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PHOTOS FROM THE WINTER



Kewannee Trail



Lake Harney Wilderness Area

UPCOMING EVENTS



BUTTONWOOD POND RESTORATION

Saturday, March 30th, 2019, 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! RSVP: <http://bit.ly/Buttonwood2019> or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457. Kick-off: 205 Smokerise Blvd, Longwood, FL 32779.

MYRTLE LAKE RESTORATION

Saturday, April 6th, 2019, 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! RSVP: <http://bit.ly/Myrtle2019> or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457. Kick-off: 1000 Twin Lakes Road, Longwood, FL 32750.



SWEETWATER LAKES RESTORATION

Saturday, April 13th, 2019, 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! RSVP: <http://bit.ly/Sweetwater2019> or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457. Kick-off: 830 Cove Park Place, Longwood, FL 32779.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ENGLISH EST. POND RESTORATION

Saturday, April 27th, 2019, 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! RSVP: <http://bit.ly/EngEstPond2019> or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457. Kick-off: 1427 Oxford Road, Maitland, FL 32751.

LAKE OF THE WOODS RESTORATION

Saturday, May 4th, 2019, 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! RSVP: <http://bit.ly/LkofWoods2019> or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457. Kick-off: 251 Summerwood Trl, Maitland, FL 32751.



GRACE LAKE RESTORATION

Saturday, May 18th, 2019, 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! RSVP: <http://bit.ly/Grace2019> or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457. Kick-off: specific address TBD.

EARTH MONTH EVENTS



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 20th, 2019, 10 am - 2 pm: Celebrate Earth Day at Lake Lotus Park (1153 Lake Lotus Park Rd, Altamonte Springs, FL, 32714)! Come enjoy the 150 acre nature preserve, and special features including family exhibitions and activities, guest speakers, ranger guided tours, fossils, gem sluicing, plant giveaways, free drawings, food, and live animal displays. This is a FREE event.

INVASIVE REMOVAL - LAKE LOTUS

Saturday, April 20th, 2019, 9 am - 11 am: Join the SERV Program and Lake Lotus Park staff to remove invasive plants from the park's natural areas. This FREE event is for volunteers of all ages. Participants must wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Sign-up online (<http://bit.ly/LakeLotus2019>), or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov. This activity will end before the above celebration, so volunteers could attend both events!



EARTH FEST

Saturday, May 18th, 2019, 10 am - 3 pm: Come to Earth Fest at Lake Concord Park (95 Triplet Lake Dr, Casselberry, FL, 32707)! Attendees will enjoy educational outreach and other earth-friendly booths, workshops, free tree giveaways, kids activities, food, and live music. The goal of this FREE event is to educate, encourage and empower citizens to create a sustainable environment by participating at the many fun activities.



WORKSHOPS & MAY EVENTS



FERTILIZER WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, April 9th (6 - 7pm), Thursday May 2nd (6 - 7 pm); Tuesday May 14th (10 - 11 am): Attend one of our FREE fertilizer workshops to learn about the Seminole County ordinance regulations and how to have a healthy yard and clean waterways! Professional landscapers, yard enthusiasts, home owners and the general public are all welcome to attend. RSVP on Eventbrite, or call 407-665-5560.

FAMILY FEST

Sunday, May 5th, 2019, 12 pm - 5 pm: Join us at beautiful Cranes Roost Park for Family Fest! This is a FREE event designed just for kids and hosted by the Altamonte Springs Police Department. Visit the Watershed Management booth, and enjoy vehicle displays, live performances, games, animals, activities, and refreshments from vendors.



HURRICANE EXPO

Saturday, May 18th, 10 am - 2 pm: Join News13, Entercom (Mix 105.1) and the Seminole County Office of Emergency Management for the Hurricane Expo to make sure you are prepared for the upcoming Hurricane season. You never know when you might be impacted, so plan now and stay safe! Meet the experts, prepare your home, make a plan. There will be a Kids Zone and giveaways as well. FREE event!



SPRING FEATURE



ADOPTION PROGRAMS

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

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

INSPIRING VOLUNTEER

ERROL WALSH

SERV HISTORY

Errol (at right, above) has been a SERV volunteer since 2011; he has attended invasive removal and lake restoration events, both with his family and coworkers at Solitude Lake Management.

HIS STORY

Errol notes "I enjoy every volunteer event that I'm able to attend; as a resident of Seminole County, it's great to know that I can make an impact in our local environment. I always learn something new at each event. My favorite part is seeing the kids and teens volunteering as well. Hearing the laughs, questions, and seeing the hard work they put in, makes it super enjoyable."

BACKGROUND

Errol was born in VT, and moved to FL in 2004. He writes: "working in the Aquatic Industry, I have a bit of an understanding about how important SERV'S work truly is (love those native aquatic plantings). I'm very fortunate to work for a company that promotes volunteering internally, and that encourages our folks to help out in any form that they may be passionate about. Luckily for me, my passion is on the water!"