



WhaleTales

Living Classrooms

**Educational Eco-Tours and
Living Classrooms**

Inspiring Learning, Conservancy and Lifelong
Stewardship for Folly Beach and Beyond



The Folly Beach Chair Company was established in 2008 with the intent of being a responsible corporate citizen and helpful, nurturing member of the Folly Beach community.

Our mission is mirrored in our actions... from becoming Official Stewards of the Beach with Charleston Surfrider Foundation, to organizing multiple charity fundraising events benefitting Surfers Healing, Folly Beach Community Emergency Fund, People Against Rape, the fund for Folly Beach Cancer Survivors, and Pet Helpers.

We also provide primary sponsorship, donate resources, and volunteer for numerous other causes including Green Heart Project Beach Camp, Take a Kid Fishing and the Folly Beach Turtle Team.

Sunshine Rentals is excited to begin a new program for community service and outreach called **WhaleTales Living Classrooms**.

Collaborating with Educators, local After-School programs, School Field Trip Coordinators, local education based Non Profits and Environmental and Conservation Agencies, **WhaleTales Living Classrooms** goal is to provide, educate and inspire a lifelong passion and love for the ecosystem and wildlife surrounding us, **free of charge** to the many kids in the Low Country who may not have such an opportunity.



We believe **WhaleTales Living Classrooms** will be dynamic and impactful in many ways for the City of Folly Beach, the environment and the surrounding Low Country community.

- Children as well as adults who are currently underprivileged or underserved will be able to participate **FREE** in the many fun and educational Tours, Day Camps, Beach Sweeps and other activities designed to teach and foster stewardship of the beach, ocean, rivers, dunes and wildlife.
- Educational sessions with members of the Folly Beach Ocean Rescue and Folly Beach Junior Lifeguard Programs promoting water safety and awareness can be offered. Programs like these help inspire many driven young people to become future Lifeguards!
- Enjoy activities with the Folly Beach Turtle Team! Learn about the plight of our beloved Sea Turtles and how we can promote and protect these creatures and their environment.



- Folly Beach Chair Company and **WhaleTales Living Classrooms** will engage in creating and organizing new Charitable Fundraising Events and continue to aid other organizations aspiring to serve our community and its people.

WhaleTales Living Classrooms Eco-Tours

Folly Beach Chair Company and **WhaleTales Living Classrooms** will operate guided eco-tours on Commercial Grade, Multi- Passenger AquaSleds. Sleds will be towed by a U.S Coast Guard Certified Captain operating a Personal Watercraft. Professional Guides with varied backgrounds including Marine Science, Environmental Studies, and Native Plants and Wildlife will ride alongside patrons giving an exciting and educational tour through the river-ways around Folly Island.

The Eco-tours, launched riverside from a boat ramp, are a slow paced glide through the river making it perfect for entire families young and old. A great new family activity for Folly Beach Visitors and Locals!



How Will We Fund These Important Educational Programs?

Folly Beach Chair Company and **WhaleTales Living Classrooms** proposes the City of Folly Beach permit us to offer visitors rides at a fixed charge from our location on 1st Block East. Rides would launch from the existing but unused PWC launch lane on Front Beach, East side of the Pier.

Operational costs of the WhaleTales Living Classrooms program will be funded by these beachfront ticket proceeds. Along with increased tax and fees revenue, we also submit:

Additional Benefits for City of Folly Beach

- Employees - are current and former Folly Beach Ocean Rescue Supervisors
- Certified in Personal Watercraft Rescue
- United States Coast Guard Licensed Captains
- CPR & First Aid Certified, some also have EMT Certification

These men and women have integrity and without a doubt are driven to serve and protect the people around them! More well trained and observant eyes and ears on the beach keeps everyone safer.



Additional Rescue Equipment Available to Folly Beach Public Safety Personnel

- 2 PWC Skis will be utilized during tours giving us the added safety of a rescue ski. This means two additional skis directly on the beach to aid Folly Beach Public Safety personnel if necessary.
- Our AquaSled is a 10 passenger twin hulled inflatable. This allows an entire team of Lifeguard Rescue Personnel and equipment to be moved quickly to outside waters in case of emergency.

Folly Beach Chair Company and **WhaleTales Living Classrooms**

We are excited to begin this journey of further community involvement and service.

With hope all things are possible.

Will you please support us in this mission?

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