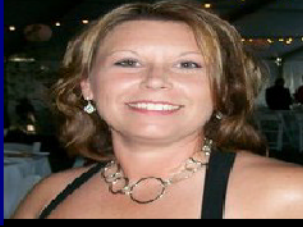


Chamber of Commerce Mentor's Corner

The Beach



Mentor: Carol Brown
Company: Gulf World Marine Park
Bozeman School ASPIRE Classes



ASPIRE Classes visit their Mentor at work!



Have you felt the vestigial limbs on an Albino Burmese Python or felt the muscular strength of a Red-Tailed Boa? The 7th grade ASPIRE classes from Deanne Bozeman School have been working with **Carol Brown, Gulf World Marine Park's Educational Programs Coordinator** and member of the **Beach's Chamber of Commerce Education Partnership Committee**, twice per month in effort to provide students with more hands on science lessons combined with incentive to stay in school with good behavior. To facilitate this idea further, students were given the opportunity to visit Gulf World Marine Park on a field trip given to the classes at a discounted rate. During the trip students were taken behind the scenes into the Reptile Department where they completed a lesson about Herpetology which included meeting several snakes and lizards which call Gulf World home. After the Reptile lesson the classes viewed all of GW's educational animal shows and exhibits. Classes were also given the opportunity to take a group photo with a dolphin before they departed the park.

To give further incentive to student achievement and good behavior, Gulf World Marine Park gave the ASPIRE classes one Family Pass to be put into a drawing. This drawing included the names of students who maintained a 3.0 grade point average and received no discipline referrals throughout the spring semester. As a way to celebrate a fun and educational semester with Carol, students were given a party full of sugary snacks and Capri Sun on their last day of mentoring. The celebration ended, with a bang, as students waited to see who won the Family Pass. Gulf World Marine Park would like to say congratulations to **Madi Voyles**, winner of the Family Pass, for a job well done this semester! **Thank you to the Bozeman 7th grade ASPIRE classes and their teachers for allowing us to come participate in your educational experiences this year.**

Interested in being a mentor? Call Skip at the Chamber! 235-1159