



The Broward Bulletin

March 2024

BROWARD SIERRA GROUP
WELCOMES ALL TO
EARTH DAY 2024
A FREE FAMILY EVENT
SATURDAY, MARCH 23
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
AT THE ANNE KOLB NATURE CENTER
751 SHERIDAN ST. HOLLYWOOD, FL
THIS YEAR'S THEME:
UNITING BROWARD THROUGH RESILIENCE

YOUTH ART CONTEST **HIKING & KAYAKING** **EDUCATIONAL VENDORS** **HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES** **LIVE MUSIC & GOOD FOOD**

There's something for everyone at this fun, free, educational and entertaining event!

Visitors can enjoy:

- Nature hikes and kayaking around the natural mangrove areas of the park.
- Live music.
- Food trucks.
- Art displays from our annual Youth Plastic Waste Art Contest, with judging and prizes announced on site.
- More than 14 exhibitors with hands-on activities and information about conservation and environmental efforts.
- Notable guest speakers using art to educate about climate change and sea level rise.
- Updates about Earth's rising temperature and climate change, Florida Panther news and updates, and using meditation to connect with nature.

• **Much, much more!** •

Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in programs, services and activities must contact Broward Sierra Group at 954-328-9447 at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled event.

BROWARD SIERRA GROUP

**WE WILL BE TABLING AT WATER MATTERS DAY
TREE TOPS PARK
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH
PLEASE COME TO OUR TABLE AND VISIT US**

Volunteers Needed!
Volunteers must be ages 18 & up. Sign up today! [Read More...](#)



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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024, 7PM-8:30PM-VIRTUALLY



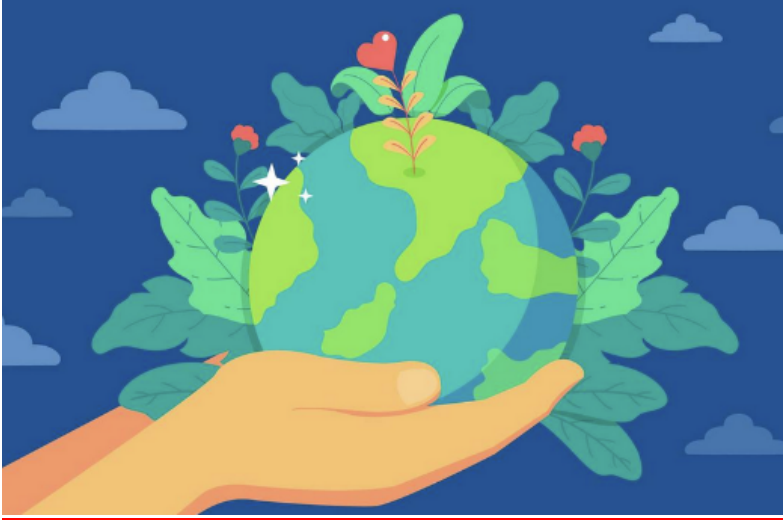
SAM VAN LEER



URBAN PARADISE GUILD
**Forensic Ecology of Broward
and How we Got to Now!**

[Click here to Register](#)

Isn't Our Planet Worth \$20.24?



In honor of Earth Day 2024, won't you make a gift of \$20.24 (or more) to the Broward Sierra Club?

- Use the QR Code below
- Zelle to 954-296-3411 (with Memo: BSG Donation)
- Mail your check payable to "Broward Sierra Club" to Max Goldstein, 220 Lakeview Drive, #305, Weston, FL 33326.

Your gift will empower our outreach and education efforts to support a new generation of climate advocates (that's you, BSG Junior Team!) ... and will help our committees of volunteers evaluate, educate and, when earned, endorse local, state and federal legislators so they can make better choices for our shared ecosystem.

Those are just a few ways your gift of \$20.24 can help. Please donate today!



**Your Planet, Your
Choice. Please Choose
to Help!**

Broward Sierra Group

SAVE THE *Date*

JEOPARDY NIGHT



**JOIN
US!**

INVITATIONS AND PAYMENT WILL BE SENT SOON!

MAY
19
SUNDAY

200 S ANDREWS AVE, FORT
LAUDERDALE, FL, 33301

HOSTED BY THE BROWARD SIERRA GROUP - JUNIOR TEAM

4:00-7:00
PM

[HTTPS://WWW.SIERRACLUB.ORG/
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BROWARD SIERRA GROUP JUNIOR TEAM

Do you know a 14-18-year-old who is interested in the environment?

The Junior Team might be for them! We are a group of high schoolers who are extremely passionate about preserving the environment, educating others, and promoting sustainability.



What have we done?

- Met with various elected officials
- Written letter to the editors and been published
- Collected signed petitions for the Right to Clean Water
- Created lemonade stands for extreme heat alleviation

JOIN TODAY!

School service hours are available, and active members get free Sierra Club membership!

Email pl222722@ahschool.com with any questions



[bsg.juniorteam](https://www.instagram.com/bsg.juniorteam)

**Broward Sierra Group – Junior Team
Youth Climate Summit – February 9, 2024
at Pompano Beach High School**



Anagha Iyer, Sasha-Kay Lindo, Audrey Duenas speaking with a student



Anagha Iyer & Sasha-Kay Lindo
Speaking with Jordan Holiday (Our new outing leader)

Broward Sierra's Junior Team members went to Tallahassee in January to ask our legislators to consider certain legislation. They talked about their experience with the Plantation City Council on February 7, 2024.

Audrey Duenas



Hanna Neugaard



Anagha Iyer



Leah Weisburd, Chair of the Broward Sierra Group



Left to right

- Julie Long, Plantation's Sustainability Advisory Board Chair
- Hanna Neugaard - Broward Sierra Group-Junior Team Member
- Audrey Duenas - Broward Sierra Group-Junior Team Member
- Abigail Khol - Broward Sierra Group-Junior Team Member
- Anagha Iyer - Broward Sierra Group-Junior Team Chair
- Leah Weisburd - Broward Sierra Group-Executive Committee Chair



**Coconut Creek Commission Presentation
And Video (to come)
February 22, 2024**

Broward Sierra Group's Junior Team



Abigail Khol, Anagha Iyer, Sasha-Kay Lindo



Abigail Khol, Audrey Duenas, Leah Weisburd, Anagha Iyer and Susan Steinhauser

Outings Announcement

Outings Leader, Adriene Barmann

Where: CREW Marsh Trails

4600 Corkscrew Rd (CR 850) Immokalee, FL 34142

When: Saturday, **March 9th**, 2024 at 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM



Please join the Broward Sierra Group as we join with CREW Director Bob Lucius of the CREW Land and Water Trust, who will lead us on our hike on the CREW Marsh Trail which is part of the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail. It has a combination of mesic pine flat woods, oak hammocks, marshes, and a pop ash dominated slough which has a variety of ecosystems for our participants to experience. We have the opportunity to observe multiple habitats on the trail as we learn about the plants, trees and the terrain that support the water flow, food, nutrients and shelter for wildlife.

We are going to hike on the Green Trail which is about 2.15 miles. That works out to about a two-hour walk with stops to point out things along the way. It might be a bit muddy when the trail narrows past the pop ash slough boardwalk (the outer boardwalk), but if it gets too bad, we can turn back and loop back on the Yellow Trail to Suzanne's Pavilion where

we will have lunch. Participants will learn about conservation and efforts to preserve our Green Spaces, and how to take action to preserve these special places.

There are lots of animals that live in the CREW habitats which are teeming with life, including a large variety of wading birds, Roseate Spoonbills, Great Egrets, Little Blue Herons, and raptors like Barred Owls, Red-shouldered Hawks, Short-tailed Hawks, Sharp-shinned Hawks, and Swallow-tailed Kites. Undoubtedly, you may see an abundance of different kinds of turtles, armadillos, wild hogs, deer, and of course, alligators. Lucky visitors have even been known to spot elusive Florida panthers, Florida black bears, and bobcats.

We are very lucky to have Dr. Robert Lucius Ph.D., who is the Executive Director for the CREW Land & Water Trust, to be our guide for the hike. I am sure we will be educated about the history of the trail, and its role in the watershed in Lee and Collier counties.

Note: Please inform Leader Adriene Barmann (Registered Nurse) if you have a medical condition, any food allergies, or carry an EpiPen.

Cost: \$10 Members and \$15 Non-Members (cash will be collected at the site when we meet at 9:00 AM.)

Leader: Adriene Barmann, 954-328-9447,

email: adrienesierraleader@gmail.com

What to bring:

- Lunch packed in your day pack
- At least 3 bottles of water and/or Gatorade.
- Wear lightweight sun protective clothing and a hat.
- Comfortable sneakers or hiking shoes

- Sunscreen and a hat
- Raincoat or poncho
- Sunglasses, camera, binoculars, mosquito spray
- Binoculars if you have them.

Bring lunch and a backpack so we can eat it on the trail. There may be some muddy areas, so be prepared to get your shoes dirty.

Hike difficulty: easy

TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT YOU MUST REGISTER ON THE SIERRA CLUB SITE, AGREE TO THE WAIVER AND LEAVE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION. DO NOT SIMPLY RSVP HERE AND EXPECT TO ATTEND!

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000002I4TKAA0>

We look forward to meeting our new participants, as well as our regular adventurers!!! If you have any questions please email me at Adrienesierraleader@gmail.com or call at 954-328-9447.

Outing Report

As I reminisce about our wonderful outing on Saturday, January 13th at the Fakahatchee Strand, I think about the amazing experience all of us had during our tram ride tour! A BIG thank you to Francine Stevens, the executive director of the Friends of Fakahatchee organization! Not only did she organize our amazing tour, but she kept us safe in the tram as our driver. Francine was the key person to organize our tour! How lucky we were to have our guide Gordon Saager, who is a certified Advanced Master Naturalist! He was a great educator and his passion and love for the Fakahatchee Strand was contagious! Gordon shared a wealth of information about the history of the preserve, as well as the development of the preserve to its present state. We learned some key points that include [Fakahatchee Strand State Park](#) is one of 3 preserves in

Big Cypress, and it is a wet and wild home to alligators, Florida panthers, flocks of wading birds, and dozens of other creatures great and small. We learned that the Fakahatchee preserve is a Cypress swamp enriched with luxuriant ferns, orchids, air plants and knobby Cypress knees. Fakahatchee is the spot enthusiasts go to see wild orchids. (It was the scene of Susan Orleans best-selling book "The Orchid Thief," which became the Meryl Streep movie *Adaptations*.)

We all walked away with a thorough understanding about the park's ecosystem, the plants, trees, and wildlife that live in its wilderness. I truly feel that once you experience a wilderness like the Fakahatchee Preserve, you understand the importance of maintaining it, and why conserving the land, which is one of the richest and rarest ecosystems in the United States, is crucial.

Finishing up our day at Camila's Restaurant in Everglades City was a great and tasty way to end our day! The fresh stone crabs, and stone crab soup were over the top delicious! And to celebrate Rhonda's husband Joe's birthday with Key Lime pie couldn't be better. It was so nice to meet new people and enjoy a wonderful day out in nature. Days like this make us appreciate Florida's wilderness and wild places. See you at our next hiking adventure!

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Volunteering with Broward Sierra feels this good!
Today's your lucky day because our amazing team has the perfect spot for you!

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E-mail Leabird@comcast.net or call 954-485-4711 for more info