools and in collaboration with community and state arts organizations via an extensive residency program. DRT presents annual concerts both on and off-campus and lecture demonstrations in non-traditional performance spaces. These activities serve to enhance the mission of the Florida State University School of Dance to introduce the works of well-known choreographers through its regional repertory center offerings.
FSU Museum of Fine Arts

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The Museum of Fine Arts divides its calendar between exhibitions that are awarded prestigious grants and “write” art history, and lively graduating artist and faculty exhibitions. The scope ranges from national-impact, scholarly presentations to vigorous work by regional artists and students. Programs are a spectrum of media and viewpoint; and the Museum is a cheerful place to visit – either by yourself or with a K-12 group. Programs are free and open to the public. The Museum is affiliated with the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota.

Governor’s Mansion

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The Governor’s Mansion, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2006, is the official residence of Florida’s first family. Completed in 1956, the current mansion has been home to thirteen governors. Free, thirty-minute public tours of the State Rooms and Manatee Courtyard are conducted by appointment only MWF mornings, 10 a.m.-12 noon during March-May and the December holidays by the Mansion curator and docents. Educational outreach is available in the form of teaching posters, lesson plans, lectures, virtual tours and classroom presentations [accompanied by mansion artifacts] by contacting the Mansion curator. Welcome to “The Peoples’ House” of Florida!
Guided Walking and Driving Tours in Florida’s Capital and the Forgotten Coast Like You’ve Never Seen Before

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Educators and visitors: Whether on one of our guided walking or driving tours, our guides will share with you and your group many of the fascinating stories of Florida’s capital and the Forgotten Coast including its diverse people, events, architecture, and historic and alleged haunted places. Incorporate our tours as an activity for your students, clubs, meeting attendees, VIPs, family guests and family reunions. Guided walking tours are especially nice at sunset for diners in our charming downtown. Amusing ghost tours (based upon actual events) are held annually in October and are offered year-round as pre-formed group tours (prices vary). Guided tour itinerary planning and Step-on-Guide services for multi-passenger vehicle guided tours are also available. View our website for pix, prices, and packages. Note, many guided tours are custom designed. Pet-Friendly. Guided Tours umbrella company, Historic Florida Consulting, LLC, specializes in planning and conducting historic site educational workshops and historic preservation consulting.

John G. Riley Center / Museum

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The Riley Museum is located in the heart of Tallahassee’s historic downtown in a circa 1890 home that John Gilmore Riley, a former slave, built for his family. The restored two-story structure is in what was once a thriving middle class predominantly African American neighborhood. John Riley became a principal serving for 33 years, an astute businessman and property owner and a great civic and church leader. Today, the museum exemplifies the highest standards of historic preservation and depicts life in Tallahassee exhibited through the eyes of its original owner who lived 97 years and witnessed many significant events in our history. Open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission $2 for adults and $1 for children.
Knott House Museum

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The Knott House Museum, built in 1843, was home to William V. Knott, who served as Florida’s Treasury Secretary during the Great Depression. He and his poet wife, Luella, began their residence in 1928, adorning the home with beautiful Victorian antiques. Join us on a free guided tour of the home every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. and every Saturday at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Special events highlight our education programs, which also include private tours for adults, schools, and scouts.

LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library

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The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System enriches the community by inspiring a love of reading, providing a dynamic resource for creative and intellectual pursuits, and enabling residents to live a life of learning. We currently have a main downtown library, five branches, a bookmobile (with related outreach services) and an “Internet Branch”. The Library offers a wide range of books, periodicals, etc., as well as activities and meeting rooms available for public use. A schedule of free programs for all children is available on our website. The Teen Library Council meets once a month to discuss books, music, movies, create fun teen programs, and meet new people.
Meek-Eaton Black Archives Research Center & Museum

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Florida A&M University
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Tallahassee, FL 32307
http://www.cis.famu.edu/BlackArchives/qfacts.html

In 1971, the Florida Legislature mandated a repository “to serve the state by collecting and preserving first-source material on or about black Americans from the earliest beginnings to the present”. Since then, three historic structures have been joined together to fulfill this mandate: *The Black Archives Research Center & Museum [re-named the Carrie Meek-James N. Eaton, Sr. Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum in 2006 by the Florida Legislature] *The historic Carnegie Library [listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978, featuring museum exhibits on African-Americans in the South] *The historic Union Bank, one block south of the Old Capitol on Apalachee Parkway [built in 1841 by slave labor, served as a Freedmen’s Bank during Reconstruction, and is the state’s oldest surviving bank structure]. The Meek-Eaton building and Carnegie Library [in the heart of campus at Florida A&M University] feature international and national exhibits, a children’s museum, main archives, technology center, storage facilities and offices. Admission is free to all three Black Archives facilities.

Mission San Luis

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During the 17th century, San Luis was the principal mission town of the Apalachee province, serving as both the administrative and religious capital of a chain of missions stretching from St. Augustine westward. Modern day visitors discover the blended community of Apalachee natives and Spanish settlers through costumed living history, hands-on exhibits, re-created period buildings, and archaeological displays. Onsite programs include tours, day camps, special events and workshops. Outreach programs are open to local schools and community groups. Visit www.missionsanluis.org for lesson plans, handouts and a Teacher’s Guide.
Museum of Florida History

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Travel through 12,000 years of Florida history at the state history museum. From a lumbering mastodon skeleton to newsreel clips of World War II, the Museum of Florida History (MFH) explores the people, events, and landscapes that have contributed to a rich and colorful heritage. Exhibits, artifacts, artworks, documents, and interactives offer a vivid view of North America’s first frontier. Visitors can wander through galleries on their own or join free daily tours. Onsite and outreach educational programs are available by reservation. Open daily except Thanksgiving and Christmas: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday and holidays, 12-4:30 p.m. No charge for admission.

Florida Historic Capitol Museum

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Come learn about the people and events that have shaped Florida’s political history. Through exhibits, artifacts, photographs, film and an interactive mock session, the Florida Historic Capitol offers a fun and educational experience. Our free Education Program booklet contains descriptions of all available programs and the corresponding Sunshine State Standards for K-12. Daily programs include group orientations, an introductory video, and scavenger hunt. Groups of ten or more are advised to schedule in advance. Admission is free; donations are welcome. Open seven days a week!
The Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science

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The Brogan is a community resource for visual arts, science exploration, and humanities education—providing cultural understanding in support of lifelong learning. We provide a variety of educational programs and exhibits that engage and inspire. Guided tours are available upon request. Exploration Classes which are tied to Sunshine State Standards include: StarLab Portable Planetarium, Burning Curiosity, tobacco awareness program and other “Dazzling Demonstrations” which are available for tours, groups and outreach programs. Ask about The Brogan’s new “Mac Lab” and digital resources. From educational youth camps to special events, The Brogan has something for everyone!

WFSU, The Public Broadcast Station

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Through public media, WFSU helps create community connections across multiple platforms. We provide educational resources that engage and educate citizens, build sustainable community relationships and stimulate citizen participation. A majority of the station’s outreach focus is to provide education opportunities using PBS content to teachers, childcare providers, parents and other educators throughout the area. We provide curriculum materials to schools, teacher trainings, and parent workshops as well as host special events around our programs. SciGirls, created in 2006 in partnership with the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory is one of our signature programs designed to engage girls in science.
The Tallahassee Museum is a 52-acre indoor and outdoor site dedicated to the cultural and natural history of Florida’s Big Bend region. The Museum has a natural habitat zoo of native animals, a nature trail, a Big Bend Farm-1880s period with a small garden and some of the domestic animals found on such a farm, historic buildings—including Bellevue Plantation [listed on the National Register of Historic Places] and changing exhibits. Programs and tours are offered year-round at the Museum for a fee, and programs are correlated to Sunshine State Standards in environmental education, natural science, Florida and regional history, and regional culture. Educational outreach to your site is also available by request, as well as resource trunks.

The St. Francis Wildlife rehabilitation center rescues and cares for injured, orphaned and sick native wildlife from north Florida and south Georgia. Permanently disabled wildlife become part of The Wild Classroom, which provides unique outreach education programs for school groups, organizations and public events. Non-releasable birds of prey, mammals and reptiles offer children and adults an opportunity to observe and learn about wild species up close. People who make personal connections with wildlife are more likely to take actions to protect them and the precious natural areas we share.
The Challenger Learning Center, located on Kleman Plaza in downtown Tallahassee, is the area’s premier “edutainment” destination. With crystal clear images five stories high, the CLC IMAX 3D Theatre offers an immersive, giant movie experience second to none. Visitors also can explore the night sky in the Downtown Digital Dome Theatre and Planetarium, a 50-foot, domed theatre with a 20,600-watt Dolby 5.1 surround sound system. Additionally, visitors can become astronauts and engineers for the day through the CLC’s Space Mission Simulator. More information is available at www.ChallengerTLH.com or by calling (850)644-IMAX or 645-STAR.
Joe Budd Aquatic Education Center

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Joe Budd Aquatic Education Center (JBAEC) is located just outside Tallahassee, in the midst of a Wildlife Management Area, and provides an opportunity for students to learn about aquatic ecology in a natural setting. Students participate in aquatic programs, ranging from pond life studies to wetland surveys—all selected to complement their classroom learning. Students are provided with equipment and supervised instruction while they enjoy fishing in JBAEC’s well-stocked, 15-acre pond. Programs are offered weekdays to scheduled groups at no charge. Summer camp programming is also available during summer months.

National High Magnetic Field Laboratory

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The Center for Integrating Research & Learning at the Magnet Lab facilitates outreach to classrooms, community groups, public and private schools, as well as free, public tours for students, teachers and the general public. Educational outreach is available through web-based resources, classroom visits, lectures and professional development. Middle school and high school internships are available as well as summer internships for undergraduate students and teachers. The Magnet Lab develops and operates state-of-the-art, high magnetic field research facilities and is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the state of Florida.
St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge

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This unique refuge was established in 1931 to provide wintering habitat for migratory birds. It is one of the oldest refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System. It encompasses 68,000 acres spread out between Wakulla, Jefferson, and Taylor counties along the Gulf Coast of northwest Florida. The refuge includes coastal marshes, islands, tidal creeks and estuaries of seven north Florida rivers, and is home to a diverse community of plant and animal life. The refuge also has strong ties to a rich cultural past, and is home to the St. Marks Lighthouse, built in 1832, and still in use today. The refuge is located 25 miles south of Tallahassee and the Lighthouse Road drive only costs $5.00 per vehicle. Call or come by the Visitor Center during business hours for more information.

Tallahassee Astronomical Society

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The Tallahassee Astronomical Society (TAS), founded in 1968 and re-organized in 1989, is a group of friendly people who have a common interest in astronomy, and wish to share that interest with the general public. Interested visitors are invited to our monthly meetings and events at no charge. No equipment is needed. For more information, please call Barry Boerner or TAS President, Ken Kopczynski (850-980-0887). Our website provides more details about our organization, scheduled events, membership, etc. In addition, you will find links to useful astronomical and space sites, including a list of other astronomy clubs throughout the world.
As the Nation’s largest water, earth, and biological science and civilian mapping agency, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) collects, monitors, analyzes, and provides scientific understanding about natural resource conditions, issues, and problems. By integrating our diverse scientific expertise in earth and life sciences, the USGS is able to understand complex natural science phenomena and provide scientific products that lead to solutions. Scientists in the Tallahassee office, one of 400 locations across the country, focus their work on Florida and the southeast U.S. The USGS website, http://www.usgs.gov, contains a wealth of information, scientific findings, and educational materials related to our work.
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