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WATER CONSERVATION AT HOME

— By Ina Topper, Environmental Education Chair

Yes, we're doing quite a bit to conserve water already. We've taught our kids not to let the faucet run when brushing teeth, we use a bit of water to first do the 'soaping' when washing our hands, and only run the faucet when rinsing. But have you thought of filling the sink with some water, and then rinsing your hands in this little 'pond'? It uses still less water than rinsing under a running faucet. (Of course, within reason. Not with truly filthy hands, but just think how often do we wash hands while cooking.)



Talking about kitchen work, both my mom and grandmother washed and rinsed all their vegetables on a daily basis over a small bucket or plastic bowl in the sink. These multiple bowls of water would be used to water the plants around the house and on the porch. I can't remember a single time either of them filled a container straight from the faucet JUST to water plants. In rural areas water had to come from afar, and yes, sometimes there was a shortage, in addition to the much higher water bills compared to here.

By the way, at our recent general Sierra meeting we happily auctioned off our first rain barrel! This barrel's content can water sizeable lawns or flower beds all year round.

Many of us have pets, and we generally refresh their water bowls once or twice a day. So how about using the old water to quickly water some plants, or rinse the kitchen sink? A little confession - if I hadn't used this strategy for years already, rest assured many houseplants would have died. So yes, there was an ulterior motive besides water conservation.

Moreover, when showering, only let the water run half strength. And a bathtub only needs to be filled one-third in order to get clean. Very few of us get outright dirty like in the old days, working on the land or on the docks. Nowadays we're mostly just very sticky, or sweaty rather. And if you need that extra refreshing touch while in the tub, try a few drops of some cooling bubble-liquids added to the water - the scent of watermelon or kiwi comes to mind.

For pool owners, instead of just letting the water out when the rains are too frequent and fill the pool too high, take a bucket and scoop out water to clean your patio, instead of using a hose. I assure you, one too many times hosing down my patio did increase my water bill quite a bit.

Need we say one more time the obvious... the toilet flush of course. If you're not yet the lucky owner of a new low-flush commode, put a brick in the tank. Or just don't flush during the night for the 'smaller stuff'; your housemates will also be grateful while they're fast asleep.

Some future, perhaps idealistic, dreams... Wouldn't it be nice if, besides giving credit for installing low-flush commodes, our city leader would also credit us for lower strength overhead shower heads? Even MORE futuristic, although it's being discussed, how about a dual water supply in every household: one with (our own) recycled household water, still clean enough for scrubbing floors after only a onetime use for showering. But perhaps I'm dreaming too much. Or perhaps we need bigger incentives. In this regard I'd like to point out the incremental billing system already in place in some areas of our county. [In Pembroke Pines, for instance, residential users pay a surcharge for consumption which exceeds 70% of the user's average monthly consumption. -Ed.] We'd all be surprised how drastically our water usage would dwindle, in the shortest possible time.

See <<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/Drought/tips.htm>> "Fifty tips for saving water."

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Broward Sierra Programs

Wednesday, July 2nd: Saving Florida's Nature Coast, presented by **Joe Murphy**, the Florida Program Coordinator for the **Gulf Restoration Network**. Florida's Nature Coast stretches along the Gulf Coast from the northern Tampa Bay region to the Wakulla County region.



It is comprised of rich and productive coastal marshes and estuaries and fed by some of Florida's wildest rivers, is teeming with wildlife, and is still mostly undeveloped. Large scale development projects are planned which would place this last long stretch of undeveloped Florida coastline in peril. Threats to the regional rivers imperil coastal ecosystems that are critical to the life cycles of many Gulf species. Learn more about what you can do to protect this amazing place, and how you can get involved in GRN's Save The Nature Coast Campaign!

The meeting and program will be held at the Anne Kolb Nature Center on Sheridan St. in Hollywood (see map on next page).

Tuesday, August 5th at Fern Forest: Potluck dinner. See "Notes from the Chair" on page 2 for further details.

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd: After committee reports, we will be participating in the **Sea Turtle program at Anne Kolb Nature Center**. Pre-registering will be required to participate in the turtle program. See page 3 for more info.

Doors open at 7:00 PM. Committee reports begin at 7:30, and the program begins at 8:00. The meeting is open to the public at no charge.



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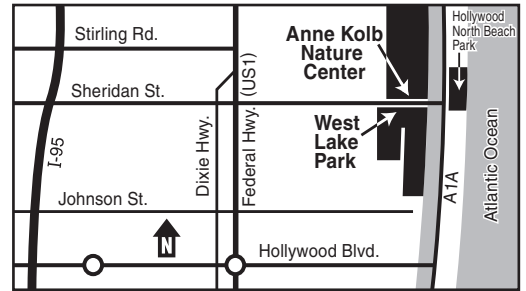
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Broward Sierra Club General Meetings

Broward Sierra Club's General Meetings are held the first Tuesday or Wednesday of each month (See schedule below). **This month's meeting and program will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd at the Anne Kolb Nature Center.** Take I-95 to the Sheridan St. exit. Go East past Federal Hwy. The entrance to Anne Kolb Nature Center will be on your left (About 1/2 mile after the sign for West Lake Park on the right, before the Intracoastal Bridge). Doors open at 7 PM, committee reports begin at 7:30, and the program begins at 8:00. The meeting is open to the public at no charge.

Next month's meeting will be back at the Fern Forest Nature Center.



Executive Committee Meetings

Held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, in room 430a of the Broward County Governmental Center. For details call Barbara Curtis at 954-946-7359 or e-mail her at Legalbarb@aol.com.

GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS

We meet at Anne Kolb Nature Center on the first Wednesday of every odd numbered month, and at the Fern Forest Nature Center the first Tuesday of every even numbered month:

Wed., July 2nd: Anne Kolb	Wed., Sept. 3rd: Anne Kolb	Wed., Nov. 5th: Anne Kolb
Tues., Aug. 5th: Fern Forest	Tues., Oct. 7th: Fern Forest	Tues., Dec. 2nd: Fern Forest

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

– By Barbara Curtis,
Broward Sierra Chair

Eleven of us had a great time on the Waste-To-Energy tour of the trash burning facility in Davie on May 23rd. We learned that the plant incinerates a good portion of the acceptable trash from the county's garbage, and sells the resulting power to FPL. It powers its own facility, plus generates enough electricity to power 60 homes. We had a fun lunch together after the tour. [Please note the Sierra Club's policy on waste incineration at <www.sierraclub.org/toxics/factsheets/incineration.asp> - Ed.]

On May 24th a group of 18 went kayaking at West Lake. Our return paddle was quite choppy, so we all got a good workout. Everyone did great, and we had a delicious sushi lunch on Hollywood Beach. Thank you Patricia Widener for leading the two wonderful outings.

I hope you all join me on my summer walks! [See outings on next page.]

POTLUCK DINNER

We will be having a Potluck Dinner at our General Meeting on Tuesday, August 5th at Fern Forest. Join us to meet and talk with other environmentally concerned folks, and enjoy some delicious healthy food. Please bring a dish to share. Bring some salad if your last name starts with A-J; main dishes, K-S; and desserts, T-Z. See you there.

IT'S BABY SEASON

– By Roberta SilverShaw, Critter Tales



Baby season is here again! Well, in Florida, it's almost year round! So here are some reminders of what to do if you find a baby bird:

- Don't assume that it needs your help. It may be fine. If it has feathers and appears healthy, it is probably on the ground so that it can learn to fly. Most baby birds must be on the ground for several days to learn how to fly. During this time they are fed and protected by their parents.
- If it is too small to be out of the nest but appears healthy, you can put it back in the nest, or put it in a small basket and hang it from the same or a nearby tree. The parents will care for it in this new nest. Watch from inside your home for the parents to return and care for the baby.
- If a baby bird is sick or injured, it needs care right away. Please call for help:

Local Emergency Numbers:

Rascals Wildlife Network - 954-779-0364
Sawgrass Nature Center - 954-752-7732
S.P.C.A. Wildlife Care Center - 954-524-4302

Wildlife hospitals raise hundreds of babies every year, but it is better if the parents raise them. They will NOT reject their baby if someone has handled it.

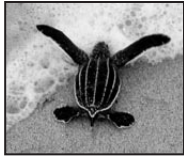
Here's where you can find more information about what to do if you find a baby bird or a baby mammal:

<www.nwrawildlife.org/documents/jacobs_birds.pdf>
<www.nwrawildlife.org/documents/jacobs_mammals.pdf>
Courtesy of Florida Wildlife Hospital, Inc. and Critter Tales
<www.crittertales.org>

OUR SUMMER VACATION Broward Sierra News will be on hiatus during July. The next issue you receive will be the September issue. Check out our summer outings on the next page. (Make sure to check our website <http://florida.sierraclub.org/broward> for updates.) Have a great summer!

SEPTEMBER 3rd SEA TURTLE PROGRAM & RELEASE

We are excited to announce that the Sept. 3rd Broward Sierra Club meeting at



the Anne Kolb Nature Center will be held in conjunction with the Summer Sea Turtle release program run by Anne Kolb.

We will meet for announcements and committee reports at 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00) in the main Exhibit Hall, rather than in the Mangrove Hall where we usually meet. After the reports, those who have pre-registered will join the Anne Kolb group in the Mangrove Hall for the Sea Turtle Program.

The program will begin at 8:00pm and feature a one-hour PowerPoint presentation and lecture touching on the following topics: species of turtles found in South Florida, habitat, breeding and nesting, identification of crawls and nests, conservation efforts, past exploitation, current management, and problems now facing sea turtles. There will be a release of hatchlings immediately following the program. Those in attendance will be given directions to the beach area the night of the program.

If you would like to participate in the program, please contact Joanne Howes, Parks Naturalist II, Anne Kolb Nature Center at 954-926-2410 x227 or <jhowes@broward.org>. It is necessary to register and pay the \$5 fee in advance in order to reserve your space for the program. There is a limit of 50 people, so make sure to register early to reserve a spot.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

E-mail articles you think would be of interest to our members to carolewalsh@mindspring.com in Word or text format. (Articles may be edited for space and clarity.) Next deadline is Monday, August 4th for the September issue.

Local Sierra Group Outings

To preserve a place, you must believe in it. To believe in it, you must see it.



JULY 12, SAT. HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK. (Tentatively scheduled.) A leisurely walk through secluded acres of intracoastal hammock which retain a small piece of what was once the dominant ecosystem along the south Florida coast. Over 200 species of wading birds, hawks, and ducks. Replanted mangroves. Rated easy. Leader: Barbara Curtis, 954-946-7359 <legalbarb2@yahoo.com>



JULY 13, SUN. CANOEING 101. Learn the basics of handling a canoe in a safe manner. Fundamental paddling (bow and stern) and elementary rescue techniques taught in a one day short course. Lunch is included. Rated leisure. Limit 16. *Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members.*

Leader: Jim Gross, 305-665-2401 <JMGross3013@aol.com>, Asst: TBA



JULY 18, FRI. FULL MOON TURTLE TRIP. 8:45 PM. We'll meet at one of the pavilions at John U. Lloyd Beach State Park for a park-led talk on turtles and hopefully we will be able to observe a loggerhead laying eggs. *No fee, except for a park entrance fee of \$3-\$5 per car.* Reserve early as there is a six-person limit per group. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Rated easy. No flash photography. Leader: Pat Widener, 913-832-6363 <patwidener@yahoo.com>



AUG. 17, SUN. AM BEGINNER KAYAK LESSONS by the professional outfitter Kayak Jeff. All equipment & deli lunch after the lesson provided. Holland Park in east Hollywood. Rated easy to moderate. Limit 6. *Cost: members \$58.00, non-members \$59.00.*

Leader- Judy Kuchta, 954-924-5001 <judykuchta@yahoo.com>, Assist: TBA



JULY 19, SAT. MOONLIGHT CULINARY CANOE. (Fund Raiser) Enjoy an evening under the full moon on Biscayne Bay, with the delights of good company, delicious food, exquisite wine and a skyline view. No special diets. Rain or shine. Rated leisure. Limit 18. *Cost: \$45 members, \$50 non-members.*

Leader: Ken Smith, 305-758-3121 <kpsmith@gate.net>



AUG. 24, SUN. OUTINGS LEADER POW WOW. Broward Group's outings leaders will plan fall and winter outings. Non-leaders welcome. *Cost: free.* Hollywood Beach. Leader- Judy Kuchta, 954-924-5001 <judykuchta@yahoo.com>, Assist: TBA



AUG. 30-SEPT. 1 SAT.-MON. (Labor Day weekend) **THE CLYDE BUTCHER FESTIVAL AND SWAMP WALK MUCK ABOUT** on Sat. morning. We'll stay in a lodge in historic Everglades City on Sat. and Sun. nights. There are multiple activities including sightseeing, canoeing or kayaking (provided), biking (bring your own), touring the 10,000 Islands on the National Parks fleet. Rated easy to moderate. *Cost: members approx. \$120 - \$130, non-members approx. \$135.*

Leader: Barbara Curtis, 954-946-7359 <legalbarb2@yahoo.com>
Asst: Judy Kuchta, 954-924-5001 <judykuchta@yahoo.com>



SEPT. 13, SAT. AFTERNOON, WEST LAKE KAYAK. Experience mandatory. Rated moderate. *Cost: \$17 members, \$20 non-members.*

Leader: Judy Kuchta, 954-924-5001 <judykuchta@yahoo.com>
Asst: Barbara Curtis, 954-946-7359 <legalbarb2@yahoo.com>



SEPT. 14, SUN. NORTH BEACH PARK SERVICE PROJECT. Help pull invasive plant species from the sand dunes. Rated moderate. *Cost: free.*

Leader: Judy Kuchta, 954-924-5001 <judykuchta@yahoo.com>

We would like to invite you to come on one of our fine educational outings! If you have any questions about an outing, you can check with the certified Broward Sierra Outing Leader in charge of the outing. Some of the outings need no experience; others require some level of proficiency. All participants in Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the Liability Waiver before you choose to participate in an outing, contact the leader of the outing or go to <www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms>.

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For sign-up, payment and further information, please contact the outing leader.

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Sierra Club apparel is created with organic cotton, renewable resources, and technical synthetics produced to have the least impact on the environment!

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DIAL #DEP TO REPORT ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

Floridians now have a new tool for protecting the state's natural resources. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently announced that most cell phone customers in Florida can dial #DEP to report environmental crimes, including illegal dumping of hazardous materials, construction debris, oil drums and biological waste. "#DEP helps officers respond quickly and efficiently to environmental crimes and emergencies," said DEP Division of Law Enforcement Director Henry Barnet. "DEP's law enforcement will now have additional eyes on the roadways and in the field to help spot and easily report major crimes against the environment." #DEP is an emergency line for reporting environmental crimes only. State Warning Point staff will answer calls and forward information to DEP law enforcement personnel or emergency responders for investigation. DEP's Bureau of Environmental Investigations conducted almost 350 criminal investigations in 2007, resulting in 133 arrests. Callers without cell phones can also report environmental crimes to the Environmental Crimes Hotline at the State Warning Point by calling 877-272-8335 or 877-2-SAVE-FL. General environmental inquiries should be directed to DEP district offices during business hours (561-681-6600 or 800-774-5866). For more information on DEP's Division of Law Enforcement, visit <www.dep.state.fl.us/law/Environmental_crimes.htm>



SUNSET CRUISE ON A TALL SHIP

Our yearly Sierra tall ship fund raising cruise on May 10th was wonderful - and a great success! Speaking for all who were there... thanks to Jackie and Kip Fisher, for all their effort putting it together.



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Placing an ad in the Broward Sierra News does more than reach thousands of local, environmentally sensitive readers. It also helps to offset the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter, making it possible to continue to alert you to issues of local importance and the actions you can take, as well as inform you of events, outings and meetings of the Broward Sierra Club group.



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1/2 page ad (7-3/4" x 5")	\$195	\$525

If you would like to place an ad, please contact Max Goldstein at 954-296-3411 or email him at <maxgold@yahoo.com>.