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Kingfisher Pond Discovery Center

The Friends group has taken on our first major construction project – the building of a four-season outdoor classroom on Savannah NWR. Called the **Kingfisher Pond Discovery Center** and located near Kingfisher Pond (a short distance from the Visitor Center), the building will be a valuable resource that allow youth groups, school groups, scout troops, and others to get out of the house and connect with nature.



The classroom will have AV capability, wet labs, a research library, and other resources that will enable the US Fish & Wildlife staff and volunteers to pass on their love of nature and the refuges to our young folks. It will also be available to our natural resource friends and partners for meetings and other events.

There will be no Federal funds available for this project, so we have initiated a campaign to raise the estimated \$350,000 budget from local individuals and corporations. To date (Feb 9, 2015), the fund stands at \$41,000, approaching our first-stage goal of \$50,000. Once this is reached we will begin to clear the land for the Discovery Center.

Please review the [details of the project HERE](#), then decide if you can help out by [making a donation](#), or by putting us in contact with any organizations that might be willing to lend support. Please also check out [our DONOR page](#) to see who has already given.

A big Friends group thanks to **Dr. Todd Cellini**, President of the Savannah campus of South University, who is the Chair of our Kingfisher Pond Discovery Center Advisory Committee. Thanks also to: **Cassie Beckwith** of Hansen Architects; **Gareth Avant** of McKim & Creed Engineering; and the staff at IKEA Savannah Distribution Center for their assistance.