

## April 2008 Team of the Month

### Aqua Kids Team

#### Team Members:

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Sensing an exceptional opportunity to educate a large television audience of young viewers on the work of South Florida Water Management District, Julie Huber and Judy Haner pitched a story idea to the producer of “Aqua Kids”, a nationally syndicated environmental and science program. Their initiative reaped enormous benefits when the producer agreed to film three episodes featuring the District’s Everglades restoration program, which aired during February Sweeps Week.

In order to meet the show’s rigorous requirements, a team of District staff was pulled together and developed an aggressive filming itinerary. From sun-up to sun-down and over a long weekend, the team spent more than 36 hours with a group of six students and a television crew. The hands-on tour involved an “up-close” and “personal” view of Everglades restoration, testing at a storm water treatment area, restoration efforts at Picayune Strand and sampling bird and fish counts to document improved water quality at Rookery Bay.