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## Discover Paradise in Pinellas County in July

The following events are scheduled courtesy of Pinellas County government. Most programs are free but please check individual listings for costs. Your help in publishing these events in your calendar is appreciated.

*NOTE:* Changes may have occurred to the July and August events since last month's announcements. Each month, the *Discover Paradise in Pinellas County* list includes additional events beyond the upcoming month, but that additional information should be updated with each monthly release. As stated in the event descriptions, attendees are advised to contact the event organizers to verify times and details.

Please call if you would like more information about a specific event or would like to do a separate article on any event or Pinellas County destination including Brooker Creek Preserve, Heritage Village, Florida Botanical Gardens, Pinellas County Extension, Pinellas County Parks, or Weedon Island Preserve.

Our website, [www.pinellascounty.org/events](http://www.pinellascounty.org/events), serves as a great resource with calendars and news releases about special events. Pinellas County Connection TV (PCC-TV) features programs that spotlight news, events and happenings from around our area. It can be viewed at Bright House 622, Knology 18, and Verizon 44. For up-to-minute programming, call the PCC-TV InfoLine at (727) 464-4809 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/tv](http://www.pinellascounty.org/tv).

## **Exhibits**

### **Through July 30**

**Open Thursday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed holidays**

**Artist Exhibit – Florida Landscapes and Seascapes**

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Rd., Tarpon Springs**

Klaus Porsch invites you to walk right into his paintings to feel the sun on your face and smell the tang of salt air. Whether they portray a summer day on the Gulf of Mexico or a peaceful sunset, his beautifully detailed landscapes and seascapes reflect his love of Florida. Painting en plein air and in his studio, Porsch communicates his attachment to the unique beauty of Florida's natural environments. To learn more, call (727) 453-6800.

### **Through July 31**

**Open Thursday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed holidays.**

**Artist Exhibition - "Unexpected Visions"**

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Enjoy Largo artist Mic Knight's "pastel studies", demonstrating unexpected realities contained in landscapes at the micro and macro visual levels. Knight utilizes techniques from his academic, intuitive, and "common intellectual sense" visual arts background to capture fleeting pastel images of landscapes. To learn more, call (727) 453-6500.

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**August 5 through September 25**

**9 to 4 p.m.**

*Meet the Artists – Life, One Frame at a Time*

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Anne Marie Podgurski and Jim "Moose" Rood combined over 50 years of photographic experience just five years ago, but one would think they had been teamed for a lifetime. Attention to detail, diverse interests and dedication to each endeavor have enabled them to capture the special beauty of Florida. From young birds to dazzling sunsets, they record the candid moments that remind us about the wonder of nature. Meet the artists at a special three-hour social on Saturday, August 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. Free.

**August 14 through September 30**

**9 to 4 p.m.**

*Marine Landscapes and Wildlife of Florida*

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Experience the brilliant underwater landscapes and wildlife scenes of artist C.W. Tanner. His fine oil paintings and limited edition prints are vivid yet whimsical, realistic, but with a touch of fantasy. Meet the artist on Saturday afternoon, August 14 from 1 pm to 3 pm. Free.

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**Events**

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**Saturday, July 3**

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

*Passport to Weedon 2010*

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Celebrate the great outdoors this July 4th weekend! Pick up your passport in the Center's lobby and hit the trails! Using the trail signs as your guide, explore the preserve by following the destinations outlined in your passport. Solve all the passport clues then stop by the Center to receive the Weedon Island Preserve passport stamp. Free. No registration required. All ages are welcome.

**Saturday, July 3**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

*Guided Hike at Brooker Creek Preserve*

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Explore this 0.7-mile walk as we look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. Free. Children younger than 6 may find this hike challenging. Please register by noon on Friday by calling (727) 453-6800.

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**Saturday, July 3**

**9 to 11 a.m.**

*Saturday Guided Hike at Weedon Island Preserve*

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Join us to learn about the coastal environment and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve. Guided hikes through coastal mangrove and upland ecosystems of the preserve are held each Saturday of the month. Be sure to bring water and a snack. A hat and closed-toe shoes are also recommended. Free. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Please register by 2 p.m. on Friday by calling (727) 453-6500.

**Saturday, July 3**

**10 a.m.**

***Learn the Basics of Dog Training Seminar***

**Pinellas County Animal Services, 12450 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Learn about housetraining, loose-leash walking and dealing with other challenging behaviors such as chewing and jumping. The seminar is conducted by a Certified Pet Dog Trainer and member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. This fun and informative seminar is for anyone who has adopted a dog from Pinellas County Animal Services or another shelter. Please do not bring your dogs. Free. To learn more and to register, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices](http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices) or call (727) 582-2600.

**Saturday, July 3**

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

***Trail Mystery Scavenger Hunt***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Celebrate Independence Day on the trails at Brooker Creek Preserve! Explore the mysteries of Brooker Creek by finding clues along the trail – be sure to check the trail signs for additional clues. Win a prize when you solve all the clues! Free. No registration required. All ages are welcome.

**Wednesday, July 7**

**8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

***Best Management Practices***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Get trained in reducing non-point source pollution resulting from fertilization or pesticide application. This program is designed for anyone working in the lawn, landscape, pest control, or municipal ground areas. BMP certification will be awarded to those passing the exam. \$15 per person. It is free to County Employees, School Board Employees, and Pinellas County Master Gardener Volunteers. A maximum of 4 CEUs can be earned by attending this class. Register and pay at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org) and clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Commercial CEUs” tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

**Wednesday, July 7**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

***Solutions in 30 – Home Buying Basics***

**Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

Thinking about buying a home? The housing market could be on the rise. Join Karen Saley, Extension Money Management Specialist, Jane Muhrlin from the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County, and Karmen Lemberg from Pinellas County Community Development to learn more about the proper steps to take when buying a home. You will also hear about a home buyer assistance program that may help you realize your dream of home ownership. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Solutions in 30” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

**Thursday, July 8**

**10:30 to 11:15 a.m.**

***Wee-time at Weedon: The Adventures of Samantha the Black Racer Snake***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Introduce your pre-school children to the wonders of the natural and cultural world. On the second and fourth Thursday of each month, children are treated to a variety of stories and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment. This week presents *The Adventures of Samantha the Black Racer Snake* by Christine Jamesson. This book relates the day in the life of a black racer snake as she survives danger, hunts for food, and meets another snake. Free. Recommended ages: 3 – 5. Pre-registration is required by calling (727) 453-6500.

**Thursday, July 8**

**10:30 to 11:15 a.m.**

***Book Time at Brooker Creek: Eliza and the Dragonfly***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Rd., Tarpon Springs**

Introduce your pre-school children to the wonders of the natural and cultural world. This week features *Eliza and the Dragonfly* by Susie Caldwell Rinehart. Come join Eliza as she follows the lifecycle of a dragonfly from pond dwelling nymph to a beautiful flying being. This program also includes a craft, game or other hands-on activity related to the story. Spaces are limited so register early! Free.

Recommended ages: 3 – 5. Pre-registration is required by calling (727) 453-6800.

**Thursday, July 8**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

***GreenStar BASICS - Waste Reduction***

**Online at your computer through webinar**

Let the Solid Waste department guide you through the importance of business recycling in Pinellas County and provide you with simple ways to reduce waste and recycle in the office. In addition, a review of the updated Pinellas County Recycling Program will be discussed. Free. Registration is required at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Sustainable Living” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Friday, July 9**

**8 to 10 a.m.**

***The Great Weedon Bird Quest***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Join us on a quest to find Weedon Island Preserve birds! Learn the identifying marks and behaviors of our feathered year-round residents and seasonal visitors while helping us compile an annual checklist of the Preserve’s birds. These hikes are designed to take advantage of all levels of birding experience. Binoculars and bird guides are available. Hikes are scheduled for the second Friday of each month. Please join us for a relaxing morning outing led by experienced birders. Free. Recommended for adults. For more information and to register, call (727) 453-6500.

**Saturday, July 10**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

***Rain Harvesting Workshop***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Learn how to save rain water in a recycled plastic barrel for later use. The collected water is safe for use on your potted plants, vegetable and herb gardens, and special plant collections. All attendees will receive set-up instructions and a reference booklet with free registration. You may purchase a rain barrel for \$30 plus tax at the time you make your reservation for this free class. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Lawn & Garden” tab. If you do not want to purchase a rain barrel please select “Participant” by using the drop down arrow. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Saturday, July 10**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

***Guided Hike at Brooker Creek Preserve***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Explore this 0.7-mile walk as we look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. Free. Children younger than 6 may find this hike challenging. Please register by noon on Friday by calling (727) 453-6800.

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**Saturday, July 10**

**9 to 11 a.m.**

***Saturday Guided Hike at Weedon Island Preserve***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Join us to learn about the coastal environment and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve. Guided hikes through coastal mangrove and upland ecosystems of the preserve are held each Saturday of the month. Be sure to bring water and a snack. A hat and closed-toe shoes are also recommended. Free. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Please register by 2 p.m. on Friday by calling (727) 453-6500.

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**Saturday, July 10**

**10 a.m. to Noon**

***College 101: New College Student's Success***

**Largo Library, 120 Central Park Drive, Largo**

Learn from Vestina Crayton, Extension Specialist, how college-bound seniors and their parents can succeed during their upcoming, pivotal freshman year. Nationally the first year attrition rate stands at 26%, so it is important for high school seniors and parents to attend this session and learn strategies for a successful college experience. Provided by Pinellas County 4-H Youth Development. Required: One teen (\$20) and one parent/caregiver (free) per family. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "4-H Youth Development" tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Saturday, July 10**

**Noon to 3 p.m.**

***Open Classroom - Discovering Nature with Your Child***

**Brooker Creek Environmental Education Center, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Who lives in that skin? What is the difference between a carnivore and an herbivore? Whose tracks are those? Stop by our classroom to participate in a variety of self-guided nature games and activities that will answer these questions and many more. Pre-registration is not required for this open activity. Free. All ages welcome. For more information, call (727) 453-6800.

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**Saturday, July 10**

**1 to 3 p.m.**

***Florida Snakes***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

When they slither, do you squirm? Appreciating native beneficial snakes can be difficult for some, and it's not fair to eradicate them along with the problematic non-native invasive snakes that do need to be controlled. Come learn about our Florida snakes from Sensing Nature®, LLC biologists. They'll explain the difference between our welcomed native and unwelcome non-native invasive snakes, how to identify venomous snakes from non-venomous ones, tips on the habitats they live in, and their essential (or detrimental) role in Florida ecosystems. Free. Recommended for families with children ages 8 and up. Spaces are limited, so call (727) 453-6500 to register early, or visit [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Urban Wildlife" button.

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**Tuesday, July 13**

**6 to 8 p.m.**

***Focus on Finances***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Join Karen Saley, Extension Specialist, as she guides you through this three-session workshop designed to increase financial management knowledge and skills, giving participants the confidence and abilities to set financial goals and establish a plan to achieve them. The second and third sessions will be held on Tuesday, July 20 and Tuesday, July 27. \$15 for all three sessions. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), click on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Families & Consumers" tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Wednesday, July 14**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

***Solutions in 30 – Understanding Your Power Bill***

### **Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

Look through a typical power bill with Extension Urban Sustainability Specialist James Stevenson as he explains the charges and terminology in thirty minutes. He will also explore ways to pay less every month. Who wouldn't want that? Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then clicking on the "Solutions in 30" tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Wednesday, July 14**

**2 to 3:30 p.m.**

**and 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.**

#### ***Butterfly Gardening***

**Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor**

Want to make your yard irresistible to butterflies? Join Adrienne Andrews, UF/IFAS Pinellas County Master Gardener, to learn what butterflies make their home in our county and 'tips and tricks' for attracting them to your yard. This class is free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org) and clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Lawn & Garden" tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register

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**Thursday, July 15**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

#### ***GreenStar BASICS - Green Purchasing***

**Online at your computer through webinar**

In just 30 minutes, Vestina Crayton, Extension Specialist, will help you learn what green purchasing is, the benefits of green purchasing and how to identify an authentic green product. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then clicking on the "Sustainable Living" tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Saturday, July 17**

**8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

#### ***Teacher Training Workshop***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Learn how to connect classroom concepts to the natural world. This workshop provides teachers with the training and materials necessary to design and lead learning experiences tailored to their classroom curriculum goals. Workshops are intended for teachers willing to lead their own field trips and are required of those teachers interested in using the Center's equipment and facilities other than public trails and the exhibit hall. Free. Great for teachers of all grade levels. Pre-registration is required. Call (727) 453-6800 and ask for the educator in charge of this workshop for more information or to register.

**Saturday, July 17**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

#### ***Guided Hike at Brooker Creek Preserve***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Explore this 0.7-mile walk as we look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. Free. Children younger than 6 may find this hike challenging. Please register by noon on Friday by calling (727) 453-6800.

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**Saturday, July 17**

**9 to 11 a.m.**

#### ***Saturday Guided Hike at Weedon Island Preserve***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Join us to learn about the coastal environment and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve. Guided hikes through coastal mangrove and upland ecosystems of the preserve are held each Saturday

of the month. Be sure to bring water and a snack. A hat and closed-toe shoes are also recommended. Free. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Please register by 2 p.m. on Friday by calling (727) 453-6500.

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**Saturday, July 17**

**9 to 11:30 a.m.**

***Preparing Your Fall Vegetable Garden***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Interested in growing vegetables in Florida? Summer is the time to start preparing your garden plot for fall vegetables. In this first weekly class, Cindy Peacock and Wilma Holley present “It Starts with the Soil” and “Backyard Composting”. Attendees who complete this class and fill out a course evaluation will receive one compost bin per household courtesy of Pinellas County Utilities Solid Waste Operations Department. The vegetable gardening series of classes continues on the next three Saturdays. \$15 per session. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Lawn & Garden” tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Saturday, July 17**

**10 a.m. to noon**

***Brooker Basics: Wetland Ecosystems***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Gain a general overview of the variety of environments and organisms that can be found at the Brooker Creek Preserve. The focus of this workshop is on the wetland ecosystems found in Brooker Creek Preserve including freshwater marshes and cypress swamps. The program consists of a short classroom presentation and a field session. Sturdy closed-toe shoes and long pants are required, as participants can expect to get wet and muddy. Water, hat and insect repellent are recommended. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Free. Best for adults, suitable for age 12 and up. Call (727) 453-6800 for more information and to register.

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**Saturday, July 17**

**1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

***Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project***

**Clearwater Public Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave., Clearwater**

Help Pinellas County Extension by attending a citizens’ education project with faculty from the University of Florida. This project aims to provide education and materials to our residents to help them save money on their energy bill. Energy savings benefit the end-user as well as the environment - everybody wins! This class will provide tips and incentives to making your home more energy efficient, while still maintaining the same level of comfort. Energy saving devices will be provided to all participants. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Sustainable Living” tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Saturday, July 17**

**2 to 3 p.m.**

***Summer Drum Fun***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Heat up the summer indoors with some cool energetic drumming! No experience necessary and all percussion instruments are provided in this highly interactive rhythm program where children engage in conversations without words. The DrumQuest, Inc. crew leads children through songs, drumming and games that energize and promote social interactions. Free. Call early to register, spaces are limited. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up. Call (727) 453-6500 for more information and to register.

**Tuesday, July 20**

**8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

***Roundup License Training - LCLM or Limited Lawn and Ornamental (LL&O) Exam Review and***

### ***Testing***

#### **Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Get the training and testing needed to obtain a LCLM license or as a review for a LL&O exam. Licensing requires a license application with picture, and a check for \$150 made out to DACS. This class costs \$60. It is free to County Employees, School Board Employees, and Pinellas County Master Gardener Volunteers. The study manuals are only available thru the IFAS bookstore and will cost \$27 plus shipping. Register and pay at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), click on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Commercial CEUs” tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

#### **Wednesday, July 21**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

##### ***Solutions in 30 - Green Jobs***

##### **Online at your computer through webinar**

Take an introductory look at the ‘green’ job industry. Vestina Crayton, Extension Sustainability Specialist will help you learn what a green job is, what training is required, where to apply and what the experts are saying about the employment forecast for this industry. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Solutions in 30” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

#### **Thursday, July 22**

**10:30 to 11:15 a.m.**

##### ***Wee-time at Weedon: Tiny Workers: Ants in Your Backyard***

##### **Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Introduce your pre-school children to the wonders of the natural and cultural world. On the second and fourth Thursday of each month, children are treated to a variety of stories and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment. This week presents *Tiny Workers: Ants in Your Backyard* by Nancy Loewen. Sometimes people don’t get along with ants until they learn how ants can be very beneficial. Free. Recommended ages: 3 - 5. Pre-registration is required by calling (727) 453-6500.

#### **Thursday, July 22**

**10:30 to 11:15 a.m.**

##### ***Book Time at Brooker Creek: All Around Me I See***

##### **Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Rd., Tarpon Springs**

Introduce your pre-school children to the wonders of the natural and cultural world. This week features *Eliza and the Dragonfly* by Susie Caldwell Rinehart. Come join Eliza as she follows the lifecycle of a dragonfly from pond dwelling nymph to a beautiful flying being. This program also includes a craft, game or other hands-on activity related to the story. Spaces are limited so register early! Free. Recommended ages: 3 – 5. Pre-registration is required by calling (727) 453-6800.

#### **Thursday, July 22**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

##### ***GreenStar BASICS – Chemical Reduction***

##### **Online at your computer through webinar**

Learn more about the reduction of chemical hazards, chemical substitutions, safe chemical handling, and disposal for the work place. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Sustainable Living” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

#### **Thursday, July 22**

**1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

##### ***Green Job Market in Pinellas County***

##### **Online at your computer through webinar**

Join Pinellas County Extension Specialist Vestina F. Crayton to learn about sources of green jobs in this area. Federal, state and local programs are available for creating new jobs in “green industries.”

You might be surprised at just how green some jobs can be! This class is recommended for those who are seeking employment as well as employers who are interested in federal “stimulus” monies available for job creation. Cost is \$15. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Sustainable Living” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Saturday, July 24**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

***Guided Hike at Brooker Creek Preserve***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Explore this 0.7-mile walk as we look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. Free. Children younger than 6 may find this hike challenging. Please register by noon on Friday by calling (727) 453-6800.

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**Saturday, July 24**

**9 to 11 a.m.**

***Saturday Guided Hike at Weedon Island Preserve***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Join us to learn about the coastal environment and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve. Guided hikes through coastal mangrove and upland ecosystems of the preserve are held each Saturday of the month. Be sure to bring water and a snack. A hat and closed-toe shoes are also recommended. Free. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Please register by 2 p.m. on Friday by calling (727) 453-6500.

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**Saturday, July 24**

**9 a.m. to noon**

***Archaeology Scout Day at Brooker Creek***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Join us for a hands-on opportunity to earn the Scout Archaeology Merit Badge through this archaeology workshop. This morning workshop presented by the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society is packed full of activities to satisfy most of the merit badge requirements. Activities include “sifting through the past”, exploring a modern trash heap, creating pottery, and learning about area archaeological sites. Participants who visit a site prior to the session and bring a written report or demonstrate knowledge of a site will complete their badge on that day. Cost per participant for the workshop is \$15. Intended for Scouts. Pre-registration is required by calling (727) 453-6800.

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**Saturday, July 24**

**9 to 11 a.m.**

***Planting, Setting and Growing***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Get the maximum production out of your Florida vegetable garden. In this second class of a four-part weekly series, Jean Field, Extension Horticulture Specialist, will help you to select the right plants for our climate and plan the layout of your plot for best use. This class will also explore different ways to water your garden plot including micro irrigation and rain harvesting methods. The class continues on the next two Saturdays. \$15 per session. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Lawn & Garden” tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Saturday, July 24**

**1 to 3 p.m.**

***Discover Our Classroom - Nature and Culture with Your Child***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Discover nature and culture with your child during an open classroom session with archaeological activities. Explore materials from a real archaeology dig in a “sifting through the past” activity. Hands-on aboriginal tools teach techniques of the ancient people of this region. Stop by our classroom

anytime between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to participate in a variety of self-guided activities that will intrigue your child about past cultures. No registration required. Free. Recommended for families. [For more information, call \(727\) 453-6500.](#)

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**Tuesday, July 27**

**2 to 3:30 p.m.**

*Using Worms in the Garden*

**West St. Petersburg Community Library, 6606 5 Ave. No., St. Petersburg**

Attend this Master Gardener-led program, given by Ed McKenna, Pinellas County Master Gardener. You will learn how to use worms and worm castings to enrich your garden's soil. Free. [Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting \[www.pinellascountyextension.org\]\(http://www.pinellascountyextension.org\), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Lawn & Garden" tab.](#) You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Wednesday, July 28**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

*Solutions in 30 - Vegetable Garden Problems*

**Online at your computer through webinar**

Learn from Andy Wilson, Senior Extension Horticultural Specialist, how many insect and disease problems can challenge the home vegetable gardener. Become aware of and recognize some of the common problems and how to deal with them. Free. [Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting \[www.pinellascountyextension.org\]\(http://www.pinellascountyextension.org\), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Lawn & Garden" tab.](#) You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Thursday, July 29**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

*GreenStar BASICS – Energy Efficiency*

**Online at your computer through webinar**

Join us to discover ways to make a difference in your office by saving energy every day. James Stevenson, Extension Sustainability Specialist, will tell you about simple practices that can add up to tremendous savings; good for the county and good for the planet! Free. [Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting \[www.pinellascountyextension.org\]\(http://www.pinellascountyextension.org\), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then clicking on the "Sustainable Living" tab.](#) Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Friday, July 30**

**1 to 5 p.m.**

*I.D. Cardholder*

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Earn the card which is required for applying pesticides and working under a certified operator's pest control license. Jane Morse, Extension Agent, and Bob Albanese, Extension Specialist, will present the four hours of training needed to obtain the initial card and two hours of training for renewal. \$40 per person. [Register and pay at least 24 hours prior by visiting \[www.pinellascountyextension.org\]\(http://www.pinellascountyextension.org\), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Commercial CEUs" tab.](#) You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Saturday, July 31**

**8:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

*Photography Hike*

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Hone your photography skills. After a brief classroom session, participants hike the preserve in search of that perfect shot. Center volunteers highlight seasonal features of the preserve, as well as specific wildlife behaviors that help participants capture the natural beauty of Weedon Island Preserve. Free. Recommended for adults. Pre-registration is required, call (727) 453-6500 to register.

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**Saturday, July 31**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

### ***Guided Hike at Brooker Creek Preserve***

#### **Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Explore this 0.7-mile walk as we look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. Free. Children younger than 6 may find this hike challenging. Please register by noon on Friday by calling (727) 453-6800.

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**Saturday, July 31**

**9 to 11 a.m.**

#### ***Pests and Harvesting***

#### **Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Now that your garden is producing results, you will want to protect your young vegetable plants from pests and disease. In this third class of the four-part weekly series, Andy Wilson, Extension Horticulture Specialist, will show you how to identify, prevent and control diseases, insects and weeds. He will also review how and when to harvest your vegetables for their best taste. \$15 per session. The final class in this series will be on August 7. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), click on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Lawn & Garden" tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

**Saturday, July 31**

**1 to 2:30 p.m.**

#### ***Insect Safari***

#### **Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

What makes an insect an insect? Where are the best places to find insects? We learn the answers to these questions in the classroom before going outside to test our new knowledge. Each group learns how to use an insect net and magnifier to get "up-close" views of these fascinating creatures. Join us for this fun, hands-on family program. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Free. Recommended for ages 6 - 10. Pre-registration is required by calling (727) 453-6800.

## **Coming in August-September**

### **Throughout August**

**Monday-Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**Saturday 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

#### ***Adopt-a-Dog Month***

#### **Pinellas County Animal Services, 12450 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Take advantage of reduced rates. Dog adoptions in August are only \$20, including vaccination, deworming, and licensing. Rabies vaccinations alone are only \$1. To learn more, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices](http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices) or call (727) 582-2600.

**Wednesday, August 4**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

#### ***Solutions in 30 – Managing Stress in Tough Times***

#### **Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

Are your household expenses piling up? Prices rise but your income stays the same. Cutbacks, layoffs, or other restructuring creates job instability. All of these situations can cause stress. Join Nan Jensen, Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences to learn some effective strategies to help you cope. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then clicking on the "Solutions in 30" tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

**Thursday, August 5**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

#### ***The Fruitful Landscape***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Have you ever wished that your landscape provided not only beauty but also something for the dinner table? Join Andy Wilson, Extension Horticulture Specialist, in this introduction to some of the fruiting trees, vines and shrubs that can be grown here in Pinellas County. \$15 per person. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), click on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Lawn & Garden" tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

**Saturday, August 7**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

***Guided Hike at Brooker Creek Preserve***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Explore this 0.7-mile walk as we look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. Free. Children younger than 6 may find this hike challenging. Please register by noon on Friday by calling (727) 453-6800.

**Saturday, August 7**

**9 to 11 a.m.**

***Saturday Guided Hike at Weedon Island Preserve***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Join us to learn about the coastal environment and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve. Guided hikes through coastal mangrove and upland ecosystems of the Preserve are held each Saturday of the month. Be sure to bring water and a snack. A hat and closed-toe shoes are also recommended. Free. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Please register by 2 p.m. on Friday by calling (727) 453-6500.

**Saturday, August 7**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

***Heart's Breath 2010 Flute Extravaganza***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Come to a fun-filled celebration at the Heart's Breath 2010 Flute Extravaganza. This 7<sup>th</sup> annual celebration features the art and music of the Native American culture, sure to captivate visitors of all ages. Participate in a silent auction or shop for Native American-themed items and hand-made flutes. Learn the basics of indigenous flute playing through a demonstration and instruction by talented flutists. This event and class are free and open to the public. Recommended for all ages. For more information and to register for the flute class, call (727) 453-6500.

**Saturday, August 7**

**9 to 11 a.m.**

***From Your Garden to Your Kitchen***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Join Nan Jensen, Registered Dietitian and Extension Agent, to learn how to make the most of your garden harvest by properly storing, cooking and preserving those freshly picked vegetables. Food demonstrations will give you a taste of what you can do with your "garden picks." This is the final session of this weekly series. \$15 per person. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), click on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Lawn & Garden" tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

**Saturday, August 7**

**10 to 11 a.m.**

***Where Have All The Frogs Gone?***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Learn why populations of frogs and other amphibian species are declining rapidly around the world. Like old fashioned canaries in the coal mine, amphibians may be giving us signals about the health of the planet's wetlands. Pollution is considered the second greatest threat to aquatic and amphibious species in the United States, yet very little research has been dedicated to study its overall impact. Join

Neal Halstead, University of South Florida, as he discusses this cutting edge research that may help us understand environmental problems and develop solutions that enhance the likelihood of a sustainable existence for humans and wildlife. Free. Best for adults. [Pre-registration is required by calling \(727\) 453-6800.](#)

**Saturday, August 7**

**1 to 4 p.m.**

***Meet the Artists – Life, One Frame at a Time***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Meet Anne Marie Podgurski and Jim “Moose” Rood. They combined over 50 years of photographic experience just 5 years ago, but one would think they had been teamed for a lifetime. Attention to detail, diverse interests and dedication to each endeavor have enabled them to capture the special beauty of Florida. From young birds to dazzling sunsets, they record the candid moments that remind us about the wonder of nature. Visitors can enjoy this exhibit during normal Center hours August, 5, 2010 through September 25, 2010. Pre-registration is not required for this open house. Free. **All ages welcome.**

**Tuesday, August 10**

**6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

***Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project***

**Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Rd., Dunedin, FL**

Help Pinellas County Extension by attending a citizens’ education project with faculty from the University of Florida. This project aims to provide education and materials to our residents to help them save money on their energy bill. Energy savings benefit the end-user as well as the environment - everybody wins! This class will provide tips and incentives to making your home more energy efficient, while still maintaining the same level of comfort. Energy saving devices will be provided to all participants. Free. [Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting \[www.pinellascountyextension.org\]\(http://www.pinellascountyextension.org\), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Sustainable Living” tab. You may also call \(727\) 582-2100 to register.](#)

**Wednesday, August 11**

**8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

***Best Management Practices***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Get trained in reducing non-point source pollution resulting from fertilization or pesticide application. This program is designed for anyone working in the lawn, landscape, pest control, or municipal ground areas. BMP certification will be awarded to those passing the exam. \$15 per person. It is free to County Employees, School Board Employees, and Pinellas County Master Gardener Volunteers. A maximum of 4 CEUs can be earned by attending this class. Advance registration and payment required. [Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting \[www.pinellascountyextension.org\]\(http://www.pinellascountyextension.org\) and clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Commercial CEUs” tab. You may also call \(727\) 582-2100 to register.](#)

**Wednesday, August 11**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

***Solutions in 30 – Insect Invaders***

**Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

Do you have insects that invade your home? When summer time heat brings you inside to cool off, you notice the insects come inside too. Join Cindy Peacock, Extension Horticulture Specialist in this webinar to identify those pesky insects, and learn how to control them. Free. [Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting \[www.pinellascountyextension.org\]\(http://www.pinellascountyextension.org\), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Solutions in 30” tab. Citizens may also call \(727\) 582-2100.](#)

**Wednesday, August 11**

**2 to 3:30 p.m.**

**and 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.**

***Citrus Gardening***

**Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor**

Are you the owner of a citrus tree or thinking of adding one to your landscape? One of the great pleasures of living in Florida is picking a fresh orange, lemon or grapefruit from a tree right in your own yard. UF/IFAS Master Gardener Suzanne Girves will share information on fertilizing, watering, common diseases and pests of citrus, and more. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Lawn & Garden" tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

**Thursday, August 12**

**10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

***Book Time at Brooker Creek: Fireflies!***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

This program is designed to connect pre-school children to the wonders of the natural world. This week features *Fireflies!* by Julie Brinckloe. Fireflies blinking in the backyard are the classic joy of childhood summers. This beautifully presented tale reflects the classic theme of setting something free in order to keep it. The program also includes a craft, game or other hands-on activity related to the story. Spaces are limited so register early! Free. **Recommended ages: 3 – 5.** Pre-registration is required by calling (727) 453-6800.

**Thursday, August 12**

***Wee-time at Weedon: What Lives in a Shell?***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

This program is designed to introduce pre-school children to the wonders of the natural and cultural world. Every second and fourth Thursday of each month, children are treated to a variety of stories and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment. This week presents *What Lives in a Shell?* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld. Children learn that a shell is a home to many different types of animals. Free. Pre-registration is required. Recommended ages: 3 - 5. Call (727) 453-6500 for more information and to register.

**Friday, August 13**

**8 to 10 a.m.**

***The Great Weedon Bird Quest***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Join us on a quest to find Weedon Island Preserve birds! Learn the identifying marks and behaviors of our feathered year-round residents and seasonal visitors while helping us compile an annual checklist of the Preserve's birds. These hikes are designed to take advantage of all levels of birding experience. Binoculars and bird guides are available. Hikes are scheduled for the second Friday of each month. Please join us for a relaxing morning outing led by experienced birders. Pre-registration is required for this free event. For more information, call (727) 453-6500. Recommended for adults.

**Saturday, August 14**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

***Guided Hike at Brooker Creek Preserve***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Explore this 0.7-mile walk as we look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. Free. Children younger than 6 may find this hike challenging. Please register by noon on Friday by calling (727) 453-6800.

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**Saturday, August 14**

**9 to 11 a.m.**

***Saturday Guided Hike at Weedon Island Preserve***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Join us to learn about the coastal environment and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve. Guided hikes through coastal mangrove and upland ecosystems of the Preserve are held each Saturday of the month. Be sure to bring water and a snack. A hat and closed-toe shoes are also recommended. Free. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Please register by 2 p.m. on Friday by calling (727) 453-6500.

**Saturday, August 14**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

***Rain Harvesting Workshop***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Learn how save rain water in a recycled plastic barrel for later use. The collected water is safe for use on your potted plants, vegetable and herb gardens, and special plant collections. All attendees will receive set-up instructions and a reference booklet with free registration. You may purchase a rain barrel for \$30 plus tax at the time you make your reservation for this free class. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Lawn & Garden" tab. If you do not want to purchase a rain barrel please select "Participant" by using the drop down arrow. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Saturday, August 14**

**Noon to 3 p.m.**

***Open Classroom - Discovering Nature with Your Child***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Who lives in that skin? What is the difference between a carnivore and an herbivore? Whose tracks are those? Stop by our classroom anytime between noon and 3 p.m. to participate in a variety of self-guided nature games and activities that will answer these questions and many more. Pre-registration is not required for this open activity. Free. All ages welcome.

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**Saturday, August 14, 2010**

**1 to 3:00 p.m.**

***Art Exhibit Opening – Marine Landscapes and Wildlife of Florida***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Meet artist C.W. Tanner and view his brilliant underwater landscapes and wildlife. His fine oil paintings and limited edition prints are vivid yet whimsical; realistic, but with a touch of fantasy. The exhibit is on display through September 30.

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**Tuesday, August 17**

**11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

***Calculate Your Ecological Footprint***

**Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

Join Mary Campbell, Extension Agent, for a quick overview of several methods for calculating your impacts (footprint) on the environment and some easy ways to go green. These online tools are fun and offer everyday solutions to live an environmentally-friendly and sustainable lifestyle. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then clicking on the "Sustainable Living" tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Wednesday, August 18**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

***Solutions in 30 – Introduction to GreenStar Office***

**Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

GreenStar is a training program that provides staff with simple and practical tips to help their organization operate at the highest level of efficiency and cost effectiveness. Vestina Crayton, Extension Sustainability Specialist, will give an overview of the program and its components. It will answer the following questions: who should attend and what are the benefits. Free. Register at least 24

hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Solutions in 30” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

**Thursday, August 19**

**8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

***GreenStar ADVANCED***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Learn the necessary skills and practices to ensure a healthy and efficient office environment.

Conserving resources and saving money at work is good for the county and good for the planet. \$15 per person. Free to Pinellas County Employees and Local Government Employees. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Sustainable Living” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Saturday, August 21**

**9:30 to 11 a.m.**

***Insects That Invade Our Homes***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Flies, roaches and ants— oh my! Those annoying insects that come into our homes can be controlled.

Join Cindy Peacock, Extension Horticulture Specialist, in this program and learn how to identify the insects, learn their life cycles, and why they are inside our homes. This will help control them better.

\$15 per person. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Lawn & Garden” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Saturday, August 21**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

***Guided Hike at Brooker Creek Preserve***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Explore this 0.7-mile walk as we look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. Free. Children younger than 6 may find this hike challenging. Please register by noon on Friday by calling (727) 453-6800.

**Saturday, August 21**

**9 to 11 a.m.**

***Saturday Guided Hike at Weedon Island Preserve***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Join us to learn about the coastal environment and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve.

Guided hikes through coastal mangrove and upland ecosystems of the Preserve are held each Saturday of the month. Be sure to bring water and a snack. A hat and closed-toe shoes are also recommended.

Free. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Please register by 2 p.m. on Friday by calling (727) 453-6500.

**Saturday, August 21**

**1 to 2 p.m.**

***Spiders- Eight Legged Wonders***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

Prepare for an afternoon of spider tall tales and myth busting. From horror films to nursery rhymes, spiders have been the subject of myth and mystery throughout the ages. Yet, spiders are among the most diverse and specialized of the world’s creatures. We will meet live spiders and learn what they eat, where they live, and how they work. Free. All ages welcome. Pre-registration is required by calling (727) 453-6800.

**Saturday, August 21**

**1 to 3 p.m.**

***Florida Birds on their Best Behavior***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Discover how Tampa Bay is home to dozens of species of wading and water birds. These birds have very distinct strategies for feeding, breeding, and preening. Many characteristic behaviors can be observed by watching these birds for just a few minutes. This classroom presentation will focus on the behaviors and adaptations of many wading birds and other birds commonly seen around Weedon Island Preserve and Tampa Bay. Photos and specimens will be used to discuss the natural history of these local residents. Pre-registration is required for this free presentation. Recommended ages 10 and up. Please pre-register by calling (727) 453-6500.

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**Wednesday, August 25**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

***Solutions in 30 – Solar Power in the Sunshine State***

**Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

Learn about the massive nuclear reactor in the sky beaming us free energy every day. This energy is used by nearly all living things to provide the basis for Life on Earth. We humans can use this free energy to help make our lives a bit nicer and cheaper as well. Join James Stevenson, Extension Urban Sustainability Specialist, for an introduction to solar energy, how to harvest it and how to take advantage of the financial incentives available for welcoming the Sun into your home! Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Solutions in 30” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Wednesday, August 25**

**2 to 3:30 p.m.**

***Shade Gardening***

**West Branch of the St. Petersburg Library, 6605 5th Ave. N, St. Petersburg**

Join Angela Strain, Pinellas County Extension Master Gardener, to learn the types of plantings available for use in shaded areas. This class is free. Please pre-register by calling (727) 453-6500.

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**Thursday, August 26**

**10:30 to 11:15 a.m.**

***Book Time at Brooker Creek: Fireflies!***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

This program is designed to connect pre-school children to the wonders of the natural world. This week features *Where Does the Wind Blow?* by Cindy Rink. Where does the wind come from? Where does it go? This beautifully illustrated story reminds us that there are experiences that connect all of us who call this planet home. The program also includes a craft, game or other hands-on activity related to the story. Spaces are limited so register early! Free. Recommended ages: 3 – 5. Pre-registration is required by calling (727) 453-6800.

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**Thursday, August 26**

**10:30 to 11:15 a.m.**

***Wee-time at Weedon: Harry the Horseshoe Crab: A Tale of Crawly Creatures***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

This program is designed to introduce pre-school children to the wonders of the natural and cultural world. Every second and fourth Thursday of each month, children are treated to a variety of stories and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment. The book this week presents *Harry Horseshoe Crab: A Tale of Crawly Creatures* by Suzanne Tate. The story tells of the many amazing facts about horseshoe crabs. Pre-registration is required. Free. Recommended ages: 3 - 5. Call (727) 453-6500 for more information and to register.

**Saturday, August 28**

**8:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

***Photography Hike***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Hone your photography skills. After a brief classroom session, participants hike the Preserve in search of that perfect shot. Center volunteers highlight seasonal features of the Preserve, as well as specific wildlife behaviors that help participants capture the natural beauty of Weedon Island Preserve. Free. Recommended for adults. Pre-registration is required, call (727) 453-6500 to register.

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**Saturday, August 28**

**1 to 3 p.m.**

***Open Classroom – Discover the Hidden World of Plankton with Your Child***

**Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg**

Come discover the hidden world of the estuary with some of the smallest critters that live in Tampa Bay. Our classroom will have live samples of plankton from Tampa Bay to examine and identify. Plankton is a term that describes a diverse group of organisms suspended in the water of estuaries, oceans and all other bodies of water. Microscopes will help reveal these fascinating creatures which exhibit a wide variety of bizarre shapes and adaptations. Activities are self guided, just stop by our classroom anytime between 1 to 3 pm to participate. Free. No registration required. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**Saturday, August 28**

**1 to 3 p.m.**

***Nature Arts and Crafts***

**Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

School has started and before you know it the holidays will be upon us. Bring your creativity and join us to get a jump on your holiday gifting and decorating at this nature craft workshop. Each family member can choose a nature craft to complete and take home. You will also have a chance to see samples and take home helpful instructions. Spaces are limited so register early. The cost for the program is \$3.00 per person. Recommended for families with children age 6 and up. Pre-registration is required by calling (727) 453-6800.

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**Wednesday, September 1**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

***Solutions in 30 – Preparing Your Landscape for Storms***

**Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

Protect your home and landscape from possible hurricanes and tropical storms. Bob Albanese, Extension Horticulture Specialist will help you learn what you can do to prepare your landscape to minimize damage. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Solutions in 30” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Wednesday, September 8**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

***Solutions in 30 – Coastal Invasion - Are We Ready?***

**Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

Come hear Heather Hammers, Extension Sea Grant Coastal Marine Agent while she discusses what is meant by having ‘no adverse impacts in coastal communities’ and the interaction between human beings and our coastal environment. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Solutions in 30” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

**Wednesday, September 8**

**2 to 3:30 p.m.**

and 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

*Vegetable Gardening*

**Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor**

Join Pam Brown, UF/IFAS Extension Agent Emeritus, to learn when the main vegetable growing season is in Florida, what you need to do to prepare the soil, which vegetables grow best in Florida's climate, and how to control pests in the vegetable garden in an environmentally friendly way. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Lawn & Garden" tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Wednesday, September 11**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

*Backyard Composting Workshop*

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Join Dale Armstrong and Wilma Holley for this informative workshop to learn how easy it can be. Just add your kitchen scraps to your yard clippings and compost happens! Adding compost to Florida's sandy soil provides much-needed organic material and nutrients while improving its water-holding capacity. Recycling your yard waste by turning it into compost rather than sending it to the landfill is a sustainable practice! To get them started, attendees will receive one compost bin per household courtesy of Pinellas County Utilities Solid Waste Operations Department. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then clicking on the "Lawn & Garden" tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Wednesday, September 15**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

*Solutions in 30 – Fall Vegetable Gardening*

**Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

Would you like to grow your own vegetables? This is that time of year to plant your fall vegetable garden. Join Cindy Peacock, Extension Horticulture Specialist, in this webinar and learn what vegetables to plant and how to care for them. This webinar is subject to change in case a more timely topic is needed. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then clicking on the "Solutions in 30" tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Wednesday, September 15**

**6 to 8 p.m.**

*Focus on Finances*

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Let Karen Saley, Extension Specialist, guide you through this three week workshop designed to increase financial management knowledge and skills, giving participants the confidence and abilities to set financial goals and establish a plan to achieve them. The second and third sessions will be held on Wednesday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 29. This program is free to County employees and County volunteers. \$15 covers all three sessions. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then clicking on the "Lawn & Garden" tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

**Thursday, September 16**

**8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

*Best Management Practices (Spanish)*

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

THIS PROGRAM IS OFFERED IN SPANISH ONLY. Get trained in reducing non-point source pollution resulting from fertilization or pesticide application. This program is designed for anyone working in the lawn, landscape, pest control, or municipal ground areas. BMP certification will be awarded to those passing the exam. \$15 per person. It is free to County Employees, School Board Employees, and Pinellas County Master Gardener Volunteers. A maximum of 4 CEUs can be earned

by attending this class. Register and pay at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org) and clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Commercial CEUs" tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Thursday, September 16**

**6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

***Green Job Market in Pinellas County***

**Online at your computer through webinar**

Join Pinellas County Extension Specialist Vestina F. Crayton to learn about sources of green jobs in this area. Federal, state and local programs are available for creating new jobs in "green industries." You might be surprised at just how green some jobs can be! This class is recommended for those who are seeking employment as well as employers who are interested in federal "stimulus" monies available for job creation. Cost is \$15. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then clicking on the "Sustainable Living" tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Saturday, September 18**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

***Palms-Keeping Them Healthy***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Learn how to give palms the care they need to recover from cold damage and remain healthy. Palms are an important part of many Pinellas County area landscapes. In this program Common problems of palms and how to deal with them will also be discussed. Register for \$15. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org) and clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Commercial CEUs" tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Wednesday, September 22**

**8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

***Roundup License Training - LCLM or Limited Lawn and Ornamental (LL&O) Exam Review and Testing***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Get the training and testing needed to obtain a LCLM license or as a review for a LL&O exam. Licensing requires a license application with picture, and a check for \$150 made out to DACS. This class costs \$60. It is free to County Employees, School Board Employees, and Pinellas County Master Gardener Volunteers. The study manuals are only available thru the IFAS bookstore and will cost \$27 plus shipping. Register and pay at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), click on the "Online Class Registration" button and then the "Commercial CEUs" tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

**Wednesday, September 22**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

***Solutions in 30 – The Scoop on Sugar - Curbing Your Sweet Tooth***

**Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

Do you know how much sugar is in your diet? Join Nan Jensen, registered dietitian with Pinellas County Extension for this webinar and see where you find it in food, why added sugar is a concern and how you can cut back. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the "Online Class Registration" button and then clicking on the "Solutions in 30" tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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**Wednesday, September 22**

**2 to 3:30 p.m.**

***Wasps, Hornets, & Bees, Oh My!***

**West St. Petersburg Community Library, 6606 5 Ave. No., St. Petersburg**

Enjoy this free program given by Jonathan Simkins, owner of Insect IQ. Learn about the differences in various stinging insects. Mr. Simkins will provide info on how to keep safe from Africanized bees and

other potentially aggressive insects. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), click on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Lawn & Garden” tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

**Saturday, September 25**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

***Rain Harvesting Workshop***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo**

Learn how save rain water in a recycled plastic barrel for later use. The collected water is safe for use on your potted plants, vegetable and herb gardens, and special plant collections. All attendees will receive set-up instructions and a reference booklet with free registration. You may purchase a rain barrel for \$30 plus tax at the time you make your reservation for this free class. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Lawn & Garden” tab. If you do not want to purchase a rain barrel please select “Participant” by using the drop down arrow. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Saturday, September 25**

**10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

***Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project***

**Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Rd., Largo**

Help Pinellas County Extension by attending a citizens’ education project with faculty from the University of Florida. This project aims to provide education and materials to our residents to help them save money on their energy bill. Energy savings benefit the end-user as well as the environment - everybody wins! This class will provide tips and incentives to making your home more energy efficient, while still maintaining the same level of comfort. Energy saving devices will be provided to all participants. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then the “Sustainable Living” tab. You may also call (727) 582-2100 to register.

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**Wednesday, September 29**

**12:15 to 12:45 p.m.**

***Solutions in 30 – Fall Lawn and Garden Care***

**Online at Your Computer with Pinellas County Extension Experts**

Let Andy Wilson, Extension Senior Horticultural Specialist, help you learn what to do, what to plant and what problems to look out for in the fall and winter lawn and garden. Lawns and gardens require care to remain healthy. Free. Register at least 24 hours prior by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking on the “Online Class Registration” button and then clicking on the “Solutions in 30” tab. Citizens may also call (727) 582-2100.

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