



# FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB

## KIDS4REEL, JUNIOR ANGLER PROGRAM

by Captain Adam Morley, President of FSC

The Flagler Sportfishing Club is celebrating its 37th year of existence and has grown to over 500 family members from the surrounding counties. Young and old make up the membership, and last year, the club raised over \$18,000 for local charities.

Flagler Sportfishing Club, Inc., recently formalized our Junior Angler program within the club. It's called 'kids4reel'. Flagler Sportfishing Club has partnered with our Flagler County community for many years and



Left to Right: Jeff Murphy, FSC member; Principal Jessica DeFord; Coach Phil Drosdick, PE Teacher; Natalie Muldoon, Instructional Coach; Deb Thomas, FSC member; and Michael Rinaldi, Assistant Principal at Belle Terre Elementary

is excited to support this youth angler program.

"Teaching clinics, scholarships, tournaments and ad hoc school fishing activities have always been a part of the club," says FSC President Captain Adam Morley, "but the creation of the 'kids4reel' brand in 2022 helped us to galvanize our club members and the community around initiatives to educate our youth in the sport of fishing." The guiding principle of kids4reel is to get kids fishing and to learn about conservation of our local waters.

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### 'kids4reel' Program Components:

- **Education:** Annual Kids' Fishing Clinics, introducing kids to fishing for the first time
- **Scholarship:** Sponsorship of youth scholarship opportunities
- **Local School Engagement:** Support local school fishing programs with our expertise, donations and equipment
- **Community Programs:** Develop engagement opportunities with local Girls/Boys Clubs, Scouts and other community organizations
- **Junior Angler Program** creation within the club and special Junior Divisions in our sponsored tournaments



### Local School Engagement

On January 12, 2023, Flagler Sportfishing Club and 'kids4reel' proudly made a significant donation to the Belle Terre Elementary School in a ceremony at the school. The donation was made by Flagler Sportfishing Club to help support the school's brand-new student fishing club initiated by school staff. This is



FSC's second elementary-school rollout in a year, with 3 remaining elementary schools planned in the County. BTES school program coaches indicated that the funds will be used to help pay for bait, tackle, rods/reels plus other gear and expenses. Science, safety, conservation and fishing regulations will be emphasized to the students at school and during fishing outings.

### Donation Opportunities

If you would like to support this great initiative, please follow the below link, and help us give back to our local youth.

<https://flaglersportfishing.com/product/kids4reel/>

Our Annual Sponsors, such as Big Boys Play Toys, Clymer Funeral Homes, Hammock Bait and Tackle, Boaters Exchange and others greatly support FSC each year.

### The Flagler Sportfishing Club

The Flagler Sportfishing Foundation, Inc. (501(c)(3) (87-3249293) DBA as the Flagler

Sportfishing Club is one of the largest fishing clubs in North Florida.

The Club supports Inshore, Near Shore, Offshore, Kayak, Pier/Bridge and Surf fishing, with the help of our many local sponsors, through both education and tournaments for all family members. The Club hosts 11 Club Tournaments and 1 Public Annual Charity Tournament, with two Kids' Clinics and two New Members' Clinics yearly.

FSC is committed to sharing our knowledge, whether teaching fishing to beginners or exploring advanced techniques about the great sport of fishing. The Club is an organization which supports the community by collecting donations to help local charities in 'kids4reel' Angler Programs, Conservation, and Veterans Organizations while also helping to provide scholarships to local kids.



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