

Sixteenth Annual Save Our Waters Week
September 16th - 24, 2011
Going Green Doesn't Mean Water; Fertilize Responsibly



FEATURED ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Sept. 17. Sunrise – 11:30 am

CITRUS COUNTY'S ADOPT-A-SHORE, INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP VOLUNTEER EVENT. Groups and organizations are encouraged to volunteer and adopt a portion of shoreline or waterway. For more information, call Bill Garvin at (352) 628-4685 or visit info@Garvinphotos.com or call Citrus County Aquatic Service at (352) 527-7620. **FREE volunteer appreciation cookouts at noon.** East side, Lake Henderson Beach, sponsored by Apopka Marine. West side, American Pro Dive Center, sponsored by American Pro Dive.

Saturday, Sept. 17. 9 am – 2 pm

CRYSTAL RIVER PRESERVE STATE PARK ADOPT-A-SHORE DAY. Visit environmental booths by local clubs and organizations promoting ways to conserve, preserve and protect Citrus County's waters. At 7 pm come and enjoy watching the films Living Waters and River's Journey in the Redfish Revue Theatre. Popcorn and cold drinks included. For information call (352) 563-0450. **FREE.**

Monday, Sept. 19. Tours at 8 am, 11 am, & 2 pm - KAYAKING WITH AARDVARK'S FLORIDA KAYAK CO. These beginning paddler's tours depart from the county boat ramp at Pirates Cove in Ozello and include litter pickup. Learn more about saltwater marsh habitat as you paddle through St. Martin Marsh. For information and registration, call (352) 795-5650 or visit <http://floridakayakcompany.com/SOWW.html>. **Cost: \$10 pp. to be used to promote conservation.**

Monday, Sept. 19. Event at 3 pm

GETTING TO KNOW CITRUS COUNTY'S AQUATIC TREASURES. Citrus County Extension Office will host a workshop on some of Citrus County's finest waters: Crystal, Homosassa, Chassahowitzka, and the Withlacoochee Rivers. Methods of preserving and protecting these water bodies will be highlighted in the presentation. Call (352) 527-5700 to register and for directions. **FREE.**

Monday, Sept. 19. Tour at 9 am

MUCK ABOUT AT FORT COOPER STATE PARK. Enjoy a guided walk through a native Sandhill community. The Sandhill Loop Trail winds its way up to elevation of 82 feet. Learn how plants and animals survive in this dry landscape. **For information and registration, call (352) 726-0315. Capacity: 15 persons. FREE.**

Monday, Sept. 19. Tours at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm

CRYSTAL RIVER PRESERVE STATE PARK HERITAGE-ECO TOUR. The tour guide will discuss various ways Pre-Columbian Indians might have used the marine resources available along the river with an interpretation of plants and animals viewed. **For information and registration, call: (352) 795-3817 or (352) 563-0450. Capacity: 24 persons each tour. Cost: \$10 adults, \$8 kids (6 and under free).**

Monday, Sept. 19. Tour at 9 am

FDS RECYCLING ACADEMY. Come tour the facility and learn more about recycling. Upon completion you will receive a diploma and learned how recycling helps keep Citrus County waterways clean! **For information and registration, call: 352-527-4281. Capacity: 20 persons. FREE**

Tuesday, Sept. 20. Tours at 9:30 am, 11 am & 1 pm

HOMOSASSA RIVER BOAT TOURS. Enjoy an interpretive tour of the beautiful Homosassa River aboard the Miss Riverside, departing from the Riverside Resort in Homosassa. **For information and registration, call (352) 628-2474 or (800) 442-2040 or visit www.riversideresorts.com. Capacity: 40 persons each tour. FREE.**

Tuesday, Sept. 20. Tours at: 11 am, 1 pm & 2 pm

CRYSTAL RIVER PRESERVE STATE PARK EAGLE NEST BOAT TOURS. Join the Friends of Crystal River State Park for an interpretive tour of the waters of the Crystal River. Catch a glimpse of our national bird as well as many other species of animals and plants. **For information and registration, call (352) 563-0450. Capacity: 24 persons each tour. Cost: \$5 pp. FREE movies in the Redfish Revue Theatre from 9am - 5pm.**

Tuesday, Sept. 20. Tour: 10 am

NEWCOMERS GUIDED TOUR AND WATER WORKSHOP AT ELLIE SCHILLER HOMOSASSA SPRINGS WILDLIFE STATE PARK. Starting at park's west entrance on Fishbowl Drive. Tour designed to inform new residents to Citrus County about the spring system and related water issues. **Tickets only available through your realtor. For information and registration, call (352) 628-5343. Capacity: 15 persons. FREE.**

Tuesday, Sept. 20. Event starts at 6 pm

HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL JEOPARDY GAME COMPETITION. Citrus County Resource Center, W. Marc Knighton Ct., Lecanto. Local high school teams will compete testing their environmental knowledge. **Public invited. For more information, call Amy Duncan at the County Extension Office, (352) 527- 5700. FREE.**

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Wednesday, Sept. 21. Tours at 8 am & 9 am

CRYSTAL RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. Enjoy a staff guided pontoon boat tour of the Refuge islands in Kings Bay. **For information and registration, call (352) 563-2088. Capacity: 30 persons each tour. FREE.**

Wednesday Sept. 21. Event starts at 9 am

SPRINGS INSTITUTE. Dr. Robert Knight of the Howard T. Odum Springs Institute will present information on ways homeowners can help improve the health of local springs. A tour of the Withlacoochee and Rainbow rivers will be provided. Presentation at Rainbow River Club House, 12350 San Jose Blvd., Dunnellon. **For information and registration, call (352) XXX-XXXX. Space is limited. FREE.**

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Wednesday, Sept. 21. Tour at 9 am

MUCK ABOUT AT FORT COOPER STATE PARK. Enjoy a guided walk along the Fort Site Trail to Lake Holathlikaha. Learn about the importance of this land and water during the Second Seminole War. **For information and registration, call (352) 726-0315. Capacity: 15 persons. FREE.**

Thursday, Sept. 22.

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LANDSCAPE CHALLENGE. Teams of landscape professionals will compete in a circuit of challenges testing their knowledge of Florida-friendly fertilizing and how to protect local springs. The winning team will be awarded the title of "Ruling Water Champions." For more information, call Merry Mott, Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association at (407) 295-7994.

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Friday Sept. 23. Tour at 8 am

KAYAKING WITH A-Crystal River Kayak Company. Launch from Kayaks and Beyond office located at 1420 SE U. S. Hwy. 19, Crystal River and paddle on to Three Sisters Springs. **For information and registration, call (352) 795-2255. Capacity: 10 persons. FREE.** Kayaks available for Adopt-A-Shore cleanup on Sept. 17 at the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge.

Friday, Sept. 23. Tour at 9 am

MUCK ABOUT AT FORT COOPER STATE PARK. Grab your boots and come to the wetter side of life on this ranger-guided hike around the shoreline and marsh of Lake Holathlikaha. **For information and registration, call (352) 726-0315. Capacity: 15 persons. FREE.**

Saturday, Sept. 24. Tour 8 am – 1 pm

MUCK ABOUT AT FLYING EAGLE PRESERVE. This guided walk at the McGregor Smith Scout Reservation brings participants up close and hands-on with water, marshes, wetlands and forests and many of the plants and animals that live there. Participants will leave with the understanding of what they can do to conserve and protect Citrus County waters. **For information and registration, call (352) 726-0315. Capacity: 15 persons. FREE.**

Saturday, Sept. 24. Tours at 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm & 2:30 pm

CRYSTAL RIVER WATER TAXI ECO TOUR. Launch from historic Port Hotel & Marina, 1619 S.E. Paradise Circle, Crystal River. Travel Green Florida, Scenic Kings Bay Cruise. **For information and registration, call (352) 212-3196. Capacity: 40 persons. Cost: \$5 pp.**

Saturday, Sept. 24. Event from 1 pm – 9 pm

SUNSET FESTIVAL. Come celebrate the end of Save Our Waters Week at the Port Hotel & Marina's Crystal River Ale House, 1610 SE Paradise Circle, Crystal River. Enjoy food and drink specials, along with music, auction, door prizes and more. Visit eco booths and vendors. Promoted by Life Pirates LLC. **For vendor participation or general information, call (352) 422-7910. FREE.**