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Explore, Enjoy and Protect the Planet!

BSG Executive Committee Election Starts on November 16th

A Message from the BSG Chair and Vice Chair –



The all-volunteer Broward Group of the Sierra Club serves all of the cities within the boundary of Broward County, Florida. The day-to-day governance of the Broward Sierra Group is provided by a seven-member Executive Committee governing board of active Sierra Club members, elected for terms of two years.

Please look out for notification of the BSG 2027 Executive Committee Election beginning on November 16th through December 15th and be sure to vote!

The Executive Committee (ExCom) is responsible for managing volunteers, ensuring the organization is financially sound, raising funds, providing membership services, producing publications and conducting conservation, outing and political programs.

Much of our Group's work is accomplished by members of the conservation, membership, communications, political and outings committees. These committees report to ExCom for final decisions within ExCom's purview. The BSG ExCom meets once a month via Zoom. > CLICK HERE FOR BALLOT ACCESS & CANDIDATE BIOS



- NBC 6 - Fort Lauderdale lake to be filled with concrete and sand
- Baby Wingate: The City of Fort Lauderdale vs. Walter Hinton

Member Fundraising Corner

During this season of thanksgiving, please consider donating to help fellow Broward Sierra member April Young continue her efforts to address the ongoing environmental injustice caused by the lake fill operation over the capped superfund site in the Wingate/Lake Aire communities.

April's GoFundMe addresses her immediate needs for legal representation and emergency housing stability: https://gofund.me/8ddd1d495

Read More: Wingate Road Municipal Incinerator Dump Superfund Site - EPA Report 2021

Pledge Drive for Local Programs

The Broward Sierra Group asks for your help in funding several local community projects through December 31, 2026. Your contribution of any amount goes directly to these programs.

Just pick one more more that interest you most.
All contributions of any amount are appreciated.
Your generous support will make a difference in Broward!

MADE IN BROWARD: SUPPORT THE LONGWING 4-H FOOD FOREST



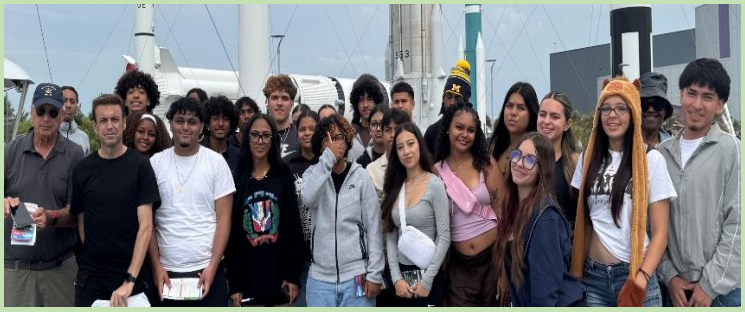
Support the 4-H Food Forest!
Click here to learn more and donate.

MEEC SEA TURTLE STRETCHER AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



Support the sea turtles!
Click here to learn more and donate.

HELP MCARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL BEGIN RECYCLING



Support the McArthur High School Recycling Program! Click here to learn more and donate.

BROWARD SIERRA JUNIOR TEAM: TALLAHASSEE LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Support the BSG Junior Team!
Click here to learn more and donate.

Notes from the BSG 2026 Gala – A Junior Team Member's Perspective

My name is Jurnee Harrison, and I attended and volunteered at the 2026 Broward Sierra Group Gala Celebration awards dinner. I am honored to be a member of the Broward Sierra Group-Junior Team, made up of middle school and high school students aged twelve to eighteen years old. We volunteered to welcome the guests, verify attendance, give the guests their programs, ask the guests to buy raffle tickets and make donations. I had the privilege of meeting people I was previously only familiar with through group chats, zoom meetings, and emails. In addition, I was introduced to people in plant sciences, environmental policy, educators and politicians. It was inspiring to hear their impact, about what an effective commitment to protecting our environment can create and will hopefully look like after I graduate from high school. > READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

2026 Election Results!

Your unwavering candidate support, canvassing and community education efforts, and your votes made a difference for our environment! The Broward Sierra Group is very pleased to announce that all of our locally endorsed environmental candidates in Broward County won their races this election season.

- *Christine Hunschofsky - Florida State Representative, District 95*
- *Mitch Rosenwald - Florida State Representative, District 98*
- *Michael Ferguson - State House 100*
- *Nick Sortal - Mayor, City of Plantation*
- *Denise Horland - Plantation City Council, Group 2*
- *Don D'Arminio - Wilton Manors City Commission*
- *Neil Kerch - Sunrise City Commission, Seat C*
- *Jacqueline Guzman - Sunrise City Commission, Seat D*
- *Tim Lonergan - Oakland Park City Commission*
- *Adam Roberti - Hollywood Commission, District 5*
- *Patrick Ferguson - Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Town Commission*
- *Allen Zeman - Broward School Board, District 8*
- *Maura McCarthy Bulman - Broward School Board, District 11*

And congratulations to our new Broward County Commissioner Caryl Shuham and Hollywood Commissioner District 1 Cat Uden!

NatureScape Emerald Awards



The NatureScape Emerald Award recognizes landscapes at businesses, municipalities, schools, government facilities and homeowners that demonstrate exemplary NatureScape landscaping practices that conserve water, promote Florida friendly and native plants, and provide habitat for wildlife, as well as special recognition for exceptional projects that demonstrate visible ecological practices (e.g., bioswales, rain gardens, food forests, stormwater collection and use).

> Submit an application for a 2027 Emerald Award!
Deadline to apply is December 18, 2026.

Fall Recap Pics



Yoga and nature walk Chapel Trail Nature Preserve



Our *amazing* volunteers at the Broward Sierra Group & Adopt A Dune Coastal Dune Restoration!



MODS ribbon cutting celebration for the Storm Center exhibit and newest galleries of Build a Better World



Robert Bouyer III & Stanley C. Panther at the SE FL Regional Climate Leadership Conference

What's Happening in November & December?

[Webinar: Building a global movement for nature](#)
November 18, 2026, 12 PM ET. Every observation on **iNaturalist** starts with someone noticing nature.

[Webinar: Inside the Comp Plan: A Guide to Shaping Your Community.](#) **November 18**, 2026, 12 to 1:30 PM ET. Where the law gives the public a real say.

[Hayride/Campfire @ TY Park ($5 pp)](#)
November 20, 2026, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM ET.
3300 N. Park Rd., Hollywood, FL 33021

[Restore The Shore](#)
November 21, 2026, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET.
4414 N Surf Rd, Hollywood, FL 33019

[Second Annual Vegan Friends-Giving](#)
November 21, 2026, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET.
710 Northwest 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

[Permaculture In the Park](#)
November 28, 2026, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM ET.
Snyder Park - 3299 Southwest 4th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33315

[Webinar: Single-Use Plastics Actions Forum.](#)
December 3, 2026, 7:30 PM ET. Sierra Club.

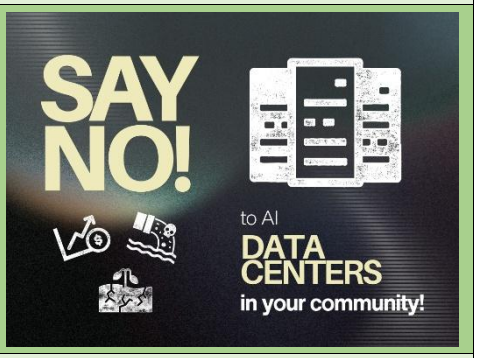
[Guided Nature Tour: Take a tour of our incredible organic edible garden, food forest, and the butterfly garden.](#) **December 5,** 10:00 to 11:30 AM ET. Snyder Park, 3299 SW 4th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Heal the Planet.

[Webinar: Data Centers in Florida: Protecting Our Communities.](#) **December 9**, 12:00-1:30 PM ET. Sierra Club.

[Trashy Tuesdays! Lets Clean the Waterways.](#)
Nov. 24, Dec. 8, Dec 22 @ 4 PM ET, 2 hours. $29 rental / or $15 with own board or kayak. Free parking. 2520 N Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

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.
[> CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE TOOLKIT](#)



SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS

Why join a Solar Co-op?

Expert Help	Save Money	Community	Nonprofit	Free to Join
Get unbiased support	Get a group rate on your solar	Go solar with 50-100 people	We're not a sales company	No commitment to go solar

The Broward County 2026 Solar Co-op is Open Now!

The Broward County Solar Co-op, organized by nonprofit [Solar United Neighbors (SUN),](#) is open to all Broward County residents and businesses, with **the next enrollment deadline set for March 19, 2027.**

Florida Solar 101 - A Virtual Community Event
Learn about solar energy and its benefits for your home, or small business.

Monday, November 16, @ 6 – 7pm ET [> Register Here](#)
Thursday, December 10, @ 6 – 7pm ET [> Register Here](#)

December Outings Leader Training

Want to become an outing leader with the Sierra Club? Now's your chance!

Outings Leader Training
Date and Time: Saturday, December 5, 2026, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET.
Organized By: Sierra Club Florida Chapter
Location: T.Y. (Topeekeegee Yugnee) Park, 3300 N Park Rd, Hollywood, FL 33021, USA

Join us on Saturday, December 5 for an Outdoor Leadership Training Seminar, where candidates learn essentials of Sierra Club Values, conservation and safety best leadership practices, group management, trip planning, and steps to leadership. Come learn all about the best leadership practices of our outings program and learn how to help others explore, enjoy, and protect your favorite natural places!

Stay for Sunday, December 6, where we will offer a FREE CPR/First Aid Course! Only offered for current Sierra Club Outings Leaders or trainees. For questions on your current certification status, send an email to Jordan at jordan.holaday@sierraclub.org.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT. Click here to register!



2027 New Year's Preview – Save the Dates!

January 2027

- January 7 - BSG General Meeting & Featured Speaker
- January 16 – MODS 4th Annual Lauderdale Science Festival (BSG Tabling)
- January 16 – Dune Planting Event with Adopt A Dune & Heal the Planet
- January 22 - 24 – Sierra Club FL Outings for Resistance – Parks Not Prisons
- January TBD - Documentary Movie Night
- January 30 – MODS Deerfield Beach Nature Center Opening (BSG Tabling)

Broward Sierra Conservation Committee Summit! Saturday, February 6th

Speakers, breakout groups, project pitches, action planning and alerts for 2027. FREE catered lunch!

February 2027

- February 6 - Broward Sierra Group **Conservation Committee Summit! 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**
- Urban Farm and Community Gardens Tour
- February 20 - Dune Planting Event with Adopt A Dune & Heal the Planet
- Recycling or Composting Facility Tour

March 2027

- March 4 - BSG General Meeting & Featured Speaker
- Broward Natural Areas Scavenger Hunt - Win a Prize! (March 4 - 31)
- March 13 – Broward County Water Matters Day (BSG Tabling)
- March 27 – BSG & West Regional Library Neighborhood Gardening & Health Fair, with Educational Speaker and Exhibitors



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!



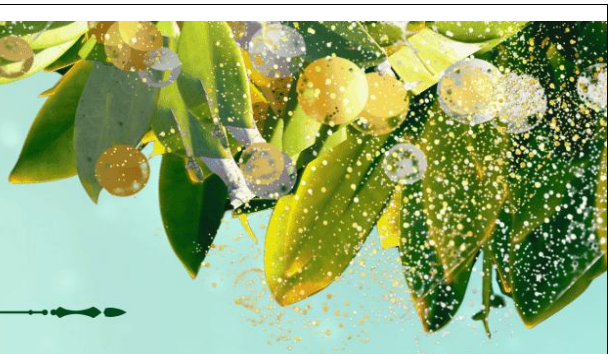


BROWARD GREEN SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN™

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. > CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE & SIGN THE PETITION TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING & HOLIDAY SEASON!



Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful Thanksgiving and a very happy and healthy holiday season. We've all worked hard this year in service of a better, safer world, so please enjoy some down time where you can. Let's celebrate our wins and learn from our challenges; let's rest and regroup for the new year ahead.

Explore. Enjoy. Protect.

Don't forget to take a hike or a paddle and spend some quality time outside in nature. Slow down and listen to the birds and watch the clouds go by in the sky. Broward Sierra is here when you are ready to get started again.

VOLUNTEER WITH BROWARD SIERRA!

You've joined BSG because you care, so now take the next step to help us with our mission.

Open Volunteer Positions - Contact outreachbrowardsierra@gmail.com

- **Executive Committee Secretary** - Assume the position of Secretary for the Broward Sierra Group monthly ExCom Meeting. Reliable attendance for every meeting required on 1st Monday of each month. Timekeeping during each meeting. Take notes and create meeting minutes document for approval after each meeting. One evening per month + 2 hours for meeting minutes document creation.

- **Programming & Events Coordinator** - Responsible for communications with prospective monthly BSG General Meeting presenters and event partners, including networking, meeting set ups, reminders, thank you letters, and generally staying in touch. Includes membership outreach to encourage speaker/event recommendations and identification of unique, relevant speakers/events and local hot topics our members should know about. Reports to the BSG Chair and Vice Chair.

- **Social Media Strategist & Content Creator** - Amplify our mission, inspire action, and drive engagement in Broward County and beyond. 4-6 hours per month to promote our upcoming events and programs.

- **Hybrid Meeting Alternate Host** - Learn to be alternate co-host in-person and online, learn to moderate Zoom meetings, take attendance, and assist with reminder and follow-up emails. Training provided. One evening per month + 2-3 hours.