



The Buzzard Bulletin

Notes & Information for CREW Trust Volunteers

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Welcome

Welcome to new CREW Trust volunteer Steve Brownstein.

Fundraiser

The Trail Sponsorship program has replaced the CREW concert as a primary education programs fundraiser.

For more information, click "Fundraisers" and then "Trail Sponsorship" on the CREW Trust web site.

Help needed

Bored this summer? Check the list of Trail Chores in the Volunteer Resource Library in CREW Trust's web site for things to do.

Wish list

Wish list items include trail maintenance equipment and supplies. Contact Brenda about funding tools or about donating specific battery-powered equipment.

Milestones

Volunteers Nan Mattingly, Bill Zaino, and Barbara Centola each surpassed 1,000 volunteer hours. George Luther, Len Shivok, and Dick Brewer have each donated over 3,000 volunteer hours.

CDC guidelines

Decisions about safety procedures for outdoor programs during the 2021-2022 season will follow applicable CDC guidelines.

2021-2022 dates...

Success of programs relies on volunteers

Volunteers can make a difference by signing up to help in Track-it-Forward (Events) using the same process as last year. All of the opportunities listed below that need volunteer help should be available for sign-up beginning in August.

Volunteers can sign up to help at only one Strolling Science Seminar or Specialty Walk program during the season. However, volunteers can sign up for as many of the other opportunities as they wish. Availability is on a first come-first served basis. Any questions or requests for assistance with signing up on Track-it-Forward should be directed to Allison.

Guided walks & rides

(November-April except *)

- 1st Tuesdays: CREW Marsh Trail
- 3rd Tuesdays: Cypress Dome Trail
- Wednesdays: Bird Rookery Swamp
- *1st Thursdays (Aug-Oct): Wet Walk
- *Sept. 25: Public Lands Day Wet Walk
- Thursdays: Flint Pen Strand
- 1st Saturdays: Bike the Loop @BRS
- 3rd Sundays: Hike the Loop @BRS

Strolling Science Seminars

- Nov. 6: Wetlands: hydrology & soil
- Nov. 13: Fires & Hurricanes
- Dec. 6: Florida Panthers
- Jan. 24: The Stories Trees Tell
- TBD: Butterflies
- Mar. 4: Herping the CREW Lands
- Apr. 8: When Bugs & Plants Collide

Fundraiser

- Oct. 29: Golf Tournament

2021-2022 dates...

Volunteers needed to assist school field trips

Education field trips resume this season and volunteer help is needed.

The two primary programs involve shadowing FGCU colloquium trips in September and October and helping at elementary school Walk Through a Watershed (WTW) field trips in October and November.

Member Only Events

- Jan. 17: Full Moon Tour @CMT
- Feb. 16: Full Moon Tour @CMT
- TBD: Beer & Cheese social

Specialty walks

- Oct. 16: Fall wildflower walk
- Nov. 14: Geocache Day
- Mar. 11: Masterful Birding
- Mar. 21: Masterful Birding
- Mar. 26: Spring wildflower walk

SPECIAL EVENTS for volunteers only

(rsvp required)

- Aug. 3, 31: Wet Walks
- Sept. 23, Oct. 6: Wet Walks
- Dec. 4: Volunteer social, 5-8 pm
- Jan. 8: CREW Review (*recommended for all volunteers*)
- Jan. 22: Turtle & Hare Hike @BRS
- Apr. 9: Volunteer Appreciation Day

Additional education programs may be added during the year. When it is needed, volunteer training for each of those programs will be provided.

Teacher training for the WTW is Saturday, October 9, from 8 AM-noon. Volunteers are welcome to attend that training. Contact Julie for information.

Identification tip

Common treefrogs

Identify two common treefrogs by their appearance and their calls.



Green Treefrogs have a white stripe on the side, often bordered in dark. The call is a nasal *whank-whank*.



Squirrel Treefrogs lack a white stripe and have yellowish "lips." The call is a mechanical trill that rises at the end.

Staying connected

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Hiker beware!

Yes, they're attractive, but do not touch

Some things just aren't meant to be up-close-and-personal encounters.

Obviously, wildlife such as bears, alligators, and snapping turtles are best viewed from a safe distance. And we all know not to disturb a Paper Wasp nest, roll in Poison Ivy, or stand in a Fire Ant mound.

Some smaller fauna found in the wild need to be treated with equal re-

spect and caution. One group at the top of the list is caterpillars.

Four types of caterpillars can create a very painful reaction. None sting or bite, but if touched, each can exude a caustic substance that will burn like an acid on the skin. All are attractive, and all should be avoided.

Recognize the four, and observe from a safe distance.



Lo moth caterpillar



Puss caterpillar



Saddleback caterpillar



Tussock moth caterpillar

More summer nasties

Biting flies target warm-blooded bodies

A hot, moist summer and fall brings out two flies with nasty bites. Both are active during daylight hours, especially early in the morning.

Like mosquitoes, only females bite, needing to consume a blood meal in order to produce fertile eggs.

Both are primarily attracted to prey by sight, smell, and the detection of car-

bon dioxide. Additional attractants are body heat, movement, and dark colors.

Deer Flies have brightly colored eyes and lines on the body. Yellow Flies have a yellow body and green eyes.

Repellents are somewhat but not overly effective. Instead, wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and a hat to cover exposed parts of the body.



Deer Fly



Yellow Fly