

2024 INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE



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**JOIN US FOR THE
2024 FLORIDA KEYS LIONFISH DERBY & FESTIVAL**

Sponsorship Opportunities

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SUPPORT REEF'S INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

Sponsor REEF's 2024 Invasive Species Program including our Derby and Collecting and Handling Workshops as a great way to gain exposure while supporting an important effort to combat invasive species! Advertising and marketing for the 2024 Florida Keys Lionfish Derby & Festival, workshops and culinary events are supported through grants from the Monroe County Tourist Development Council to increase participation, attendance and visibility.



SPONSOR RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship Recognition*	Title	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Title Sponsorship Recognition, "Sponsored by..."	✓	-	-	-	-
Logo Included on Select Print Ads	✓	-	-	-	-
Recognition in REEF e-News and press release	✓	✓	-	-	-
Logo Included on Lionfish Derby Flyers	Featured	✓	-	-	-
Recognition in Derby Social Media Ads	✓	✓	✓	-	-
Sponsor Recognition on Social Media	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Logo on Derby Banner	Featured	Large	Medium	Small	Small
Logo on Derby Shirt & [#] of Shirts	Featured[4]	Large [3]	Medium[2]	Small [2]	Small [1]
Logo on REEF webpage & backlink to website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Name Recognition at Derby Award Ceremonies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Only a single Title Sponsorship accepted for 2024. Sponsor value represented is for monetary donations. Sponsorship recognition may be eligible for higher value in-kind donations particularly those that provide support for the logistics of the event (Ex:venue, food/beverage, travel, lodging).

For additional sponsorship levels, opportunities, or in-kind donations please contact lionfish@REEF.org.

REEF INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

Invasive lionfish (*Pterois volitans*) are an ever-increasing environmental problem throughout the Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico. Their predation on native fish and invertebrates can cause dramatic declines in these populations. These venomous, invasive fish have few local predators and breed year-round, allowing for rapid population expansion. Lionfish derbies and workshops are a useful tool in stimulating local control efforts and encouraging reports and removal of other non-native marine species.

DERBIES AND WORKSHOPS

A lionfish derby is a team competition aimed to collect as many lionfish as possible. Prizes are awarded to the teams with the most, biggest, and smallest lionfish caught. Our derby includes a public weigh-in: with free lionfish tastings, educational booths and games. A special lionfish night will be hosted at Florida Keys Brewing Company. The derby is promoted to REEF's 70,000 members and advertised through local and national media. We offer collecting and lionfish handling workshops with collection dives to train divers and increase removal efforts and jewelry workshops.



OUR GOALS:

INCREASE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

REEF's lionfish derbies, workshops and education programs serve to educate participants and the public and raise awareness of the problem. Significant local, national, and international media coverage of derby events has helped facilitate education to those not geographically connected to the invaded range.



REMOVE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF LIONFISH

Research studies indicate that even single day removal events can be highly effective in lowering the local lionfish population. REEF has facilitated the removal of over 60,000 lionfish through lionfish derbies, workshops, and research.

TRAIN DIVERS, ENCOURAGE ONGOING REMOVALS

REEF derbies help build a volunteer removal force by equipping divers with necessary skills, and by encouraging ongoing removals. Local education programs engage the next generation of ocean stewards. And encourage reports and rapid removal of nonnative sightings.

PROVIDE SAMPLES FOR RESEARCH

Collecting data on local lionfish populations year after year helps scientists assess how the population is changing over time. Samples are provided to regional scientists for ecological and biological studies. Collaborations formed between fishermen, scientists, and managers at these derby events are vital to informing and improving management efforts.

HELP DEVELOP MARKETS

Cooking and fillet demonstrations at derbies provide free tastings to the public and demonstrate it's versatility as a culinary delicacy. REEF will host jewelry workshops and a culinary event in 2024 to further promote and expand the commercial market of lionfish.

GOALS



Invasive Species Program



REEF 2024 SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

Organization or Business: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company Website, _____ Date Submitted: _____

Facebook & Instagram: _____

As a REEF Invasive Species Program Sponsor, your contribution helps support our mission-driven programming to protect biodiversity and ocean life by actively engaging and inspiring the public through citizen science, education, and partnerships with the scientific community. Our Sponsorship Packages are designed to provide extra exposure and recognition at REEF's public events.

Advertising and marketing for the 2024 Florida Keys Lionfish Derby and Festival and other events is supported through a grant from the Monroe County Tourist Development Council which will significantly increase promotion and visibility of the event. One hundred percent of the net event proceeds benefit the ocean conservation work of REEF. Your sponsorship will support the education of participants and the public, help raise awareness, and reduce population densities.

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(\$1,000)

Bronze
(\$500)

Total Amount of Donation \$ _____

Cup Sponsor or Other _____

Are you a current REEF Conservation Partner? If Yes please contact lionfish@REEF.org for a special offer

In-Kind Donation Opportunities

*Note that REEF Event Sponsorships are available for monetary donations only. If you are interested in supporting REEF through an in-kind gift for inclusion in the silent auction and raffles held during REEF Events, please complete below:

Silent Auction or Raffle Item (Estimated fair market value)..... \$ _____
Item Description: _____

Choose Your Payment Method

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Pay by Check: Please make checks payable to REEF, and mail this form along with your check to: REEF, 98300 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo, FL 33037

Pay by Credit Card: Complete this form and email to lionfish@REEF.org or fax to (305) 853-0301. To submit your card information, please call REEF at (305) 852-0300 during our business hours Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Eastern Time.

Logo: Please email a print ready, high-quality logo (color and black and white) that is at least 300dpi, 800px wide to lionfish@REEF.org