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On April 20, 2024, the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory (FSUCML) is holding its Biennial Open House. This event's purpose is to celebrate our **75 years of coastal marine science** and share our progress in research and environmental conservation. Here at the lab, we are committed to protecting Florida's natural resources and we need the support of our community. From tiny tots to the most mature adults and those of us who never quite grew up, there will be something to educate, fascinate, and entertain everyone!

We are approaching you to see if you would consider being a sponsor for this year's Open House. All sponsors, including their logo, will be acknowledged on our website and in any other publicity we produce. The Sponsorship Levels are:

Stone Crab \$100: Your sponsorship will support the lab's outlay for the event, including children's game prizes, volunteer recognition, and other miscellaneous items.

Coral Reef \$250: Your sponsorship will support the creation of poster presentations and display materials given by FSUCML graduate students. Your logo will be placed on the poster in acknowledgment of your contribution.

Sea Turtle \$500: Your sponsorship will help support the creation of our education and outreach displays throughout our campus. Your logo will be placed at the location in acknowledgment of your contribution.

Mangrove \$1,000: Our highest level of sponsorship, your logo will be placed alongside our open house banner at the front gate in acknowledgment of your contribution to helping make this event possible.

We value your support. If you would like to make a custom donation that does not fall within one of the above categories, your support is welcomed and appreciated. Additionally, we will also be holding a silent auction. If you would like to donate an item(s) for the silent auction, please contact Jared Fuqua cell: 205-913-235, or email: jfuqua@fsu.edu. All proceeds raised will go to future FSUCML Outreach and Educational events.

We expect a crowd of over 1,500 people. We hope you can participate in this magnificent event. If you would like to be a sponsor, you can write a check payable to FSUCML and send it to Durene Gilbert at the address listed or you can make online payment by using the following link and selecting Marine Lab Fund: <https://give.fsu.edu/Donate/WizardGroup/44e55a89-263b-41f5-aa9c-08d967f107d8>

If you have any questions about the donation process or what exactly your money will be used for, please feel free to contact: Durene Gilbert, phone: 850-727-6602, email: degilbert@fsu.edu.

Sincerely yours,
Joel Trexler, Ph. D.
FSUCML Director

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