

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2008

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Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning **July 1**, 2008, and ending **June 30**, 20 **09**

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Termination
- Amended return
- Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization

Brevard Nature Alliance, Inc.

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

P. O. Box 517

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Titusville, FL 34781-0517

D Employer identification number

59 3558063

E Telephone number

(321) 268-5224

F Group Exemption Number . . . ►

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ►

I Website: ► **www.brevardnaturealliance.org** (new)

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Organization type (check only one) — 501(c) (**3**) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		1	61,024
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2	-0-
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	7,420
	4	Investment income		4	-0-
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	-0-	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	-0-	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	-0-	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>			
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ 61,024 of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	116,949	
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	169,218	
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	(52,272)		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	-0-		
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	-0-		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	-0-		
8	Other revenue (describe ►)	8	-0-		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8.	9	16,172		
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	-0-	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	-0-	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	-0-	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	34,716	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1,230	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	654	
	16	Other expenses (describe ► dues, bank fees, meetings, donations)	16	2,554	
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	39,716	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(22,982)	
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	45,120	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	-0-	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	22,138	

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	41,755	21,043
23 Land and buildings	-0-	-0-
24 Other assets (describe ► see attached lists)	3,365	6,475
25 Total assets	45,120	27,518
26 Total liabilities (describe ► Monies paid in 2008-2009 for 2009-2010)	-0-	(5,380)
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	45,120	22,138

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instruction for Form 990.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a NA		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b NA	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a NA	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b NA	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ NA ; section 4912 ▶ NA ; section 4955 ▶ NA		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		✓
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ NA		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ NA		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.		✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Florida		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ Neta Harris, Executive Director Telephone no. ▶ (321) 268-5224 Located at ▶ 1795 Poinciana Avenue Titusville, FL ZIP + 4 ▶ 32796-1134		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ NA See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	42b	✓
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ NA	42c	✓
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 NA		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- | | Yes | No |
|-----|-----|----|
| 46 | | ✓ |
| 47 | | ✓ |
| 48 | | ✓ |
| 49a | | ✓ |
| 49b | | |
- 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
- b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?
- 50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

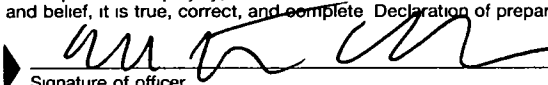
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶		-0-		

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . ▶		-0-

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

▶ 
 Signature of officer

▶ **David Keith Winsten** **Chairman**
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

▶ Preparer's signature

▶ Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? S

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization Brevard Nature Alliance, Inc.	Employer identification number 59 : 3558063
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **one** organization.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H.)
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**. (see instructions)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III—Functionally integrated d Type III—Other
 - e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
 - f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
 - g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		✓
11g(ii)		✓
11g(iii)		✓

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
NA									
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1-3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						NA

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	NA
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3 % support test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	66,220	70,990	84,582	72,688	68,444	362,924
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	66,821	68,664	91,952	113,714	116,946	458,097
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
6 Total. Add lines 1-5	133,041	139,654	176,534	186,402	185,390	821,021
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000	-0-	13,008	8,824	38,500	17,500	77,832
c Add lines 7a and 7b	-0-	13,008	8,824	38,500	17,500	77,832
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						743,189

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	133,041	139,654	176,534	186,402	185,390	821,021
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
c Add lines 10a and 10b	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						821,021

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	90 %
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	70 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	-0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	-0 %

19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

b 33 1/3 % support tests—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶

BREVARD NATURE ALLIANCE, INC.
 Fiscal year ending: June 30, 2009

ASSETS:

Item	Estimated Value
Computer (Desk top)	\$ 200.00
Telephone	10.00
APC Powerpac	20.00
Misc. office incidentals	50.00
Laptop	300.00
Dymo Label Machine x2	60.00
APC Powerpac x2	60.00
Software Program (to capture statistics - updated)	1,200.00
HP 7310 Printer/Copier/Fax	200.00
Envision Flat screen monitor	80.00
Windows XP	85.00
120GB,etc. Hard Drive	80.00
External Hard Drive x2 (backup)	80.00
HP Printer 6310	40.00
Laptop	200.00
Document Binding Machine	150.00
Misc Supplies (continuously updated as needed)	430.00
 Sub Total:	 \$ 3,495.00
 Prepaid Assets	 2,980.00
 TOTAL:	 \$ 6,475.00

General Notes - FY 2009-2010:

- The Membership Dues reported at Part 1, on line 3 (Membership Dues & Assessments) include pre-paid dues of \$380.
- Contributions reported at Part 1, on line 1 includes 2009 Festival sponsorship amounts of \$22,500 and Sponsorship pre-pays for the 2010 Festival of \$5,000.
- Professional Fees to Contractors reported at Part 1, #13 (Expenses) includes Prepaid Expenses of \$2,980 (\$2,500 + \$480)

Last Name	First Name		Affiliation	Address	City	State	Postal Code
			BREVARD NATURE ALLIANCE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	21-May-09		
Bankert	Steve	Director	Computer Programer	365 Spoonbill Lane	Melbourne Bch	FL	32951-
Barker	Virginia	Treasurer	Brevard Co. Natural Resources Mgmt.	2738 Schoo Drive, NE	Palm Bay	FL	32905-
Birch	Anne	Director	The Nature Conservancy	2205 Sea Avenue	Indialantic	FL	32903-
Chambliss, PhD	Karen	Director	Praecipio EFS, Inc.	P. O. Box 60928	Palm Bay	FL	329206-0928
Day, P.W.S.	Robert	Vice Chair	SJRWMD	525 Community College Pkwy S.E.	Palm Bay	FL	32909-
Evans	Nancy	Secretary	Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott	4375 Helen Houser Blvd.	Titusville	FL	32780
Freeland	David (Dave)	Director	Retired executive/consultant (author, writer)	2345 Marsh Harbor Ave.	Merritt Island	FL	32952-
Gaetjens	Bart	Director	Florida Power & Light Company	1535 Mallard Court	Titusville	FL	32796
George	Don	Director	Patrick Air Force Base	2601 Shady Hammock Lane	Cocoa	FL	32926
Hinkle, PhD	Ross	Vice Chair	University of Central Florida	P. O. Box 16368	Orlando	FL	32816-2368
Hutcherson	Richard	Director	Director of Sales & Marketing Best Western Cocoa Beach Hotel & Suites	5500 N. Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach	FL	32931
Thompson	Laurilee	Director	Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant	1475 Garden Street	Titusville	FL	32796-
Thorstad	Ron	Director	Clear Channel Outdoors	30 N. Holiday Lane	Titusville	FL	32796
Winsten	Keith	Chairman	Brevard Zoo	8225 N. Wickham Rd	Melbourne	FL	32940-
Harris	Neta	(Contract)	Executive Director	P. O. Box 517	Titusville	FL	32781-0517
Hoelscher	Barbara	(Contract)	Festival Coordinator	7925 Windover Way	Titusville	FL	32780-2511

BYLAWS OF THE BREVARD NATURE ALLIANCE

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Brevard Nature Alliance, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of the Brevard Nature Alliance, Inc. (hereinafter “BNA”), is to serve as a catalyst for community environmental development and appreciation of natural systems. BNA will sponsor and support educational programs and community activities to enhance the natural environment, inventory natural assets of the area, and maintain a database of expertise to support nature-based activities in Brevard County.

Section 2: Vision

BNA’s vision is that nature and environmental systems will become an important part of everyone’s life to enrich our community. The BNA will serve as one of the primary advocates of community-based nature and natural resource activities in Brevard County. It dedicates itself to the enrichment of all members of our community through an understanding and appreciation of nature, natural resources, ecosystems, environmental sciences, nature-based tourism, conservation, preservation, site visitations, education, and museums of natural sciences.

Section 3: Local Nature and Ecosystems Agency Designation

If accorded designation by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, the Corporation shall act as the local community affairs nature agency for Brevard County, serving as the umbrella organization for all county community-based nature and natural resource activities.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Member Organizations

Any organization (scientific, civic, business, governmental, not-for-profit, etc.) may become a member of the BNA by payment of annual dues as established by the Board of Directors.

BREVARD NATURE ALLIANCE, INC.

The Brevard Nature Alliance, Inc. (BNA) was formed in December 1998 to provide a strategic alliance among all Brevard stakeholders for natural resource initiatives. The BNA is chartered as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Florida and is designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt, charitable organization. BNA members are a coalition of representatives from key organizations who combine their knowledge to protect the distinct ecology and raise the awareness of citizens and visitors to the value and importance of the natural resources of Brevard County, Florida.

The BNA seeks to increase citizen's awareness of the County's natural resources and work with the community toward sensible growth management. The BNA does this by offering technical and funding support to educational projects such as the annual Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival, organizing community workshops to form a strategic conservation plan for the County as part of the *Brevard Tomorrow* initiative, providing environmental documentation to *myregion.org* and working to assist with growth management issues within the county.

The purpose of the Brevard Nature Alliance is to serve as a catalyst for community environmental development and appreciation of natural systems. The Alliance sponsors and supports educational programs and community activities to protect and enhance the natural environment, inventory natural assets of the area and maintain a database of expertise to support nature-based activities in Brevard County.

The vision of the Brevard Nature Alliance is that through education and understanding, natural resources will become an important part of everyone's life to enrich the community. The Alliance serves as one of the primary advocates of community-based nature activities in Brevard County, dedicated to the enrichment of the community through an understanding and appreciation of natural resources, nature-based tourism and ecosystem needs.

Membership is by application and extends to individuals, organizations and corporations dedicated to sound environmental practices and the preservation of natural resources for educational, recreational and research uses.

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ANNUAL SPACE COAST BIRDING & WILDLIFE FESTIVAL EVENT HISTORY
PRESENTED BY THE BREVARD NATURE ALLIANCE, INC.

The Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival was created in 1997 to showcase the unique nature, wildlife, and technology in Brevard County. With a comprehensive six-day sunrise to sunset schedule, participants can explore all the Space Coast has to offer. The Event is now in its 13th year. Attendance increased from 1997 – 2000; showed a downturn for 2001 & 2002 and rebounded for 2003. Three hurricanes in 2004 affected travel commitments for many previous attendees as well as species habitat. The date was changed after the November 2005 Festival to January in 2007.

1997 -- 211		1998 -- 1,008	280 Registrations
1999 -- 2,012	340 Registrations	2000 -- 3,014	570 Registrations
2001 -- 1,432	339 Registrations (Lower attendance directly due to Sept. 11)		
2002 -- 1,279	325 Registrations (Rained for two days during the Festival.)		
2003 -- 2,029	703 Registrations	2004 -- 2,004	584 Registrations
2005 -- 2,183	624 Registrations	2007 -- 3,188	921 Registrations
2008 -- 3,883	1,255 Registrations	2009 - 3,651	1,179 Registrations

Event activities include:

- Environmental and wildlife programs at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, Canaveral National Seashore and Kennedy Space Center.
- Educational seminars, workshops and keynotes by renowned academics, photographers and practitioners.
- Cultural heritage presentations of historically significant aspects of Florida and Brevard County.
- Archeological workshops and field trips to cultural/historic sites and Indian middens.
- Field trips which encourage visits to sites throughout Brevard County
- Children's activities Paddling Adventures Silent Auction
- Exhibits by artists, crafts-persons, and businesses specializing in nature and wildlife, birding, and nature-based tourism as well as governmental agencies and organizations that support nature, wildlife and the environment.
- Social Gatherings to encourage interaction with speakers, trip leaders and attendees.

In November 2000, this premier event was selected by the **Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission** to be the site of the opening section of the **Great Florida Birding Trail**. The festival is currently featured annually in a special section of the VISIT FLORIDA web site and listed under "Festivals" on a number of Birding and Wildlife web sites. Editorial content is also placed in several tourism/destination publications utilized by the Space Coast Office of Tourism and VISIT FLORIDA at national and international trade show venues.

WHAT MAKES THE EVENT SPECIAL?

The commitment to create an opportunity for education; environmental and conservation experiences; space, nature and wildlife enjoyment and birding appreciation has brought many organizations together to present a safe, memorable and fun event. The Brevard Nature Alliance, Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce, Brevard Community College, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, Canaveral National Seashore, Indian River Audubon Society, City of Titusville, Space Coast Office of Tourism, NASA and NASA Contractors, Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex and VISIT FLORIDA as well as many loyal continuing sponsors and volunteers have contributed toward a concerted effort to provide a unique atmosphere for the participants at the Annual Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival.

The Festival is important because it generates awareness of the abundant natural resources of our area, not just during the Event, but also throughout the entire year. The connection of these natural resources to quality of life, excellence in environmental education, high technology, cultural heritage significance and business community involvement provides a focus that has placed the Festival as **number one** in the top three ranking of Birding and Wildlife Events (size, venue, scope of events and presenter/field trip leader industry status) in the United States. The Festival is recognized internationally as a travel destination for premier birding opportunities and outdoor adventures.