

# FSCA Newsletter

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Happy Birthday to FSCA!

This month we celebrate 29yrs of conservation. FSCA members should be proud of our history and excited for our future.

On a darker note, we lost one of our life members, Bob Kline. Bob was a guiding light for our founding members. His contributions and inspiration helped us build the foundation we stand for today. He will be missed by many.

Thank you to the members that attended the recent Earthday and Youth Camp clean-up events.

We are Florida Sportsmen

### MISSION STATEMENT

FSCA started in 1994 by a small group of like-minded individuals with one goal:  
**Work to Increase Public Recreation in Florida.**  
From that simple goal we have branched into many areas, but our focus has never changed.

# Earth Day, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

FSCA/Turkey Banquet  
6/10/23

Unity Weekend KOA  
Okeechobee  
7/15/23

Gladesmen Reunion  
8/20/23



It's great to see another successful Earth Day volunteer project organized by the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association (FSCA) and Lake Okeechobee Airboat Association (LOAA) in 2023. The project was aimed at improving the Kissimmee River Public Use Area by removing obstacles and debris and removing 723 feet of boardwalk.

The volunteers used a range of equipment and tools to complete the job, including eight swamp buggy's, two with trailers, a skid steer, and an excavator. Hand tools such as battery-powered saws, drills, impact guns, chainsaws, hammers, and pry bars were also used.

It's important to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the volunteers who contributed 375 man hours to the project without any financial compensation. Special thanks were given to Matt Nelson, Jamie Mellette, Ricky Burnsed, and everyone who traveled a long way to bring their equipment to the project site. A big thanks to the land managers of the South Florida Water Management District for hosting this year

Overall, the FSCA and LOAA's Earth Day event was a huge success, and it's inspiring to see people come together to improve public areas and make them safer for everyone to use. Looking forward to next year's Earth Day event in 2024!



# Youth Camp Cleanup

Leadership of Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association (FSCA) Appreciation for Your Support in Managing the Everglades Youth Camp

On behalf of the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association (FSCA), we wanted to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your valuable contribution to the landscape management of the Everglades Youth Camp.

Your commitment and dedication in lending a helping hand to preserve the flora and fauna of the camp have been truly remarkable. The tasks you undertook, such as mowing the grass around the lake and trimming trees around the camp, have not only enhanced the safety of the area but also showcased its natural beauty for all to see.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to those who dedicated their time and effort to trim and clean the remote island, providing a pristine environment for the children to enjoy tent camping in the wilderness. Your hard work and attention to detail have undoubtedly created a memorable experience for the young campers.

While we may not have had an army of volunteers, the impact each and every one of you made was significant. Your enthusiasm and willingness to contribute have shown the true spirit of community and conservation. The Everglades Youth Camp is now prepared to welcome children from all walks of life, thanks to the tireless efforts of FSCA members like you.

For those who have not yet had the opportunity to join our dedicated team, I invite you to get involved and become a part of the FSCA volunteer community. You can contact us directly or visit our website for more information on registration and specifics about upcoming events. Together, we can ensure that the Everglades Youth Camp remains a haven for outdoor recreation, where generations of youth can connect with nature and create lasting memories.

Once again, we extend my heartfelt appreciation for your selfless contributions. Your support has played an integral role in preserving the natural beauty of the Everglades and fostering a love for the great outdoors among our younger generation. We look forward to your continued involvement and partnership in our conservation efforts.

FSCA leadership team



## **NWTF Annual Banquet**

Stay tuned for information regarding the upcoming NWTF banquet

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Florida Sportsmen Conservation Association & Lake  
Okeechobee Airboat Association invite you to the annual

### **Gladesmen Reunion**

Please come out and celebrate this culture and lifestyle you grew up in or are growing up in, so you can share with others. We invite you to bring your photos, memories, stories from the past and share with others. We will be having a potluck lunch so bring a dish.

Share with others and help us fill the room.  
We had a great turnout last year and we're hoping to do the same this year!

**Save the Date!**

We want to see you there!

Gladesmen Reunion  
August 20, 2023  
Okeechobee Civic Center

# WANTED!

TEAM SPONSOR Pre-Registration

Our 3rd Annual FSCA Sporting Clays Invitational

When: June 17, 2023

Where: Palm Beach County  
Shooting Sports Park

11730 Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd,  
WPB, FL 33412



## PLATINUM SPONSOR ~ \$1,500

- \* 4 Person shooting team (\$500 value) 400 rounds of ammo, 4 T-Shirts & 4 person golf cart.
- \* Top-tier company logo on Gate Banner
- \* Top-tier company logo on Tent Banner
- \* Top-tier company logo on all T-Shirts
- \* Lunch Banner Sponsor
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For More Information:  
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For Info Via Text Message:  
TEXT: 844-414-1994

## STATION SPONSOR ~ \$800

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- \* Top-tier company logo on Gate Banner
- \* Top-tier company logo on Tent Banner
- \* Top-tier company logo on 1 of 15 station Signs

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# 15TH ANNUAL UNITY BANQUET DINNER

## Saturday • July 15, 2023

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**\$360.00 PER TABLE OF 8 SEATS**



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**CASH BAR**

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**GAMES**



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## Links & Information



If your child would like to join us on a hunt, check out the [Youth Hunt Calendar](#) and get signed up. All youth need to have completed their [Florida Hunter Safety Course](#) prior to their hunt.



Hunting - [License & Permits](#), [Season Dates & Species](#),  
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