

SERV Program

2022 Winter



Myrtle Lake



Overlook Park



Rolling Hills



Lake Dot



Why Remove Invasive Species?

- Protects biodiversity
- Improves wildlife habitat
- Reduces spread of harmful species into other areas
- Protects waterway flow

Winter Events

Join us for some fun winter events! Help to protect our beautiful natural areas, spend some time outdoors with friends and family, and learn more about our important natural resources.



Spring Hammock Preserve Invasive Removal

Date: Saturday, 1/15/22
Help to remove invasive plants.
RSVP (required):
<https://bit.ly/SpringHmk2022>
Time: 9 am - 12 pm
Kick-off: 2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood



Touch-A-Truck

Date: Saturday, 2/5/22
Check out this family-friendly event from the Office of Emergency Management. See lots of emergency vehicles first hand!
Time: 10 am - 2 pm
Kick-off: Fort Mellon Park, 600 E 1st St, Sanford



Eco Paddle Events

Dates: Friday, 2/11/22 ([RSVP required](#)), Saturday, 3/12/22 ([RSVP required](#)).
Learn about the Wekiva River and take a relaxing canoe tour.
Time: 9 am - 11:30 am
Kick-off: Wekiva Island, 1014 Miami Springs Dr, Longwood



Weed Wrangle

Date: Saturday, 3/5/22
Join this statewide effort to help rescue our parks and green spaces from invasive species. Details TBA on <http://SERVProgram.eventbrite.com>.
Time: 9 am - 12 pm
Kick-off: Sites TBD

Ongoing Opportunities

These opportunities are available year-round. After a brief virtual training session, each activity can be done independently. These activities are great for volunteers who would like to take ownership of a more long-term project, and can be used to earn many volunteer hours if needed. Contact: Elizabeth Stephens, serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457

Adopt-A-Road

Did you know that litter along our roadways can wash into nearby waterways, and harm wildlife? Make a difference by protecting our natural resources and beautifying your community! Adopt your own section of road in Seminole County (FREE sign!) and schedule clean-ups at your convenience (4 per year).

Stormdrain Marking

Stormdrain marking is a wonderful way for volunteers to help educate the public about water quality, and protect our local waterbodies! Volunteers are trained on how to mark stormdrains, and given a map and supplies. Volunteers can track their progress over time on their printed map, or via a fun app.

Adopt-A-River

Do you have your own canoe or kayak? Help protect our water resources and reduce pollution by joining our Adopt-A-River Program! Adopt your own section of river in Seminole County and schedule clean-ups at your convenience (2 per year).

Adopt-A-Park

This 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.



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More Opportunities

Group-Tailored Activities

Looking for a group volunteer project, but you aren't available for our scheduled events? SERV can work with your group to plan a litter clean-up or invasive plant removal event. Contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457 for details.



Request an Educational Presentation

Are you a teacher or scout leader? Are you part of a civic club, small business, or faith organization that would like to request a speaker on water quality, or biological conservation & restoration? Please contact us (serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457). This service is free of charge to any group in Seminole County! You can read about our frequently requested

presentation topics [here](#), or feel free to suggest a related topic. The SERV Coordinator will be happy to work with you to meet your curriculum requirements. SERV is also able to offer virtual presentations!



LakeWatch

Do you live on a lake? Consider joining LAKEWATCH and help with monthly monitoring activities. Visit <https://lake-watch.ifas.ufl.edu/>, or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov.



Florida-Friendly Landscaping

Classes:

Register on the County IFAS Extension Eventbrite page <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/ufifas-extension-seminole-county-7995917345>

FFL Newsletter:

Sign-up on the FFL website <http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/ffl>

FFL Contact: Tina McIntyre
KMcIntyre02@seminolecountyfl.gov
407-665-5575



Volunteer of the Season

Milissa Acevedo

SERV Involvement: Milissa has worked with SERV over the past year to organize and participate in events with the Seminole State Volunteers. She writes: “Volunteering with SERV has opened a new door of understanding and a deeper appreciation for nature. Adopt-A-Road and lake restoration have allowed us not only to learn more about nature but the importance of implementing long term projects that directly impact our neighborhoods.”

Background: Milissa grew up in Orlando and moved to Sanford

a little over five years ago. She writes “I am a single mother of two. Last year at this time I was learning to walk again from a stroke and diagnosed with cancer. As my daughter graduated from Seminole State College, and volunteered there as well, I promised to return to school and here I am.” Milissa is majoring in Nonprofit Management, and would like to open doors for her kids, including her wonderful autistic son. She notes that they all love sports, the outdoors, and going hiking. Milissa is also a member of the SSC Sustainability Committee.



Milissa (far left) and the Seminole State Volunteers at a road cleanup