

**Managing Visitors and Volunteers in Natural Areas**  
Gold Head Branch State Park, Keystone Heights, Florida  
October 27-29, 2009

**DRAFT Agenda**

Subject to change

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Assessments, planning, and implementation: Identifying three levels of resource-based recreation in natural areas with various levels of on-site and off-site staffing.

- 8:00 Check-in/Registration
- 8:30 Welcome and Workshop Overview
- 9:00 Case Study # 1 - Natural areas with highly developed recreation infrastructure, and motorized access
- 9:30 **Break**
- 9:45 Goldhead SP Field Trip or Activity
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Case Study #2 – Natural areas with less acreage (< 1,000 acres), many in urban-interface settings, limited motorized access, and possibly increased amount of developed recreation infrastructure
- 11:30 **Lunch (included)**
- 12:15 Case Study #3 - Natural areas with large acreage (> 1,000 acres), mostly in rural settings, mostly with non-motorized access, and with minimal developed recreation infrastructure - SJRWMD lands
- 1:00 **Break**
- 1:15 Planning for Visitors
- 2:00 Overview of Black Creek Ravines
- 2:15 **Break to prepare for field activity**
- 2:30 Field Trip – Black Creek Ravines
- 5:30 Return from BCR
- 6:15 **Dinner (optional dinner available for extra fee)**
- 7:15 Campfire social

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- 8:00 Warm-Up Exercise/BCR field trip follow-up discussion
- 8:45 Considerations for planning trails and other passive use amenities
- 9:30 **Break**
- 9:45 Considerations for developing and construction of trails and other passive use amenities
- 10:30 **Break**
- 10:45 ADA Presentation
- 11:30 **Lunch (included)**
- 12:30 ADA Field Activity

- 1:30                    **Break**
- 1:45                    Communication as a tool for achieving resource management goals
- 2:45                    **Break**
- 3:00                    Introduction to Interpretation
- 3:45                    **Break**
- 4:00                    Introduction to volunteer programs: Determining needs, creating positions, orientation, screening and placement
- 5:00                    Adjourn
- 6:00                    **Dinner (optional dinner available for extra fee)**
- 7:00                    Campfire social

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Utilizing and managing volunteers in natural areas of various sizes and levels of staffing and infrastructure.

***\*Check out of cabins prior to class\****

- 8:00                    Warm-Up Exercise/Case study presentations
- 8:30                    Introduction to volunteer programs continued
- 9:15                    **Break**
- 9:30                    Recruiting volunteers
- 10:00                    Training volunteers
- 10:45                    **Break**
- 11:00                    Supervision of volunteers
- 11:45                    **Lunch (included)**
- 12:30                    Field work – volunteer workday exercise (includes time for changing/clean-up)
- 1:30                    Summary of field work exercise
- 1:45                    Recognition of volunteer efforts
- 2:30                    Discussion and sharing about volunteer programs/Conclusion
- 2:45                    Workshop Evaluation/Award Certificates
- 3:00                    Adjourn

**Workshop Coordinator:** Nels Parson, St. John's River Water Management District

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