

## E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center tentatively plans second open house

On March 27, the E. O. Wilson Biophilia Center had its first Open House Event for the general public since opening Sept. 12, 2009. More than 550 people toured the exhibit hall, planted seedlings in the new children's vegetable garden, enjoyed environmental films in the theater and hiked along the trails with a guide.

Since opening, they have been instructing students

primarily in fourth and seventh grades for five-day visits with their hands-on curriculum written in line with the Florida Next Generation State Standards. Serving the five county school districts of Walton, Okaloosa, Bay, Holmes and Leon counties, the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center averages 140 students every school day. By the end of this school year, over 4,000 students

would have attended the environmental project based programs.

The next Open House event is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 11, 2010, to celebrate its first year of operations. For more information visit **HYPERLINK** "<http://www.eowilsoncenter.org>" [www.eowilsoncenter.org](http://www.eowilsoncenter.org) or call (850) 835-1824.