**River Otters of South Florida** 



## Volunteer River Otters of South Florida Alliance: ROSFA Introduction to the ROSFA

The ROSF Alliance (ROSFA) is a volunteer organization supporting the mission of the River Otters of South Florida website: www.riverotterssouthfl.com. The mission of the River Otters of South Florida website is "to aid our understanding and interest in the biology, behavior, ecology, and conservation issues impacting the river otter in Florida, particularly south Florida, and to educate ourselves, our children and others about otters worldwide".

The ROSFA is the umbrella membership organization for individuals interested in volunteering to (1) assist river otter researchers as Citizen Scientists and (2) assist river otter scientists with the development and presentation of otter-related education programs in southwest Florida, (3) provide clerical assistance for the ROSFA and otter researchers, and (4) assist in the fundraising efforts of the ROSFA. It is to be known that the fundraising activities of the ROSFA volunteers and the river otter scientists is not to be in conflict with the fundraising initiatives of the Florida Gulf University Foundation, Inc.

The ROSFA volunteer initiatives are to be guided by a mission. The mission of the ROSF Alliance is: To support the mission of the River Otters of South Florida (ROSF) by providing recruitment, management, and recognition of volunteers contributing their time to assist scientists conducting river otter research in South Florida and assisting in the development and presentation of otter education programs, and raise awareness and funding in support of all current and future activities identified by the River Otters of South Florida (ROSF). Volunteer fundraising initiatives SHALL NOT be in conflict with the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation, Inc.

Once the ROSFA membership base is established the Alliance will be incorporated, in the State of Florida, as a Non-profit, 501-C3 organization

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