

SANDALWOOD HERPETOLOGY CLUB

SANDALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
2750 JOHN PROM BLVD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32246 MONLEZUNM@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG

Selected topics and emphasis for the 2011 – 2012 school year

- local herps
 - o identification
 - o rare, threatened, and endangered
- ecological issues
 - o habitat destruction
 - o land fragmentation
 - o water quality
- global issues
 - o amphibian declines
 - o turtle and tortoise declines
 - emphasize the Asian turtles and the Chinese markets
- Earth Day 2012
 - o Look for participation ideas – preferably a display

Ongoing Projects

- *Manouria emys*, Burmese mountain tortoise
 - o Maintain the three at school – enhance their enclosure with additional tropical plants.
 - o Frequent contact with Vic Morgan (1st successful private breeder of this species)
 - This will entail Vic coming to school early in the school year to introduce us to the species and its importance to the ecology in Asia. He will also discuss the Asian Turtle Crisis. We will do our best to continue visits to his place in St. Augustine occasionally so we can hopefully witness all types of behavior from these tortoises, including courtship, breeding, egg-laying, etc. Vic maintains several adult breeders and is rearing dozens of juveniles, many of which are projected to be released back into their native home soon. Vic is also putting the finishing touches on a captive care book on the species which should be available in the near future.



SANDALWOOD HERPETOLOGY CLUB

SANDALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
2750 JOHN PROM BLVD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32246 MONLEZUNM@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG

Ongoing Projects (continued)

- Classroom animals
 - o Maintain the herps in the classroom, which currently consists of:
 - 1.0 *Lichanura trivergata*, Juvenile rosy boa
 - 2.1 *Lampropeltis triangulum giageae*, black milksnake
 - *Lampropeltis mexicana*, Mexican kingsnake
 - 1.1 *Acrantophis dumerili*, Dumeril's boa
 - 1.2 *Elaphe guttata guttata*, red rat snake
 - 2.0 *Elaphe guttata emoryi*, great plains rat snake
 - 1.0 *Elaphe obsoleta lindheimeri*, Texas rat snake (leucistic)
 - 1.0 *Heterodon nasicus*, western hognose
 - *Chinemys reevesii*, Reeve's turtle
 - *Macrochelys temminckii*, alligator snapping turtle
 - *Manouria emys*, Burmese mountain tortoises
- look for fundraising ideas to help feed the animals. Donations are ALWAYS welcome, but due to specific requirements for the animals, please ask for needs first instead of trying to "surprise" me.

This is not an all inclusive list, but merely a guideline of things we will try to accomplish this year. I look forward to a great year and hope that you will get something positive out of this club, even if it is only a piqued interest in reptiles and the global ecological problems that they face.

Mr. Monlezun
monlezunm@duvalschools.org
Room 301
646-5100 ext 2301

