



# CALENDAR

Please pre-register by calling (305) 257-0933 ext 227 or by email at eel@miamidade.gov.



## Get Involved!

Earn Community Service Hours

Workdays are limited. Please call to register.

**2010 - 2011 from 9 am - 12 noon**

- Sep. 11, 2010 - Saturday.....**Hattie Bauer Preserve** (Trail maintenance) **E**  
26715 SW 157 Ave.
- Sep. 25, 2010 - Saturday.....**National Public Lands Day** (Matheson Bird Walk/Planting) **P**  
(Starts early at 8am-bring binoculars) 10901 Old Cutler Road - South Parking lot by Fairchild
- Oct. 02, 2010 - Saturday.....**Tamiami Complex Addition Preserve** (Planting) **E**  
SW 136 St. and SW 127 Ave.
- Oct. 23, 2010 - Saturday.....**Bear Cut Preserve at Crandon Park** (Vine removal) **P**  
4000 Crandon Boulevard
- Dec. 11, 2010 - Saturday.....**East Greynolds/Oleta Tract C Preserve** (Trash removal) **P**  
16700 Biscayne Boulevard - by the dog park
- Jan. 15, 2011 - Saturday.....**Arch Creek Preserve** (Trail maintenance) **P**  
1855 NE 135 St.
- Jan. 21, 2011 - Friday.....**Larry & Penny Pineland Preserve** (Clean-up and hike) **P**  
SW 179 Terrace and SW 122 Ave.
- Feb. 12, 2011 - Saturday.....**County Line Scrub Preserve** (Vine removal/Trail maintenance) **E**  
NE 215 St. East of San Simeon Way (near 6 Ave.)
- Feb. 18, 2011 - Friday.....**Chernoff Hammock Preserve** (Trash removal) **E**  
SW 216 St. and SW 154 Ave.
- Mar. 05, 2011 - Saturday.....**Florida City Pineland Preserve** (Clean-up) **E**  
SW 345 St. (Palm Dr.) and SW 8 Ave.
- Apr. 04, 2011 - Monday.....**Camp Matecumbe Pineland Preserve** (Exotics removal) **E**  
13841 SW 120 St.
- Apr. 09, 2011 - Saturday.....**Black Creek Forest Preserve** (Planting) **E**  
SW 112 Ave. south of 211 St.
- Apr. 16, 2011 - Saturday.....**Baynanza (CDE, MAT, CRN)** (Cleanup) **E**  
Various Sites (305) 372-6784
- Apr. 22, 2011 - Friday.....**Nixon Smiley Pineland Preserve** (Planting) **E**  
SW 124 St. and SW 127 Ave.
- May 14, 2011 - Saturday.....**Rockdale Pineland Preserve** (Planting) **E**  
SW 144 St. and SW 92 Ave.

**E** Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Preserve (Not regularly open to the general public)

**P** Miami-Dade County Park



# ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

We need your help to restore Natural Areas in Miami-Dade County! You can get involved by joining one of our workdays scheduled from September through May. Together, we will help protect and restore our rare native habitats by removing exotic vegetation,



enhancing trails, restoring native vegetation, and conducting clean-up activities. Volunteers are taught to identify various invasive non-native plants while gaining a greater understanding of the local habitats and rare ecosystems unique to South Florida. Come **JOIN US!**



## Natural Areas

The way nature intended

### VOLUNTEER WORKDAY GUIDELINES

- Registration starts 15 minutes before workday begins.
- Be prepared to work outside. Drink plenty of fluids during the day!
- **Closed toe shoes are mandatory!** Volunteers wearing flip-flops or sandals will not be allowed to participate. Long sleeve shirts and long pants are highly recommended.
- A hat, sun block, and insect repellent are also recommended.
- Listen to the orientation given at the beginning of the workday. Pay attention to instructions and warnings (such as how to avoid poison ivy and poison wood).
- Do not bring machetes, chain saws, line trimmers, or other motorized equipment.
- Smoking and littering are not permitted.
- Inform staff about concerns, unusual findings, strange debris or occurrences.
- Many of the preserves do not have official addresses, if you need assistance finding a preserve please e-mail [eel@miamidade.gov](mailto:eel@miamidade.gov) or call (305) 257-0933 ext 227 two days prior to an event.

**N**atural areas are the hammocks, pinelands, scrubby flatwoods, freshwater wetlands, and mangrove forests that once covered all of Miami-Dade County, but now remain only in undeveloped or protected areas. These habitats, and the plants and animals that live there, are all a part of Miami-Dade County's natural heritage, and are resources to be treasured for generations to come. Non-native plants, introduced from around the world, have invaded these unique natural areas. They crowd out native plants, including rare species, seriously disrupting important natural processes such as storm recovery and natural fire cycles. The control of non-native plants is considered one of the most important elements in the management of all natural habitats. Through these workdays, volunteers contribute toward the restoration of these unique plant communities.

# SAVE the DATES!

## September thru May



All participants are required to complete a release form prior to participation. Volunteers under the age of 18 must have the form signed by a parent or guardian. No children under 15 may be left unattended. Please pre-register by calling (305) 257-0933 ext 227 or by email at [eel@miamidade.gov](mailto:eel@miamidade.gov). Please visit our website at [www.miamidade.gov/derm/endangered\\_lands.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/derm/endangered_lands.asp) for further information. Miami-Dade Parks provides quality and diverse recreational experiences for persons with disabilities. Call Miami-Dade Parks Leisure Access at (305) 755-7848 (V/TDD) to request materials in accessible format, a sign language interpreter and for information on access for persons with disabilities.