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PRESS RELEASE

POND APPEAL SEMINAR WATERBIRDS, FISH, ALLIGATORS AND YOU

St. Lucie County is rapidly growing in population. This rapidly growing population, predominantly composed of non-native Floridians, relocated to St. Lucie County from areas where environmental conditions are significantly different. This has led to a gap in awareness knowledge and understanding of the interactions between people and the Florida environment. New and long-term residents alike must learn to adapt to Florida living styles in order to maintain the integrity of the county's environmental resources.

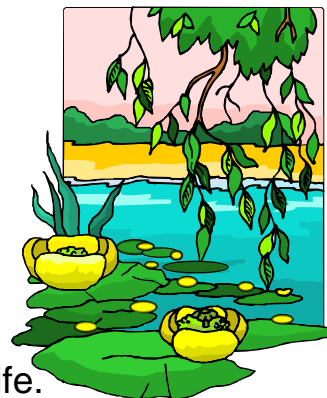
A Pond Appeal workshop sponsored by the University of Florida St Lucie County Extension Service and IRCC's Agriculture Department will be held on May 3rd from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Schrieber Conference Center at the IRCC Campus in St Lucie West located at 500 N.W. California Blvd in Port St Lucie. The goal of the course is to teach participants fish and wildlife best management practices necessary to maintain healthy Florida ponds. Workshop presentations include Waterbirds, Alligators and Other Pond Wildlife, Stocking Fish and Managing Oxygen in Ponds.

Pre-registration is required. Call the St Lucie County Extension Service at (772) 462-1660 to sign up for this informative workshop. For additional information about this Pond Appeal program, contact Ken Gioeli, Natural Resources Agent, at (772) 462-1660.

Please help us get the word out to our community about this educational opportunity. People with disabilities in need of reasonable accommodations should make requests one week prior to the program.

POND APPEAL
Waterbirds, Fish, Alligators and You
Offered by the Univ of Florida / St Lucie Co Extension and IRCC Ag. Dept.

May 3, 2006
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
IRCC – ST LUCIE WEST
CONFERENCE CENTER



Learn how to identify and manage your pond's fish and wildlife.

Presentations

Freshwater Wetland Waterbirds

Ken Gioeli, Natural Resources Agent, St. Lucie County

Stocking and Managing Fish in Ponds

Leroy Creswell, Sea Grant Agent, St. Lucie County

The American Alligator

Ken Gioeli, Natural Resources Agent, St. Lucie County

Managing Ponds for Healthy Fish

Leroy Creswell, Sea Grant Agent, St. Lucie County

Participation in this program is free-of-charge. Pre-registration is required. Please call (772) 462-1660. Additional information is online at <http://ponds.ifas.ufl.edu>

