

CALL OF THE WILD



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Five-year-old Audrey McAllister, left, and her sister Aine, 8, examine a young painted turtle Thursday at the Get Outside Center at 186 Main Street in Gloucester

Get Outside Center campaigns to keep doors open, lights on

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Jessica Kagle comes by her need for money naturally.

A natural born naturalist with a master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education, Kagle runs Gloucester's Kestrel Educational Adventures, a nonprofit she founded 12 years ago. For the past three years, it has shared a lively headquarters in downtown Gloucester with Rick Roth and his nonprofit Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team of

HOW TO HELP

The Get Outside Center has 17 days to raise money through its Worthwild Crowdfunder campaign to keep in its center. Donors may contribute at www.worthwild.com/initiatives/70 or kestreleducation.org/donate/

Kestrel Educational Adventures also has a sponsorship program for larger donors, at kestreleducation.org/become-a-sponsor/

More information is available by stopping in at The Get Out Center, 196 Mains St., or contacting Kestrel Educational Adventures founder and program director Jessica Kagle at 978-515-7177 or jessica@kestreleducation.org

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conservationists, beloved since 1990 by local kids for its snakes and wetland critters. The name of their space, The Get Outside Center, tells you a lot—but not, by any means, all— about how these two teams of innovative educators work, taking

thousands of kids for a walk on the wild side to learn from nature about nature. That, and more, it has passionately and scientifically been doing, with the help of grants, program fees and local sponsors — most notably Gloucester resident Jeanne Nichols. A major donor whose generous annual support paid for the center's initial overheads, See **OUTSIDE**, Page 9