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Spare a Bear!

Florida's 2026 bear tag lottery opens Friday, September 11 at 10:00 AM EST!

For the second year in a row, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is set to hold a bear hunt this December with 215 bear hunting permits issued through a lottery system.

Our goal: buy up all the tags to keep them out of hunters' hands.



[Visit LWV's Vote411 now!](#)

Check Your Status: [State of Florida Voter Lookup](#)
[| Search](#)

Register to Vote: [Florida Online Voter Registration System](#)

Broward County: [Voter Information Lookup](#)

Get Ready for the 2026 Midterm Elections!

General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Registration Deadlines:

By Mail - Monday, October 5, 2026

In Person - Monday, October 5, 2026

Online - Monday, October 5, 2026 > [Get Registered!](#)

Upcoming BSG Executive Committee Elections

Dear Members,

Well, it's election time for the BSG also! Broward Sierra Group is required to have elections for our Executive Committee (ExCom) every year to maintain the required seven-member count of Broward County members on the ExCom. This year, we need environmental advocates like you, to serve on the Executive Committee to help us make decisions concerning how we will be addressing environmental matters in Broward, the rest of Florida, and our country.

[Click here to learn more about the Executive Committee and the upcoming elections.](#)

What's New in September?



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE BSG SEPTEMBER 10TH GENERAL MEETING & FEATURED SPEAKER PRESENTATION

FEATURED SPEAKER: Jessie Bastos, Broward Soil and Water Conservation District

TOPIC/TRAINING: Turning Your Ideas into Action
- How to Become a Community Advocate & Change Maker

DATE/TIME: Thursday, September 10, 2026 @ 6:30 PM in-person and 6:45 PM online

LOCATION: [Veterans Park, 7600 NW 50th St, Lauderhill, FL 33351](#)

REGISTER NOW: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Jessie Bastos is a proud mom of three, an accomplished business sales executive, and a passionate advocate for her community. She serves on multiple school, environmental, and municipal planning committees including as an elected Supervisor for the Broward Soil & Water Conservation District, Vice Chair of Davie's Planning & Zoning Committee, Chair of Davie's Agricultural & Environmental Advisory Committee, and as a board member with the Davie Area Land Trust, the UF/IFAS Urban Horticulture Advisory Committee, the Broward County Farm Bureau, and the Broward County Public School District Advisory Committee. Throughout her various roles, Jessie has learned how to hone her strong creative, interpersonal, and organizational skills to bring initiatives from idea to fruition. She is excited to share what she's learned to help others become more effective community advocates.

Introducing the Florida AI-Data Center Toolkit

Sierra Club Florida launched its new AI-Data Center Toolkit – a free resource designed to help residents and local organizations understand and address the growing threats and impacts of AI-data center development in their communities.

AI-Data Centers in Florida: What's at Stake?

- Extreme Strain on Energy Grids
- Massive Water Consumption
- Public Health and Noise Pollution
- Minimal Economic Benefit



[LEARN MORE](#)

2026 Election - Candidate Endorsements

The Sierra Club is dedicated to electing leaders who share our values. For example, water protection, wildfire prevention, clean energy job creation, or community transition efforts. Since our founding in 1892, we have worked to protect wild places, safeguard public health, and ensure that every community enjoys clean air, safe water, and a healthy environment.

[Find the most recent updates here!](#)

October 2nd Broward Sierra Gala Celebration – Come Join Us!

The Broward Sierra Group invites you to join us for a special evening of joyfulness, community, and environmental advocacy at our 2026 Gala Celebration. The event will be held at the **Jacaranda Country Club on Friday, October 2, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.**

This year's Gala features the presentation of Environmental Legacy Awards to **Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr** and former **Broward Sierra Group Executive Committee Chair Leah Weisburd**.

Sunrise Mayor Mike Ryan will also receive special recognition as our 2026 Environmental Changemaker Award recipient for his ongoing dedication as an elected official in developing and seeing through environmental policy and programs.



Purchase Tickets & Sponsorships:

<https://givebutter.com/2026BSGGala>

Guests will enjoy **complimentary cocktails** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., an **elegant buffet dinner**, and dessert and coffee service. There will be plenty of **music and dancing** throughout the night with DJ Hollywood, a Broward Sierra fundraising raffle, pledge opportunities, and **special giveaways** to our guests.

Is Your Water Clean?



At Miami Waterkeeper, ensuring the safety of your favorite waterways is our top priority. We conduct weekly water quality testing to provide you with up-to-date information on the bacteria levels in the areas you love to swim and play.

[LEARN MORE](#)

WELCOME BACK SOCIAL AT THE COPPERPOINT BREWING COMPANY

Thursday, September 17, 2026
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

151 Commerce Road
Boynton Beach, FL 33426

Enjoy a relaxing evening socializing with the Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group at the [Copperpoint Brewing Company](#) in Boynton Beach.

Gather with fellow Sierra Club members Swap stories, play a little trivia, and look ahead at the coming season.



[REGISTER TO ATTEND HERE](#)



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF LEE COUNTY

Presents



SIERRA CLUB
Calusa Group

September 19, 2026
Meet & Greet 1 - 2 p.m.
Event 2 - 4 p.m.



OUR WATERS, OUR VOTE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER SUMMIT 2026



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-waters-our-vote-southwest-florida-water-summit-2026-tickets-1986770876173>

Collaboratory
2031 Jackson St.
Fort Myers, FL 33901

In Person & Virtual

"The **vote** is a **power**, a **weapon**
of offense and defense, a **prayer**."

Our Waters, Our Vote: Southwest Florida Water Summit 2026

Sierra Club Calusa Group presents
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Date:

September 19, 2026, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location:

Collaboratory
2031 Jackson Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901



Courtesy: Broward County Natural Resources

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Broward County International Coastal Cleanup

Volunteers can help remove litter from local shorelines during the 2026 International Coastal Cleanup, with 14 participating sites across Broward County.

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Register by Emailing:

CoastalCleanup@Broward.org

UPCOMING GROUP OUTINGS

Broward Sierra Group invites you to join us in the Great Outdoors!

The BSG Outings Committee has been busy at work planning out some engaging and exciting events for us all! A concerted search has now brought our total Outings Leaders up to seven for the BSG, but we are always looking for more. If you, or anyone you know may be interested in leading a group of club members in an activity that they are passionate about, please reach out to Jordan Holaday at outreachbrowardsierra@gmail.com.



FALL BIRDING AT EVERGLADES WMA

Where: West Broward Boat Ramp

When: Saturday, September 19, 2026, 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM (Eastern)

Continuing our Fall Birding Series with quality time outdoors, new friends, and hopefully some lifers as we bird the Everglades & Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area. Every year, tens of millions of birds fly south over Florida before they take on their daring flight over the Caribbean. Let's catch a glimpse into the wonderful world of birds by grabbing our binoculars, opening our ears, and waking up just a little earlier to spot our feathered friends on their journey!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

[Click here to register!](#)



YOGA AT CHAPEL TRAIL NATURE PRESERVE

Where: Chapel Trail Nature Preserve, 19800 Sheridan St, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029, USA

When: Saturday, October 4, 2026, 10:00 AM (Eastern)

Enjoy a relaxing morning at Chapel Trail Nature Preserve in Pembroke Pines. Starting with a guided nature walk, appreciating this small piece of Everglades that was preserved and holds an abundance of biodiversity. Acknowledging the importance of protecting natural land. Toward the end of our walk we will sit under a pavilion and practice some gentle breathing and meditation techniques that will leave us feeling refreshed and relaxed, ready to take on the rest of our journey.

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JOIN THE BROWARD SIERRA GROUP JUNIOR TEAM

The Broward Sierra Group Junior Team is a group of 13 to 18-year-old middle school and high schoolers who are passionate about:

- Sustainability and preservation
- Climate and wildlife advocacy
- Environmental education

[Learn more about the Broward Sierra Group Junior Team!](#)



BROWARD SIERRA GROUP JUNIOR TEAM

Awarded by the Broward County Commission

The Broward Sierra Group - Junior Team is a group of students in grades 7-12 who are passionate about

- sustainability and preservation
- climate and wildlife advocacy
- environmental education

JOIN TODAY!

For more information, contact Julie Long at jl525174@gmail.com

- Lobbied representatives and senators in Tallahassee ✓
- Collected petitions for the Right to Clean Water in Florida ✓
- Written and published letters to the editors in newspapers ✓
- Spoken at commission meetings ✓
- Tabled at events and reached 1000+ community members ✓
- Supported candidates in their campaigns through canvassing ✓

School service hours are available, and active members get free Sierra Club membership!



**BROWARD
GREEN
SCHOOLS
CAMPAIGN™**

JOIN THE BROWARD GREEN SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN!

Our Broward Sierra Group-Junior Team is making progress with its ongoing Green School Campaign. This is an endeavor to transition our public schools into 100% clean energy and attempt to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Broward County Public Schools, the sixth largest district in the entire nation, could make a major impact by switching to clean energy: reducing greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing indoor air quality for students, and significantly cutting energy expenses across the district.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE & SIGN THE PETITION SHOWN TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS!](#)