

2020 INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE



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2020 LIONFISH DERBY SERIES

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SUPPORT REEF'S INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

Sponsor REEF's 2020 Lionfish Derby Series 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 2020 Upper Keys Derby and Festival is supported through a grant from the Monroe County Tourist Development Council. As a result, REEF anticipates significantly increased promotion and visibility of the 2020 Derby Series, along with increased participation and attendance. The final festival will include 25 environmentally-minded vendors at the picturesque Postcard Inn Resort and Marina.



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 Integrated into Event Artwork	✓	-	-	-	-
Logo Included on All Lionfish Event Flyers	Featured	✓	-	-	-
Feature Segment in REEF eNews	✓	✓	-	-	-
Logo in Florida Keys Weekly Full Page Ad	✓	✓	-	-	-
Recognition in Event Press, Social Media, & Radio Ads	✓	✓	✓	-	-
Sponsorship Recognized on Instagram	3 posts	2 posts	1 post	-	-
Logo on Derby Series Sponsorship Banner	Featured	Large	Medium	Small	-
Free Booth at Upper Keys Derby & Festival	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Tickets to REEF Fest <i>For the Love of the Sea</i> Banquet	4	2	2	1	-
Sponsorship Recognized on Facebook	4 posts	3 posts	3 posts	2 posts	1 post
Logo on Upper Keys Lionfish Festival Banner	Featured	Large	Medium	Small	Small
Logo on Derby Series Shirt and [#] of Shirts	Featured [6]	Large [4]	Medium [3]	Small [2]	Small [1]
Name Recognition in REEF eNews Article about Derby	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on REEF webpage & backlink to sponsor website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Name Recognition at Derby Award Ceremonies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

***Only a single Title Sponsorship accepted for 2020. 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 derbies include day-long festivals with: cooking contests, free lionfish tastings, educational booths, live music, and kids activities. These festivals are promoted to REEF's 70,000 members and advertised through local and national media. We offer collecting and handling workshops with collection dives to train divers and increase removal efforts.



OUR GOALS:

INCREASE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

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 50,000 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

After the lionfish are brought in and scored, volunteers fillet and prepare the lionfish, and the public is invited to try free tastings. This is the first time many spectators have tasted lionfish or learned how to safely handle and fillet lionfish.

INVEST.



Invasive Species Program



REEF 2020 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 2020 Upper Keys Derby and Festival is supported through a grant from the Monroe County Tourist Development Council which will significantly increase promotion and visibility of the 2020 Derby Series. 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.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Title Sponsor**
(\$15,000)
- Platinum**
(\$5,000)
- Gold**
(\$2,500)
- Silver**
(\$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

Pay Online at: www.REEF.org/store/sponsorship and send a copy of this form to lionfish@REEF.org

Pay by Check: Please make checks payable to REEF, and mail this form along with your check to: REEF, P.O. Box 370246, 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



*Cup design example

JOIN US FOR THE 2020 LIONFISH DERBY SERIES

2020 Derby Cup Sponsorship

Donate to have your company's logo displayed on our limited edition
2020 REEF Lionfish Derby Reusable cups

The cups will be offered for drink specials to hundreds of
derby & workshop participants & festival attendees

**This is a special opportunity to become involved with
REEF's Annual Lionfish Derby Series!**

We are offering an exclusive sponsorship for our 2020 Lionfish Series

Winter Derby April 3-4th 2020, Sharkey's Pub and Galley, Key Largo

Fort Lauderdale Derby July 17-19th 2020, 15th Street Fisheries, Fort Lauderdale

Upper Keys Derby & Festival September 11-13th 2020, Postcard Inn Resort & Marina, Islamorada

A monetary donation of \$1500 or more is requested for your company logo on our cups

Cup sponsorships will be accepted until March 1, 2020

Complete the attached sponsorship form, select cup sponsor & email to lionfish@REEF.org

A minimum of 300 cups will be printed & available at our 2020 derbies and REEF events including our
monthly Fish & Friends, DEMA, Lionfish Removal Awareness Day, and REEF Fest.

*Sponsorship is limited to two sponsors & will be offered on a first come first serve basis.
Two sponsors are needed or a minimum of a \$3000 donation to print stainless steel cups.

The cup sponsorship is an exclusive benefit and separate from other sponsorship levels

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