



Team Terrapin

About: For a more committed experience, join us in North Florida where, from April 1 to September 30, trained volunteers search for terrapin crawls, locate and mark nests with GPS, and sometimes encounter nesting females or hatchlings. Alongside scientists and field leaders, you will help collect vital data by measuring, weighing, notching, and PIT-tagging turtles, as well as recording nest activity, predation, and hatching events. Volunteers commit to at least one field day every two weeks, with training provided in March through online modules, field instruction, and hands-on turtle handling. All you need is interest, passion, and dedication, and we will teach you the rest.

Note: primary sites are semi-isolated and will require the use of kayaks or canoes (provided).

Where: Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns counties, Florida, USA (precise location will be provided by the Point of Contact)

Participants: Participants must be approved as both State Park volunteers and Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) volunteers. Participants must successfully complete online training and self-rescue/kayak certification. On-site field training through TSA is also required to learn proper turtle handling and processing procedures. A general orientation and a hands-on equipment training class must be completed. Youth ages 10–17 are permitted to participate but must pass all required exams and certifications and be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

Participants will need:

- Long- or short-sleeved Team Terrapin Volunteer shirt (required)
- Appropriate clothing recommendations:
 - Polyester or synthetic blend shorts or pants
 - “Old” clothing (heavy clothing is not recommended)
- Shoes capable of withstanding water, mud, and cactus
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Hat
 - Large-brimmed is recommended
- Sunglasses
 - Sunglass strap
- Cooling towel(s)
- Water or electrolyte beverages and snacks, and a sack lunch are recommended

[Code of Conduct](#)

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