



Friends of the GTM Reserve Sea Turtle Patrol
Adopt-A-Nest Program

The Friends of the GTM Reserve is a Florida Non-Profit Entity. *Donations are tax-deductible.*

The beaches of St. Johns County are used for nesting purposes by threatened Loggerhead and endangered Green and Leatherback sea turtles. The Goal of the Friends of the GTM Reserve Adopt-A-Nest Program is to raise sea turtle awareness by increasing the knowledge and involvement of residents and visitors to these our county. Through our outreach and education programs we hope to have a long-lasting and meaningful impact on the sea turtle nesting population in this area by:

- 1) Reducing the disturbance and harassment of nesting sea turtles by educating the public about the hazards of night time beach activities and the importance of responsible beachfront lighting.
- 2) Increasing the hatchling survival rate by educating the public of the dangers associated with non-conforming beachfront lighting, obstructions on the beach and human intervention.
- 3) Aiding injured sea turtles and returning them to their natural setting.
- 4) Contributing invaluable data to the state nesting database to aid decision makers in the sound management of our beaches and oceans.

The GTM Reserve Sea Turtle Patrol is a volunteer-based effort. Volunteers patrol beaches daily and reach many people each year through personal contact on the beach and through lecture presentations. Your personal and financial support will enable the patrol to increase awareness and continue their outreach and educational goals.

For your donation, Adoptive Parents Receive:

- 1) An adoption certificate with nest information
- 2) Sea Turtle Parent Pin
- 3) Updates on St. Johns County nesting surveys
- 4) Nest evaluation report from their adopted nest

Nest Adoption Donation \$_____ (\$25.00 minimum)

Would you like to volunteer as a patrol member? Yes No maybe, contact me

Would you like more information about the Friends of the GTM Reserve? Yes No

Would you like to be added to the GTMNERR monthly email newsletter? Yes No

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name the nest is adopted under: _____

Please make check or money order payable to:

Friends of the GTM Reserve
Adopt a Nest
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