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We greatly appreciate our followers and visitors! Thanks for liking, commenting, and sharing.

PHOTOS FROM THE SPRING



Lake Howell



English Estates Pond

SURVEYS & MONITORING



FRESHWATER ALGAE SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist with a monthly algae survey conducted at various stations in the Wekiva River! Help collect, clean, and weigh algae samples; training provided. Walking or paddling will be necessary to access sites. Sampling will occur on 3rd Saturday of the month, & some Wednesdays. RSVP required: Amanda Swisher (answisher@crimson.ua.edu, 407.923.4215) or Deborah Shelley (drshelley@earthlink.net, 407.967.7932).

TURTLE SURVEY

July 20 - 26, 2018: Help the North American Freshwater Turtle Research Group (NAFTRG) survey the turtles of the Wekiva River and Rock Springs Run! 4 to 6 volunteers are needed to assist each day (some evenings) with turtle collection and canoeing. RSVP required (serv@seminolecountyfl.gov; 407-665-2457); SERV can connect volunteers with NAFTRG. For more details of volunteer tasks, visit NAFTRG website.



LAKEWATCH

Consider joining Florida LAKEWATCH, a citizen volunteer lake monitoring program that facilitates "hands-on" citizen participation in the management of Florida lakes, rivers and coastal sites through monthly monitoring activities. Please contact Jason Bennett (352-273-3639, fl-lakewatch@ufl.edu) if interested! You can also visit the LAKEWATCH website for more information: <http://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu>

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

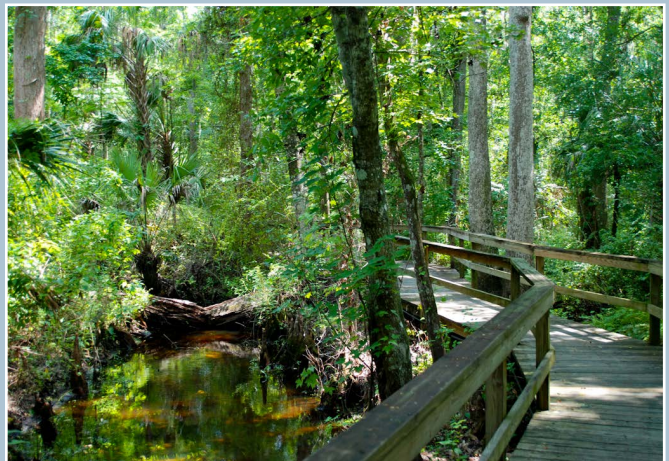


ADOPT-A-ROAD / RIVER

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.



SUMMER FEATURE



SAVE THE DATES

Join the Seminole County Lake Management Program & SERV Program for a shoreline planting event to help restore our waterbodies! We'll be working in the water to install native vegetation, and remove invasive plants. To sign-up for one of these Saturday events, contact Elizabeth Stephens at serv@seminolecountyfl.gov or 407-665-2457, or click on the links below. Specific kick-off locations will be updated on Eventbrite as soon as they are set.

9/22/18: Lake of the Woods
<http://bit.ly/LkWoods2018>

9/29/18: N. Horseshoe Lake
<http://bit.ly/NHorseshoe2018>

10/20/18: Mirror Lake
<http://bit.ly/Mirror2018>

11/3/18: Grace Lake
<http://bit.ly/GraceLk2018>

INSPIRING VOLUNTEER

JASON KIRBY

SERV HISTORY

Jason began volunteering with SERV this year! He enjoys participating in SERV events because he believes that "the most effective, long-term environmental stewardship is volunteer-based, and that introducing our youth to the importance of natural resource conservation in a fun and engaging way is fundamental." He notes: "I genuinely enjoy the opportunity to share my applicable knowledge of aquatic eco-systems while working side-by-side with other conservation-minded individuals."

HIS STORY

Jason is a native and lifelong resident of Central Florida, mostly Seminole County. He and his wife (Kevan) and 3-year old daughter (Spencer) currently reside in Casselberry.

BACKGROUND

Jason has worked in the Lake Management industry for nearly 14 years and founded Enviraquatic in 2013, which specializes in sustainable invasive aquatic vegetation control and native wetland and shoreline habitat restoration. He loves spending time outdoors with family and friends, canoeing, hiking, bike riding, and camping.