



Lake & Stream News

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Goals for 2007

- * Re-establish the Lake Management Academy
- * Increase volunteers in the LAKEWATCH and Stream Waterwatch programs
- * Update the design of the Watershed Atlas and add great new features
- * Conduct 24 full lake assessments and 10 fish surveys
- * Continue to provide technical assistance, education, and management strategies to Hillsborough County citizens

The Hillsborough County Lake and Stream Management Program is a cooperative program with the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The program is designed to educate and assist citizen groups in achieving an understanding of each lake and stream ecosystem and watershed through tools, such as lake assessments, GIS, and water quality and biological sampling. We provide citizens with information needed for the development of management strategies to ensure the sustainability of the lake ecosystem. We also promote the use of volunteers to collect and re-

port water quality data and assist them with the appropriate resources to meet current and future lake management objectives. The program incorporates expertise and resources from the University of Florida LAKEWATCH, the University of South Florida Center for Community Design and Research, and the Hillsborough Community College Environmental and Technical Program.

For more information about the Lake Management Program or Stream Waterwatch, please contact us at (813) 272-5912.

Lake Management Academy is Back!

The Hillsborough County Lake Management Program is now offering bi-monthly meetings for all volunteers. Each meeting will consist of lake management related topics such as best management practices, benefits of native aquatic plants, invasive species control, and special guest speakers. The first meeting will be held during the Lake, Pond & Stream Seminar at the aquarium. All other meetings will be held at Nye Park in Lutz from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The following is a schedule of upcoming meetings:

- June 13
- August 15
- October 10
- December 12

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Lake, Pond, & Stream Seminar is Coming!

How quickly a year goes by! It is almost time for the annual Lake, Pond, and Stream Seminar, which will be held at the Florida Aquarium on April 6, 2007. It is a free event for all volunteers! This event is an opportunity for volunteers to share ideas, gain useful infor-

mation and management tips, and learn more about the efforts of other volunteer groups in the County. The seminar will feature displays and exhibits from environmental organizations and other vendors as well as several excellent presentations on related

topics. Guests will be able to view and ask questions related to the displays, win great prizes, and participate in some excellent learning opportunities and interactive displays. Of course, the aquarium exhibits will be open for participants throughout the evening.



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The Hillsborough County Lake & Stream Management Program...

It is our goal to assist citizen groups in achieving an understanding of each lake ecosystem and watershed through lake assessments, GIS, and water quality sampling; providing citizens with information needed for the development of management strategies that ensure the sustainability of the lake ecosystem; continuing to promote the use of volunteers to collect and report water quality data; and to assist citizens with the appropriate resources to meet current and future lake management objectives.



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