

# FSCA Newsletter

To [Arthur R. Marshall, Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge:](#)

Good evening,

I want to thank you and your staff for all your help and support for this hunt. My son and I have been applying for this hunt since it became available, and this year he finally drew it. Today, he harvested a beautiful, healthy buck!

This hunt is especially special to us, as we were part of the efforts to create it, doing Earth Day cleanups using airboats and handmade tools to remove boardwalks and water-testing platforms left behind by colleges conducting studies inside the refuge. This was a collaborative effort involving many sportsmen's clubs, and I'm proud to have been part of it, especially for my then-teenage son, who is now 22 and has grown into a true conservationist and sportsman in every sense of the word. I'm attaching pictures. The 1st is a screenshot of a local news story shot inside the refuge on 4/27/2017 at one of our cleanups, and both my son and I are in that picture along with my airboat (he was 13 years old at the time). I'm sharing this both in gratitude for your current efforts and for any members of staff who are newer and may not have seen all the volunteer work that went into this property by airboaters and sportsmen and women. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue traditional hunting and recreational activities on this beautiful property.

Also of note, both of the officers who were there this morning were exceptional in their duties, thorough and professional, both true gentlemen.

Feel free to share this email and the pictures with anyone who may be interested.

Thank you again!



## Upcoming Events

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Youth Day

2/7/2025

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FSCA calendar updated  
weekly on  
[HTTPS://FSCA1994.com](https://FSCA1994.com)



### \*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*

February 7th, 2026 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

#### Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association's Annual Outdoor Youth Day

At the Everglades Youth Camp  
12100 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road  
\$10.00 Per Person Entrance Fee includes all Activities  
Food & Refreshments Available

Outdoor Youth Day introduces children of all ages to the many activities available in the great outdoors through hands-on experiences.

#### \*\*\* Activities Offered \*\*\*

Swamp buggy rides, canoeing, wildlife demonstrations, Archery, .22 shoot, shotgun shoot, fishing, airboat rides, pony rides, muzzle-loading shooting, FWC demonstrations, and conservation exhibits.

For further Information and a calendar of events, visit our official website: <https://FSCA1994.com>



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## 2024-2025 YOUTH HUNTS

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Grassy Island Youth Turkey Hunt

3/13/26-3/15/26

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FSCA/SCI Istokpoga Deer/Hog Youth Hunt

1/16/26-1/18/26

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Dupuis Youth Gator Hunt

2/27/26-3/1/26

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STA 2 Youth Gator Hunt

3/6/26-3/8/26

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STA 5 Youth Gator Hunt

3/27/26-3/29/26

To learn more about our youth hunts or how to sign up please visit

<https://myfwc.com/education/programs/youth-hunting-program/>

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Each year, the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association honors an individual whose actions have made a significant impact in the preservation of our natural resources and wildlife.

Responding to a tip, Officer Fioramanti launched an investigation, which ultimately led to the arrest of two individuals who openly confessed to shooting multiple deer from the side of the road at night. The investigation revealed not only these blatant violations but also a shocking disregard for the laws designed to protect Florida's delicate ecosystems and wildlife. Officer Fioramanti's dedication exposed these egregious acts and showed that we will not stand idly by when Florida's resources are threatened.

Thanks to Officer Fioramanti's unwavering dedication and diligence, these individuals are held accountable, and Florida's wildlife, which is entrusted to our care, is better protected for generations to come.

It is with great pride and admiration that the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association presents the 2024 Ethical Sportsman Award to Officer Vince Fioramanti, whose exceptional commitment to protecting our natural resources exemplifies the values we strive to uphold.

Matt Nelson

President



## Seminole Tribe and Conservation Partners

### Visit Successful Nutrient Reduction Project at Lake Istokpoga

The Cypress Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (Cypress IWLA), Lake O Airboat Association, Florida Airboat Association, and Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association recently hosted Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman Marcelius Osceola and a delegation of Tribal leadership for a field visit to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) / Aquaculture Nutrient Reduction Project on Lake Istokpoga. The project is one of many projects included in the Northern Everglades and Estuary Protection Program.

Representatives from the Tribe's Departments of Operations, Agriculture, Environmental Protection, Conservation, Water Resources, and External Environmental Compliance, as well as the Tribe's environmental counsel from Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., were joined by Chairman Osceola. Together, they toured the ongoing project. This innovative effort combines aquatic vegetation management with nutrient mitigation and agricultural reuse.

The Lake Istokpoga project has successfully removed almost 25 million gallons of muck from the lake bottom, capturing an estimated 4,000 pounds of phosphorus and 90,000 pounds of nitrogen—a significant step toward improving water quality and restoring habitat. The harvested material is converted into a nutrient-rich soil amendment applied to local ranchlands, providing tangible benefits to both the environment and agriculture.

During the visit, the delegation met with the participating landowner, who expressed his satisfaction with the soil amendment's results and the improvement it has brought to his pastures and cow-calf operation.

Representatives from the sportsmen's community engaged in meaningful conversations with Tribal and NGO partners about the importance of collaboration among conservation, agriculture, and traditional land stewardship. The success at Lake Istokpoga clearly demonstrates how Florida's conservation challenges can be met through cooperation, innovation, and shared purpose

By: Bishop Wright



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