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Altamonte Invasive Raid



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UPCOMING EVENTS



SWEETWATER LAKES RESTORATION

Saturday, April 21st, 2018, 9 am - 12 pm: Seminole County Watershed Management & the SERV Program invite you to help us plant shoreline vegetation to improve ecosystem function, habitat, and water quality at Sweetwater Lakes! Bright Futures hours available. Kick-off: Riverbend Park, 830 Cove Park Pl., Longwood. RSVP: <http://bit.ly/Sweetwater2018> or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457.

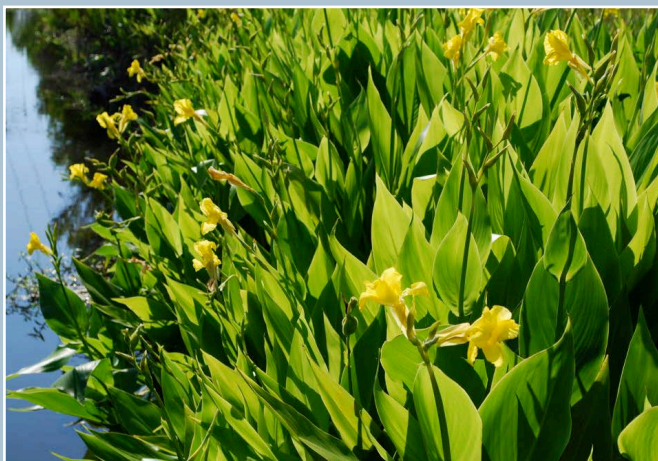
LAKE HOWELL RESTORATION

Saturday, May 19th, 2018, 9 am - 12 pm: Seminole County Watershed Management & the SERV Program invite you to help us plant shoreline vegetation to improve ecosystem function, habitat, and water quality at Lake Howell! Bright Futures hours available. Kick-off: Casselberry, specific address being finalized. RSVP: <http://bit.ly/Howell2018> or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457.



LAKE JESUP RESTORATION

Saturday, June 2nd, 2018, 9 am - 12 pm: Seminole County Watershed Management & the SERV Program invite you to help us plant shoreline vegetation to improve ecosystem function, habitat, and water quality at Lake Jesup! **Volunteers must be at least 10 years old**. Bright Futures hours available. Kick-off: 2356 Black Hammock Fish Camp Rd, Oviedo. RSVP: <http://bit.ly/Jesup2018> or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457.



UPCOMING EVENTS



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 21st, 10 am – 2 pm, at Lake Lotus Park: this free, family-friendly event includes face painting, live animal displays, fishing instruction, educational booths & exhibitors, and much more! For more information, visit the park's website, or contact 407-571-8857. Park address: 1153 Lake Lotus Park Rd., Altamonte Springs.

EARTHFEST

Saturday, April 28th, 10 am to 3 pm at Lake Concord Park: this will be a full day of environmentally friendly activities. Visit the educational booths, and enjoy the live music, food, environmentally friendly vendors, workshops, and free plant giveaways. For more information, click [HERE](#). Park address: 95 Triplet Lake Dr., Casselberry.



FAMILY FEST

Sunday, May 6th, 12 pm - 5 pm at Cranes Roost Park: an event designed just for kids and hosted by the Altamonte Springs Police Department. Enjoy live performances, games, animals, activities, and displays including Police & Fire Vehicle Displays, SCSO Helicopter Drill, Police K-9 Demonstration, and a Fishing Derby. Park address: 274 Cranes Roost Blvd., Altamonte Springs.



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.



ADOPT-A-SHELTER

This Program is an opportunity for any non-profit, faith-based, or private organization to demonstrate community involvement and support for the County's emergency shelters and citizens in a disaster. The American Red Cross and the Office of Emergency Management will provide free training for all volunteers wanting to assist in a shelter. For more information, click [HERE](#) or contact 407-665-5102.



SPRING FEATURE



ECO-PADDLE THE WEKIVA

Saturday, June 9th, 2018 9:00 - 11:30 am:
Learn how to benefit our waterways and see the Wekiva River first hand on a canoe tour. Kick-off location: Wekiva Island, 1014 Miami Springs Drive, Longwood. Cost: Free! Space is limited. Participants should have some prior paddling (canoe, kayak, etc) experience. Please pre-register by calling 407-665-2457 or email serv@seminolecountyfl.gov.



INSPIRING VOLUNTEERS

GLEMA WAKEFIELD

SERV HISTORY

Glema (on left above) has been participating in SERV volunteer events since 2015, along with her family and coworkers. Glema notes: "I was so glad to find out about the SERV program! It lets me get outside, enjoy nature, and get muddy, all while helping to protect the environment. SERV events also give me a chance to share the experience with the kids in my family, teaching them to enjoy and care for nature. Whether removing invasive species, planting beneficial plants, or cleaning up roadsides, it allows me to give back and is an opportunity to teach the next generation the importance of protecting our natural surroundings."

HER STORY

Glema grew up in the Black Hammock. She has lived in several states from Maine to California, but has always considered Florida as her home. She has been back living in the community for 15 years.

BACKGROUND

Glema attended Seminole State College, & works for Troy Services LLC, one of our Adopt-A-Road groups! She loves to learn about nature, and spend time with family.