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LagoonFest is a grass-roots annual festival on the West Palm Beach Waterfront that aims to connect participants and the community with a vital and often overlooked natural resource, the largest estuary in the Palm Beaches...Lake Worth Lagoon. Beneath the surface of what most know only as the "Intracoastal Waterway" lies a world-class diving destination, a thriving fishery, and a nursery ground for fish, sea turtles, manatees and so much more.



Kayak Creating common connections Cleanup with exhibitors and visitors Tours that inspire new initiatives

in the coming years.



Exhibitors engaging festival-goers with cool science and conservation!

Lake Worth Lagoon endured decades of dramatic change as municipalities grew along its shores and it became the outfall for an evergrowing watershed that now includes communities as far west as Wellington and the Glades. Over two decades of restoration efforts within the lagoon by PBC ERM and Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative partners have realized significant improvements in habitat and water quality. In order to further the restoration of the lagoon and create a more resilient estuary in the future, connection of the resource to the surrounding communities is essential...and LagoonFest helps further these connections each year.

How?

## Providing access to all and enhancing connections to underserved communities EVENT

FREE

## EXPERIENTIAL OUTREACH

is essential to creating connections!



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How do we measure success?

By highlighting the relationships that have evolved since the inception of LagoonFest in 2014! Creating an alliance of stakeholders that expand those connections with LWL year-round. Such as, ANGARI's LagoonDrift project, Visit Palm Beach's eco-tours and kayak cleanups, collaborative research with local universities on estuary habitats and species like octopuses, manta rays, manatees, sportfish and threatened shorebirds, to name a few. Along Lake Worth Lagoon's shoreline are organizations and destinations that complete these connections, like MacArthur Beach State Park, FPL's Manatee Lagoon, the West Palm Beach Fishing Club, and over half a dozen ecotourism vendors. Partnerships with organizations like the Lake Worth Waterkeeper, Audubon of the Everglades, The Nature Conservancy, MANG Gear, local K through 12 schools, LagoonKeepers, and others. LagoonFest is a driving force not only to celebrate this special estuary, but to coalesce the important mission and message around what makes OUR estuary so vital, and so special to the place we call home.