

FSCA Newsletter

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August starts deer season in the south, so if you're able to handle the swarms of mosquito's and humid S Fl heat, opening day is almost here. Stay hydrated and be safe out there.

On July 20th, Fl Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission hosted a Huntmaster awards banquet in Vero. Huntmasters from around the state gathered for comradery and to accept a plaque for their commitment to the program. Thank you to all the huntmasters, whether in attendance or not.

Special thanks to Bishop for having a vision to start this program almost 20yrs ago. Gator season starts this month as well, so good luck to anyone fortunate enough to draw a tag.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FSCA/Turkey Banquet
8/19/23

Gladesmen Reunion
8/20/23

YOUTH HUNTS
Grassy Island
10/27/23-10/29/23

Arthur Marshal
12/1/23-12/3/23

STA 2
3/1/24-3/3/24

Dupris
3/1/24-3/3/24

STA 5
3/15/24-3/17/24

STA 1
3/22/24-3/24/24

WTF/FSCA Annual Banquet

August 19, 2023

National Wild Turkey Federation. (NWTF) at
5pm. Moose Lodge 3600 RCA Blvd Palm Beach
Gardens, FL 33410

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

1750 US Highway 98 N Okeechobee FL 34972

2023 Youth Python Roundup

2023 Youth Python Roundup was a successful and enjoyable event in the Everglades, organized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWM) in collaboration with the Youth Hunting Program of Florida (YHPF) and the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association (FSCA).

The event began with an educational program led by McKayla Spencer, a member of the FWC Python Team, who provided valuable information about Burmese pythons and their impact on the Everglades ecosystem. The participants, including the youth hunters, were then given live capture training by the FWC before heading out into the Everglades to remove the invasive pythons.

Throughout the event, the youth hunters and other participants had a chance to experience the beauty of the Everglades while engaging in activities such as fishing for Peacock Bass and observing native wildlife, including a female alligator on her nest.

In total, four Burmese pythons were harvested during the hunt, with the largest snake measuring 10'2" and the smallest measuring 27". Removing these harmful invaders is crucial for the conservation of the Everglades ecosystem and the protection of native Florida wildlife.

The success of the event was attributed to the collaboration of various organizations and individuals, including Python Contractors, SFWMD Staff, and the FWC Python Management Team. The Youth Hunt Program was commended for its role in teaching young generations to be ethical sportsmen and stewards of the land.

Big thanks to python contractors from SFWMD Ozzie Gonzalez, Bayo Hernandez and FWC contractors Anne Vega, Matthew Kogo and Tom Rahill. FWC youth hunting guide from (YHPF) Billy Boatwright, Steve Stroh, Lauresa Musgrove, Kyle Shaffer, and Justin Lovellette

As the Huntmaster and a volunteer for the Youth Hunting Program of Florida for 19 years, Bishop Wright Jr. expressed gratitude to all involved and looked forward to another successful hunt in the following year.

Overall, the 2023 Youth Python Roundup was a meaningful and impactful event that contributed to the preservation of the Everglades and educated the youth about responsible wildlife conservation

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.



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