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Join us for our exciting fall opportunities, including a butterfly garden event this Saturday!

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES
Read about our ongoing opportunities to protect the environment and make a difference in the community.

FALL CLASSES
Learn something new at a Florida Friendly Landscaping / Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Class!

FEATURED VOLUNTEER
Read about our "Inspiring Volunteer" of the month!

PHOTOS FROM THE SUMMER



Rollins SPARC Day



UCF Pegasus Palooza

FALL EVENTS



BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Join the Florida Friendly Landscape / Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program THIS SATURDAY (10/29/16, 8:30 am - 11:30 am) for a butterfly garden planting! It will be held at the West Branch library (245 N Hunt Club Blvd, Longwood). Contact Taryn Sudol for more information, or to sign-up: tsudol@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-5575. For online sign-up, click [HERE](#).

HALLOWEED EVENT

Join Seminole County Natural Lands for a "Halloweed" event, 11/5/16, 9 am-noon at Spring Hammock Preserve. Volunteers will go on a hike, & learn to use an app to identify and catalog invasive species. Pokemon theme & prizes! For more information, contact: swilliams02@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-349-0551, and sign-up [HERE](#).



SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the next January Invasive Species Mega Raid with Seminole County Natural Lands & CISMA (1/21/17)! We'll be helping to protect local biodiversity and deter the spread of invasive species by removing invasive plants. Specific sites to be announced!



ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



STORMDRAIN MARKING

With sixteen drainage basins in the county, and thousands of stormdrains to mark, we need your help! The goal of this county-wide project is to educate everyone that stormdrain systems carry not only water, but also anything else (excess nutrients, trash, and other waste) that runs off into the streets, and ends up in our lakes and rivers. Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov) for more information.

ROAD & WATERWAY CLEAN-UPS

Help protect wildlife, water quality, and beautify the community by joining us for a roadway or waterway clean-up! These activities are great for a 1 day event; volunteers can spend a few hours collecting litter and immediately see the fruits of their labor! Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov) for more information.



INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

Invasive species are a serious threat to our waterways and natural areas because they harm native plants and animals, and decrease water quality. We work to remove them in order to protect our precious natural resources. Invasive species removal activities, usually along shorelines or in the water, are great for group-tailored events! Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov) for more information.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



ADOPT-A-ROAD / RIVER

Help protect our water resources and reduce pollution by joining our Adopt-A-Road and River Programs. Adopt your own section of road or river in Seminole County and schedule clean-ups at your convenience (roads: minimum 4/year, river: 2/year). Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov) for more information.

ADOPT-A-PARK

The Adopt-A-Park Program facilitates the monitoring, clean-up and enhancement of parks, natural lands, trails, and trailheads maintained in Seminole County. For more information and to join this great program, contact Seminole County Leisure Services at 407-665-2001.



LAKEWATCH

Do you live on a lake? If so, consider joining LAKEWATCH! This citizen volunteer lake monitoring program facilitates "hands-on" participation in the management of FL lakes, rivers, & coastal sites through monthly monitoring activities. For more information, please visit <http://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/>, or contact Elizabeth Stephens (serv@seminolecountyfl.gov; 407-665-2457).

CLASSES & FALL FEATURE



FYN / FFL CLASSES

LANDSCAPE WITH POTTED PLANTS

Wednesday, Nov 2, 6:30 – 8:30 pm,
Extension Auditorium, 250 County Home Rd, Sanford

TURF ALTERNATIVES

Wednesday, Nov 9, 6:30 – 8:30 pm,
Extension Auditorium, 250 County Home Rd, Sanford

COMPOST AND MULCHING

Saturday, Dec 3, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm,
Extension Auditorium, 250 County Home Rd, Sanford

INSPIRING VOLUNTEERS

LINDSEY MEARS

SERV HISTORY

SERV volunteer since April 2015, site captain since May 2015.

HER STORY

"It was at SSC that I heard about SERV, and I was eager to join a group that would benefit the environment within my community. I was taught at a young age to respect and protect the earth; I have been volunteering with environmental groups for over 20 years now and I'm so happy to be a part of SERV! This program provides me with a way to give back to my community, to make friends, and most importantly, to help educate others about environmental concerns and the ways that we can work together to heal and strengthen them! Thank You SERV!"

BACKGROUND

After a career in Interior Design, Lindsey began her *second* career in Marine Biology with classes at SSC in 2013. She is currently a Junior at UCF. She has also been studying bottlenose dolphins in the Intracoastal Waterway of New Smyrna Beach since 2009, and she hopes to one day help people with disabilities persevere by using marine mammal therapy.