

2009

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Form 990-EZ

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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 \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 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 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 20 10

B Check if applicable

- Address change, Name change, Initial return, Terminated, 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): P. O. Box 517. City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: Titusville, FL 32781-0517

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: [X] Cash [] Accrual Other (specify)

I Website: www.brevardnaturealliance.org

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

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - [X] 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 Form 990-EZ or Form 990 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 \$500,000 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.)

Table with 21 rows for Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets. Revenue total: 41,607. Expenses total: 41,290. Net Assets total: 22,475.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

Table with 7 rows for Balance Sheets. Total assets: 22,475. Total liabilities: -0-. Net assets or fund balances: 22,475.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Environmental education	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
28 The Annual Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival is a 6-day event providing a venue for birding & wildlife watching, environmental and conservation field trips and classroom presentations that bring information and insight as to how to protect and promote our local natural resources. 4,538 persons attended the 2010 event. (Grants \$ <u>12,434</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	153,588
29 _____ _____ (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 _____ _____ (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
See attached list of Directors and Officers	All are volunteers	-0-	-0-	-0-
M. V. (Neta) Harris Executive Director by contract 7/1/2009 through 6/30/2010 P. O. Box 537 Titusville, FL 32781	30 hours	21,465	-0	3,003
Barbara Hoelscher Festival Coordinator by contract 7/1/2009 though 6/30/2010 7925 Windover Way Titusville, FL 32780	24 hours	12,480	-0-	-0-

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

		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? 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 why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to 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	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets 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 <u> </u> N/A		
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 outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b <u> </u> N/A		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a <u> </u> N/A		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b <u> </u> N/A		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ <u> </u> N/A ; section 4912 ▶ <u> </u> N/A ; section 4955 ▶ <u> </u> N/A		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		✓
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ <u> </u> N/A		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ <u> </u> N/A		
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 organization's books are in care of ▶ Neta Harris, Executive Director Telephone no. ▶ 321-268-5334 Located at ▶ 1795 Polciana 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: ▶ <u> </u> N/A See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .		
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: ▶ <u> </u> N/A		
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 <u> </u> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓
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		✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
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	46	✓
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	✓
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	✓
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	✓
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	✓

50 Complete this table for the organization's 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				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ -0-

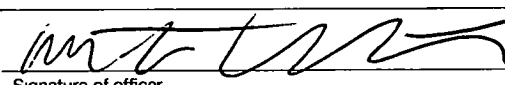
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ -0-

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, in its entirety and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than the taxpayer) is based on all the information provided to the preparer by the taxpayer.

Sign Here

▶ 
Signature of officer

▶ **David Keith Winsten** Chairman, Board of Directors
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? See instructions.

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Brevard Nature Alliance, Inc.

59 3558063

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: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 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).
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...
10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
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.

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?

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows 11g(i), 11g(ii), 11g(iii) with checkmarks in the No column.

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

Table with 7 columns: (i) Name of supported organization, (ii) EIN, (iii) Type of organization, (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 US?, (vii) Amount of support.

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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 through 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.						N/A

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. 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—2008. 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—2009. 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—2008. 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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants")	70,990	84,582	72,688	68,444	72,918	369,622
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	66,664	91,952	113,714	116,946	122,277	511,553
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 through 5	137,654	176,534	186,402	185,390	195,195	881,175
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 \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	13,008	8,824	38,500	17,500	15,500	98,332
c Add lines 7a and 7b	13,008	8,824	38,500	17,500	15,500	98,332
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						782,843

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	137,654	176,534	186,402	185,390	195,195	881,175
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)						881,175
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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	89 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	90 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	-0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	-0 %

19a **33 1/3 % support tests—2009.** 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—2008.** 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 ▶

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

N/A

Area with horizontal dashed lines for supplemental information.

BREVARD NATURE ALLIANCE, INC.
 Fiscal year ending: June 30, 2010

ASSETS:

Item	Estimated Value
Computer (Desk top)	\$ 120.00
Telephone	10.00
APC Powerpac	10.00
Misc. office incidentals	50.00
Laptop	200.00
Dymo Label Machine x2	40.00
APC Powerpac x2	40.00
Software Program (to capture statistics - updated)	1,700.00
HP 7310 Printer/Copier/Fax	100.00
Envision Flat screen monitor	50.00
Windows XP	60.00
120GB,etc. Hard Drive	50.00
External Hard Drive x2 (backup)	50.00
HP Printer 6310	20.00
Laptop	100.00
Document Binding Machine	100.00
Misc Supplies (continuously updated as needed)	400.00
 Sub Total:	 \$ 3,100.00
 Prepaid Assets	 \$11,966.00
 TOTAL:	 \$ 15,066.00

General Notes - FY 2009-2010:

- The Membership Dues reported at Part 1, on line 3 (Membership Dues & Assessments) include pre-paid dues of \$250. Paid for 2008-2009 paid in 2010.
- Contributions reported at Part 1, on line 1 includes 2009 Festival sponsorship of \$2,500 paid in FY2009-2010
- Professional Fees to Contractors reported at Part 1, #13 (Expenses) includes Prepaid Expenses of \$1,640 due from 2009 Festival and paid in FY 2009-2010
- Pre-paid for 2011 Festival for space at BCC – line 6B \$11,966 paid in FY2009-2010

Last Name	First Name		Affiliation	Address	City	State	Postal Code
			BREVARD NATURE ALLIANCE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	24-Mar-10		
Bankert	Steve	Director	Computer Programer Brevard Co. Natural Resources Mgmt.	365 Spoonbill Lane	Melbourne Bch.	FL	32951-
Barker	Virginia	Treasurer		2738 School Drive, NE	Palm Bay	FL	32905-
Birch	Anne	Director	The Nature Conservancy	2205 Sea Avenue	Indialantic	FL	32903-
Chambliss, PhD	Karen	Director	Pracipio EFS, Inc.	P. O. Box 60928	Palm Bay	FL	329206-0928
Day, P.W.S.	Robert	Vice Chair	Environmental Specialist 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
Gaetjens	Bart	Director	Florida Power & Light Company	1535 Mallard Court	Titusville	FL	32796
George	Don	Director	Natural Resource Mgr. 45th Space Wing University of Central Florida	2601 Shady Hammock Lane	Cocoa	FL	32926
Hinkle, PhD.	Ross	Vice Chair		P. O. Box 162368	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-
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. BNA members and staff have been appointed to County Ordinance Working Group, Comprehensive Land Use Plan Working Group, Charter Review Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission.

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.

September 2010

ANNUAL SPACE COAST BIRDING & WILDLIFE FESTIVAL EVENT HISTORY

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 Florida's Space Coast has to offer. Attendance increased from 1997 – 2000; showed a downturn for 2001 & 2002 and rebounded for 2003. Three hurricanes in 2004 affected attendee travel commitments as well as species habitat. The date was changed after the November 2005 Festival to January in 2007.

1997 – 211 Participants		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 excessively for two consecutive days!!)		
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
2010 – 4, 538	1,238 Registrations		

Event activities include:

- Environmental and wildlife programs at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, Canaveral National Seashore and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.
- Educational classroom presentations & workshops and Keynotes by renowned academics, photographers and practitioners. Field trips visits to sites throughout Brevard County.
- Cultural heritage presentations of historically significant aspects of Florida and Brevard County with field trips to cultural/historic sites and Indian middens.
- 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. An art competition presented by the Titusville Art League.
- 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 as the opening section of the **Great Florida Birding Trail**. The festival is currently featured under "Festivals" on a number of Birding and Wildlife web sites as well as having a presence on Blogs, Face Book and Twitter. The Space Coast Office of Tourism promotes the Festival at national and international trade shows.

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 and Cocoa Beach Area Chambers of Commerce, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, Canaveral National Seashore, Indian River Audubon Society, City of Titusville, Space Coast Office of Tourism, NASA Contractors 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 each 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 Southeast Tourism Society, which promotes economic development through travel and sustainable tourism in 12 states of the Southeast U.S., included the 14th Annual Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival as one of the Top 20 Events for Winter 2011.

The Festival is recognized internationally as a travel destination for premier birding opportunities and outdoor adventures.

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

▶ File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box ▶
 - If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension—check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Type or print <small>File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.</small>	Name of Exempt Organization Brevard Nature Alliance, Inc.	Employer identification number 59 : 3558063
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. P. O. Box 517	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Titusville, FL 32781-0517	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

• The books are in the care of ▶ Neta Harris, Executive Director

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- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ▶
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until February 15, 2011, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

▶ calendar year 20____ or

▶ tax year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010.

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	-0-
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	-0-
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	-0-

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.