

Volunteer Bulletin Board

Words of encouragement for volunteers experiencing low water levels...

Do the best you can. If you can still get your boat onto the lake and collect samples safely, please continue to do so. However, if water levels are too low there's really nothing you can do short of organizing a neighborhood rain dance.

If your lake is too low to sample, we ask that you continue to send in data sheets. Simply write "low lake level" on the sheet and mail it to us at the address provided on page 8.

You may also consider taking photographs of your lake during this time. It's a good way to document the event for future reference. And if you can, send your regional coordinator a few copies so that he or she can keep them on file as well. (We are scanning the photos and storing them digitally).

And remember, patience is a virtue!

We need your inactive sampling materials!



If you are no longer sampling but still have sampling materials, we need your help! We need these items back so that we can add

new volunteers to the program. Please bring your sampling materials to a collection center as soon as possible. Not sure where the nearest collection center is? Call:

1-800-LAKEWATCH
(1-800-525-3928)

P.S. This notice does NOT apply to volunteers who are inactive due to low lake levels.

New!

LAKEWATCH/Project COAST

Web Address:

<http://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu>

Same great web site, new address.

"Love Your Lake" Grants

The Florida Lake Management Society (FLMS) would like to work with you to help create areas along Florida's lakes that illustrate good shoreline management enhancing techniques for lakefront owners.

Working cooperatively with the Free Family Foundation, FLMS will match up to \$12,000 for the successful applicant with a project that will benefit their lake and serve as an example for other lakefront owners throughout the state. Chosen applicants will be able to match funds in the form of labor or monetary contributions. A selection committee will review applications and choose the winning project.

While the deadline is probably too soon for this year's application process (May 1) it may be just in time to begin planning for next year. This is a great opportunity to introduce youth organizations or other groups in your community to lake management concepts. For more details or if you have any questions, call:

Lucee Price (407) 324-8695

E-mail: flmshome@yahoo.com

New Collection Centers

Two new collection centers have been established recently. If either of these new locations is easier for you to get to, feel free to drop your samples there. For a complete update of collection centers in your area call **1-800-LAKEWATCH (525-3928)**.

The Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary

Mile Marker 95.230 Overseas Hwy

Key Largo, FL 33037

Contact: Dave Score (305) 852-7717 ext.35

Brevard County Extension Office (Palm Bay)

1455 Treeland Blvd. SE

Palm Bay, FL 32909

Contact: Karen Strunk (321) 952-4536

Doug Kutz (321) 633-1702

Attention Anglers!

Buy a Five Year License Get Free Stuff

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is promoting their five-year fishing license program again. During June and July you can purchase a five year fishing license and also get a bag full of goodies from program sponsors including lures, hooks and other fishing products valued at more than \$30. Coupons worth hundreds of dollars are also included. Buying a five-year license saves about \$6 in yearly handling fees. For details contact:

Bob Wattendorf 850/488-0520

Licenses are accessible from FWC's web site:
<http://www.state.fl.us/fwc/fishing/>

Watch for Your Invitation!



This year's LAKEWATCH/Project COAST regional meetings are off to a good start.

The meetings are held once a year per county or multi-county area. We encourage you to attend your area meeting, as it provides a great opportunity to receive your data packet, meet your regional coordinator in person, enjoy a well-deserved appreciation dinner (or lunch), browse our educational materials and displays, and ask questions pertaining to your data, lake, or water management in general. Watch for your invitation in the mail or check our web site for upcoming dates and times.

<http://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu>

Note: Please be sure to RSVP for your meeting. If you can't attend, we will automatically mail your data packet to you.

Mark your calendar! **May 21 - 24, 2001**

12th Annual Meeting of the Florida Lake Management Society

Turnbull Center / Tallahassee, Florida



This year's FLMS meeting is sure to be of special interest to LAKEWATCH/Project COAST volunteers. For the first time ever, FLMS is offering a day of pre-conference workshops that are geared toward the public. LAKEWATCH/Project COAST volunteers can attend the all-day workshops for only \$5.

The workshops, to be held on Monday, May 21, will give citizens a rare chance to discuss issues of concern, as well as share their own successes in lake management. LAKEWATCH/Project COAST volunteers are encouraged to attend as participants and/or speakers. At least one of the workshops will be dedicated specifically to volunteer monitoring, showcasing representatives of volunteer organizations from around the state. LAKEWATCH/Project COAST staff are helping to organize one of the sessions. Please take a moment to read the schedule below. Better yet, consider attending.

The main conference begins on Tuesday May 22 and runs thru Thursday, May 24. This year's meeting is similar in format to a trade show as a number of exhibitors will be on hand to share their lake-related projects and expertise. Aquatic engineers and chemists will be available to talk with, as well as erosion control experts and others.

There are a limited number of conference fee scholarships available to LAKEWATCH/Project COAST volunteers to offset the main conference fee of \$125 (not including hotel accommodations). Contact LAKEWATCH for more information. Workshops will be at the Turnbull Center. However, because changes may occur prior to the conference, please review the final conference program to identify the time, session, titles and location of each workshop. Tentatively planned workshops include:

Workshop Block #1

8:30 am to 10:00 am

Session 1 Orientation to Leon

County Lakes and Groundwater Interactions. Coordinator: Sean McGlynn, McGlynn Laboratories

Session 2 Stormwater Best

Management Practices.

Coordinator: Harvey Harper, ERD (Environmental Research & Design)

Session 3 Status of Quality Assurance.

Coordinator: TBA

Session 4 STORET

Coordinator: Patrick Detscher, DEP

Session 5 Aquatic Plant Identification.

Coordinator: Kathy Burks, FDEP

Workshop Block #2

10:20 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Session 1 Volunteer Monitoring

Programs — Current Status in Florida. Coordinator: Julie Terrell, Florida LAKEWATCH/Project COAST

Session 2 Sediment & Erosion

Control; Coordinator: Dan Dewiest, DEP and Kevin Pope, Leon County

Session 3 Environmental Statistics.

Coordinator: Harvey Harper, ERD

Session 4 GIS Applications.

Coordinator: To be announced.

Session 5 Bioassessment Training for the

Lake Condition Index. Coordinator: Russ Frydenbourg, DEP with Lori Wolfe & Ashley O'Neal

Workshop Block #3

12:50 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Session 1 Volunteer Monitoring

Programs — Current Status in Florida.

Coordinator: Julie Terrell, Florida

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Session 2 Strategies for Implementing

NPDES Phase II Stormwater Management Techniques. Coordinator: Timothy Kelly and Walter Reigner, BCI Engineers

Session 3 Environmental Statistics.

Coordinator: Harvey Harper, ERD

Session 4 GIS Applications. Coordinator:

To be announced

Session 5 Chlorophyll & Other Means of Algal

Identification. Coordinator: Sean McGlynn, McGlynn Laboratories & AKSK Prasad

Workshop Block #4

2:50 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Session 1 Aquascaping.

Coordinator: Kevin Songer, Biological Research and Geoff Brown, UF Extension

Evening Workshop

7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Topic: Conserving Our Area Lakes through This Decade and Beyond.

Coordinator: Curtis Watkins, City of Tallahassee.

For more about the main conference, workshops, or scholarships call:

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For more information and registration forms check out the website — <http://www.nalms.org/flms/florida.html>