



# The Timucuan

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Newsletter of the

Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club

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## **PROGRAM FOR MAY MEETING IN DAYTONA BEACH**

**Daytona Beach Regional Library  
(City Island Library Center),  
105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach.**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Anne P. Birch,**

Indian River Lagoon LCA Program Director for The Nature Conservancy will tell us about a local effort to increase the oyster population in Mosquito Lagoon by placing specially constructed mats on the bottom of the Lagoon, upon which oysters may grow. After hearing a brief history of the decline in the oyster harvests along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the U.S., we will do our part to help reverse this situation by making some mats. Anne will provide all materials, and the mats are a simple, but ingenious design, so attendees need only bring their enthusiasm and engineering skills.

Due to the nature of the program, at the request of the speaker, participation in the mat-building will be limited to 25. (The rest of us will "supervise.")

So make your reservation early! Contact Marsha Lewis at 386-258-1605 to get on the preferred list.

## **PROGRAM FOR JUNE MEETING IN FLAGLER BEACH**

**City Commission Meeting Room of Flagler Beach City Hall, corner of 2nd Street  
and South Central Avenue**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Terran Rosenberg**

of the newly reopened Marineland Dolphin Conservation Center will offer a presentation regarding the innovative programs now available at the World's First Oceanarium, now

listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Learn more about the behavior and natural history of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins in addition to this institution's marine scientific and dolphin research. Terran will also speak about environmental issues associated with Marineland.

**Car pools** from outlying areas for the  
**Sierra Club meetings**  
in May and June will leave at **6:00 p.m.:**

- ≡ **DeLand** meets at Wendy's parking lot, corner of 17/92 and U.S. 92. For information, call **Dennis Elster** at **386-943-9415**
- ≡ **New Smyrna Beach** arrangements to be made on an individual basis. For information, call **Pam Powell** at **386-428-9312**.
- ≡ **Flagler/Palm Coast** arrangements TBA.
- ≡ **Daytona Beach** meets June 7th at Daytona Beach Regional Library (City Island Library Center), 105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach. For information, call **Marsha Lewis** at **386-258-1605**.

## **PITCH IN FOR EARTH DAY!**

Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club will again be participating in Earth Day activities this year. To help Sierra Club spread our conservation message while we celebrate Earth Day, please contact our coordinators for the following events:

### **Washington Oaks State Gardens April 22nd & 23**

Contact **Tricia Reonas (386) 252-3315** to volunteer and for more information.

### **"Turtle Day" at the Marine Science Center April 22nd**

Contact **Marsha Lewis (386) 258-1605** to volunteer and for more information.

Thanks!

## **SUMMER "VACATION"**

The Sierra Club will not meet in July.

Watch for the next *Timucuan* for announcements of our programs in August and September!

### **2006 Moore/Sierra Scholarship Recipients Named**

**T**he 2006 James & Rosalee Moore/Sierra Club Scholarships have been awarded to **Carolyn Hall** and **Courtney Tomkievich**, Seniors graduating this year from Mainland High School. Thanks to the wise investment of our scholarship fund by Treasurer Don Lieb and Member Justin Bundza, we were able to present a \$1500 grant to both students, to help with their college expenses. Both of these outstanding students have worked hard on the Rose Bay Restoration project and demonstrated their firm commitment to the environment. We are proud to be able to help such deserving young people further their education.

## CALL FOR MARINE MONITORS

The next Marine Debris Surveys will be held **Saturday, May 6th, June 3rd, and July 1st at 9 a.m.** We meet at North Peninsula State Recreation Area, north of Ormond Beach on A1A, at the last beach parking lot in Volusia County (Highbridge Road). The survey takes about two hours\* and volunteers are welcome! (\*The more volunteers, the sooner we're done!) Call **Ann Arnold** at **(386) 409-3742** to volunteer, to verify *how much we need you*, or for information.

### *Volusia-Flagler Sierra Welcomes New Members and Transfers*

#### **Bunnell**

*Julie Adams  
Arlanna Novak Spencer*

#### **Clermont**

*Kathleen Adler*

#### **Port Orange**

*Kathe Angell  
M. Friday  
John Green  
Bobbie Nelson  
James Hunt*

#### **Edgewater**

*Barbara Bacom  
Denise Jameson  
Neil Leary*

#### **Holly Hill**

*Anna Carr  
Alma Weber  
Alfred Matthews  
Charlotte Van Horn*

#### **Palm Coast**

*Gloria Churchill  
Richard Taylor  
June Carlson  
Elyse Dempsey Arner  
Ed Edwards  
George Fowler  
Nicholas Iula  
John Mincher, Jr.*

#### **Minneola**

*Clifford & Yinlee Eng*

#### **Daytona Beach**

*Elizabeth English  
Dolores Roland  
Donald Versigghel*

#### **Flagler Beach**

*Lisa Hampton*

#### **DeLand**

*Marguerite Heinig  
Esther Langston  
Carolyn Linder  
Mary Marshall*

#### **DeLeon Springs**

*Diane Hunter*

#### **Ormond Beach**

*Layli Khorsandian  
Marlene Russell  
Ann Lammers  
Richard Temple*

#### **South Daytona**

*Mary Beth Kress*

#### **Deltona**

*Nancy Paitaris*

#### **New Smyrna Beach**

*Finley Buie  
James Foster  
Gary Palmer  
Patricia Mangiardi  
Margaret Mulvaney  
Erica Saylor  
Thomas Skove*

**ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?  
(DO YOU KNOW ONE?)  
BE A FORCE FOR CHANGE!**

This summer, let the Sierra Student Coalition change your life.

Have you ever seen an environmental problem in your neighborhood or on your campus, but you weren't sure what you could do about it? Want to get involved or be more effective for the environment in your school or community?

Every year, the **Sierra Student Coalition** runs a series of week-long summer programs for environmentally minded high school and college students. While there, you will meet people who share a common love for the environment and new ideas for how to make things better.

The programs combine rustic settings and outdoor activities with intense training on how to plan and run environmental campaigns, communicate effectively and build campus environmental groups. Guest speakers provide new insights into the problems facing our planet and how all of us can get involved to solve them.

Participants will learn how to work with the media, how to keep people interested in a student club, how to plan events and campaigns, as well as issues trainings on renewable energy, environmental justice, and other topics.

This program is a great way to train students that can then come back and be even more involved and effective with the Sierra Club and their student groups.

Many past participants have gone on to become leaders in their student environmental groups and Sierra Club Chapters to new levels of organizing and effectiveness.

Find out more at <http://www.ssc.org/t/sprogs.htm> or by calling **1-888-JOIN-SSC**.

2006 Student Summer Training Program dates and locations:

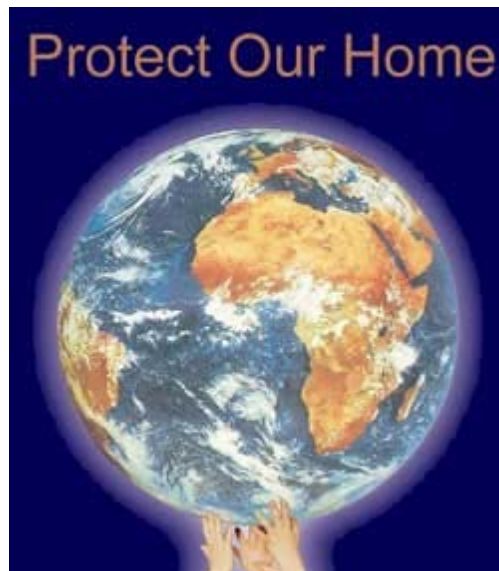
June 19-25 North Carolina (near Raleigh)

June 26-July 2: Minnesota

July 17-23: Washington

July 24-30: Environmental Justice, near Los Angeles, CA

August 14-20 Pennsylvania Puerto Rico: Dates TBA: (Native Spanish-speakers only, please)



## “Happy Earth Day”

There's been a lot of visioning lately. In Daytona, residential ranch houses are at risk of being razed for redevelopment. That's the vision of a well-paid out-of-state planner. Since the hurricanes, the oceanside transformation from tourist-friendly small motels to gargantuan condo towers has been relentless. And now, lovely historic Victorian houses with the bad luck of fronting the river are at risk of demolition. Civic values? Money shouts while culture only whispers.

The Florida Supreme Court is taking its time considering again the Florida Hometown Democracy constitutional amendment. We must continue to rush about reacting too late to well-financed developments, then wear ourselves out again soliciting signatures to get this baby on the ballot in 2008. What will be left? Western LPGA is falling fast and West of 95 is chugging right along. Is there such a thing as build-out? How much is enough? I had a vision myself fighting Ridgewood Avenue traffic, watching my gauge creep south and searching for lower gas prices.. Roads are being widened, trees cleared and discarded, on 40, on 44, but those roads won't be empty. They will fill like a faulty toilet. Only when drivers notice they might move faster by foot or bicycle or trolley or bus, will they leave the poisonous cocoon of their cars. But the road-building frenzy does not abate. Agencies have a mandate to facilitate development, and evacuate when the hurricanes blow. (The roads that evacuate also bring in ever more development, so everyone loses.) Again, we are asked to consider bankrolling a limited access (sure!) toll road through our remaining conservation lands.

Summer heat is coming and global warming is in full play and starting to get a little recognition, but few laymen grasp the consequences of melting polar caps. Fuelling the car in daylight is unwise -- so is driving the smog machine. But the car commercials blast right on, oblivious, the newest model speeding in solitude through an empty landscape. Finally, there is some public debate on renewable and alternative energy. But what's getting the go-ahead? Biofuels, like corn-based ethanol, that rob the food pantry and take as much energy to fertilize and harvest as they deliver to the gas tank! (Brazil is nearly gasoline free, after decades of policy and planning, using non-food agricultural waste to power its engines.) And nuclear power, now touted as climate-change friendly, has never solved its terrible toxic waste legacy.

Building a nuke consumes years of energy -- mining and refining the fuel, constructing the billion-dollar plant - before there is any "too cheap to meter" net gain of energy.

Our nation's air and water quality have suffered from power production, apart from the consequences of global warming, yet new coal-fired plants are proposed for Florida. Mountaintop removal of coal has destroyed streams, forests and landscapes, yet it continues. What can we do but wring our hands in dismay, take another pain pill and escape to electronic media?

Let's put our heads together. Let's offer something new and positive. Let's widen the circle and invite the outsiders to join us. It's a vision of youth and labor, solar and organic, enrichment and fulfillment. It's community involvement, demonstrating alternative technologies, educating ourselves and others in preserving our Eden for a safe and biodiverse future.

■ *Alexa Ross*, Conservation Chair



**THE FRIENDS OF COASTAL PARKS  
INVITE YOU TO AN OPEN HOUSE**

**GAMBLE ROGERS MEMORIAL  
STATE RECREATION AREA  
AT FLAGLER BEACH  
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006  
11:00 am 'TIL PARK CLOSES**

**FREE TOUR BOAT RIDES  
LIVE MUSIC  
NATURE TRAIL HIKES  
\$5 BARBEQUE LUNCH  
KIDS' FISHING CONTEST  
KIDS' TREASURE HUNT  
\$2 HOTDOG PLATE FOR KIDS**

Come share with us the beauty and fascination of this gem of a State Park in Flagler Beach!!

