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CRAM THE CANOES!



OCSO School Resource Officers are spearheading a fundraiser to benefit disadvantaged youngsters who attend a special summer camp to have a fun-filled week and learn leadership skills.

Okaloosa SRO's attend the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch "Camp Caruth" each summer to serve as counselors. Up to eighty boys and girls between the ages of ten and fifteen get a chance to canoe, ride bikes, play games, do community service, and practice teambuilding.

Last year Okaloosa SRO's donated bicycles to the kids. This year their goal is to get canoes for the campers and fill them with life jackets, athletic equipment, and athletic shoes. Bass Pro Shops is partnering with OCSO Youth Services to provide canoes at reduced prices. So far three have been purchased thanks to donations from Legacy/Harborwalk Village, the Niceville High School Leadership Club, and the OCSO SRO's!

A number of special fundraising events are planned for others who'd like to get involved:

HARBOR WALK VILLAGE

- Saturday April 5th from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Margaritaville Lottery Ticket Launch
- Thursday, April 24th from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. as part of Finest Food on the Emerald Coast
- Saturday, May 3rd from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, May 4th as part of the Cinco De Mayo Festival

CROSSFIT ABOVE THE BAR

• Saturday, April 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 102 Racetrack Rd. Unit B

100% of all proceeds go directly to Camp Caruth!



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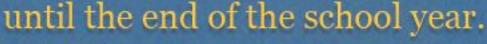


This year's fundraiser for the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch is called "Cram the Canoe".

Our agency has chosen to provide <u>new</u> athletic shoes for girls and boys ages 10-15 and for sporting goods for the ranch, such as new balls, outdoor games, life jackets for canoeing, etc.

We intend to fill new canoes with these items to take to the kids at camp this summer.

Donations can be dropped off to any School Resource Officer









Florida Sheriff's Association FSA founded the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in 1957. That evolved into the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., an example of FSA's commitment to preventing juvenile crime and delinquency by guiding youngsters to productive lives as law-abiding citizens. To date, more than 100,000 youths have been served.