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**Nature Center Announces Unique New Program
Community Provides Special Bonding Opportunity for
Adults, their Children and Grandchildren This Spring**

March, 2009 - Boca Raton, Fl—Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, Inc. of Boca Raton is pleased to announce a special program called Kinder Turtles, run by naturalist Kristin Child, taking place on Saturday mornings April 4 and May 2 at 10:30 to 11:15 am. Members are \$2 per child, \$3 for nonmembers. Space is limited. Reservations are required.

During this program, adults can spend quality one-on-one time with their children and grandchildren, focusing on 5 and 6 year olds. After teaching participants about sea turtles, they will each be able to create and decorate a model turtle as a remembrance of the time they shared.

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While at the center, participants and family members are then welcome to enjoy other fascinating exhibits. Visit the tanks of saltwater, teeming with marine life, including lobsters, turtles, fish and stingrays. Watch the activity as they are fed.

Meander through the butterfly garden watching colorful butterflies fluttering through the air and resting on the leaves. See how many the children can spot. Walk along the boardwalk and view the hammock trees, which date back to the time the American Indians roamed this area. Climb the observation tower and see the intercoastals, where manatees are known to frequent.

Bring a camera, as there are many wonderful photo opportunities for the family album that you will cherish in years to come.

About Gumbo Limbo Nature Center

Founded in 1984, The center is a cooperative venture between: Florida Atlantic University, The City of Boca Raton, Palm Beach County School District and Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, Incorporated.

The core aim is to educate the community in marine and beach environments by providing classes, workshops, research and field trips.

Students and researchers from Florida Atlantic University are currently studying:

- Effects of the community, and global warming on the sex-ratio of turtle hatchlings
- Turtle behavior changes with lighting (which neighborhoods alter)
- The effects of salinity on sea grasses

Gumbo Limbo is located at 1801 North Ocean Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida. From I-95 exit to Palmetto Park Road. Go East to A1A and make a left onto A1A (N.Ocean Blvd). The Nature Center will be approximately 1 mile on your left.

For further information regarding event schedules, volunteering or donations, you may visit the website: www.gumbolimbo.org, or call (561) 338-1473

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