**ANNUAL JOINT MEETING:**
Tampa Bay Sierra Club, Suncoast Native Plant Society & Tampa Audubon

**When:** Wednesday July 19, 2017
5:00 pm - Social Time, join us in the Bette S. Walker Discovery Garden in the Atrium of the Extension Center.
6:00 pm - Potluck Dinner
7:00 pm - Program

**Where:** Hillsborough Cooperative Extension Service 5339 County Road 579, Seffner

Program: ELAPP Overview
Speaker: Ross Dickerson, ELAPP Program Manager

Ross Dickerson, ELAPP program manager, will provide an overview of Hillsborough County’s Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program (ELAPP) including the purpose, history, funding sources, and accomplishments. He got his start with ELAPP in 2001 as an environmental technician and never looked back. In addition to ecosystems management, Ross is deeply interested in human-environment interaction, and is passionate about both environmental history and environmental education. He will also discuss ecosystem services and the benefits they have on our lives.

Thanks to the Jan K. Platt Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program (ELAPP) program, Hillsborough County has the largest local environmental land acquisition program in the state of Florida. Through ELAPP, the county has acquired and now manages more than 61,000 acres of environmentally sensitive wildlife habitat and corridors.

This is a pot-luck meeting, so please bring a dish to share. We provide beverages, plates and utensils. Each group will have information tables, in addition to a native plant raffle, and other giveaways. Always a great time and chance to network with our environmental friends!

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**August 9 Program & General Meeting:**

**When:** Wednesday, August 9, 2017
6:30 pm: Social Time
7:00 pm: General Meeting and Program.

**Location:** Seminole Heights Public Library, 4711 Central Ave. Tampa (just south of Hillsborough Ave. and west of I-275, corner of W Osborne Ave.)

All Tampa Bay Sierra Club meetings are free and open to the public. If the Library parking lot is full, park in the fenced lot next door on the south side.

For more information contact Kent Bailey at kent.bailey@florida.sierraclub.org

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**August 9 Program: Climate Reality Project**
**Speaker:** Colin Rice

Colin has been trained by the Climate Reality Project, founded and chaired by Nobel Laureate and former US Vice President Al Gore, with the object of catalyzing a global solution to the climate crisis. The threat of climate change has never been clearer. But solar, wind, and other clean energy solutions are becoming more affordable and accessible every year. Colin is one of more than 10,000 Climate Reality Leader activists who are building support for pro-climate policies at every level. Hear from Colin how we can stop climate change and together create a bright future for the generations to follow.
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Tampa Bay INSPIRING CONNECTION OUTDOORS (ICO)

As ICO ends the spring 2017 season we will be planning the fall 17/18 season with our Annual August Meeting. Thank you to all the volunteers, leaders, assistants and parents for such a successful year.

The Tampa Bay Group ICO is an outreach arm of the Sierra Club whose mission is to expose youth from inner city and underserved populations in and around Tampa Bay to the wonders of the natural environment. We run 20-25 trips a year which are fully staffed and organized by dedicated volunteers, including volunteer "certified leaders" who are certified in basic First Aid and CPR. Our destinations are usually day trips that include hiking, cycling, canoeing, kayaking, and service projects. We also conduct overnight camping trips on weekends during the year.

Please contact Rocky Milburn, 813-966-9785, tbico@live.com or Emilie Joyce, emiliejoyce17@gmail.com for more information.
The Conservation Committee Report:
The July/August Conservation Committee will meet on Monday July 10, and Monday August 14, 2017, at 6:30pm. Join us for the Conservation Committee Meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 5103 North Central Ave., Tampa, FL.
We meet in the Snyder Building directly behind the church. Follow the Tampa Bay Sierra Club signs.

At the June meeting we had Kent Bailey review the status of the Ready for 100% Renewable Tampa organizing effort. Several members of the committee are volunteering in support of this important activity and more help is needed now and for support over the long term. This is an important campaign for the Tampa Bay Sierra Club, please help. The effort to has been to have Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn sign-on to join mayors nationwide in committing to 100% Renewable Energy.

The hearing on the sludge special permit request by Chris’s Plumbing in the drainage area of the Little Manatee River is rescheduled for August. Opposition has grown in the south county to this spreading of partially treated waste.

A group of the committee members are working on an “app” to use social media on local, state and national environmental issues and to collect opinion data on these important issues to guide Tampa Bay Sierra Club’s outreach efforts.

Nancy Stevens, a committee member, will become the Conservation Committee Chair at the July meeting. Please provide the support to Nancy that you have given the Committee over the years.

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Recycling spotlight:
It’s time to get back to the basics of good recycling, “You’d be amazed by how big of an impact just following these simple rules can have!”.

The fact is that some recycling actions make a bigger impact than others. So please remember these three basic rules the next time you recycle:

1. Recycle all empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
2. Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.
3. Empty recyclables directly into your cart. NO bagged recyclables. Return plastic bags to a local grocer.

Tampa Summer Fertilizer Ban Kicks in June1-September 30!
The summer rainy season is here and the heavy rain doesn’t water fertilizer in, it washes it away – right into the Tampa Bay, lagoons, rivers, lakes and the Gulf that are the source of our fun. And Fertilizer pollution can cause algae blooms and kill fish. That’s why so many communities throughout Florida have restricted the use of lawn and landscape fertilizers from June-September. For more information on the fertilizer ban go to www.BeFloridian.com
Address Changes:
Please call (415) 977-5653 or email address.changes@sierraclub.org
Include your membership number located on the mailing label.

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Help Us Grow Tampa Bay Group Sierra Club Membership!
The Tampa Bay Sierra Club is making a concerted effort to grow. New members help us make new friends and allies in the local fights that we face to protect the beautiful place in which we live and work.

⭐ The Florida Chapter of Sierra Club currently has 36,015 members.
⭐ Membership in the Tampa Bay Group is now at 2,567, and growing.

All current Sierra Club Members are encouraged to talk to your friends and get them involved in the important work that we do. Joining Sierra Club for $15 per year is just the first step. There are many volunteer opportunities that can be tailored to the amount of time that you can lend to this effort. Together, we can do great things.

Volunteering and joining your neighbors in standing up for local protection of the environment has never been more critical at the State and National levels.

Please ask one or two friends to join the Tampa Bay Sierra Club this week. And next week, ask another friend. With more members, we can do more. Let’s make it happen!

Your Florida Chapter dollars are hard at work! Currently you’re helping to protect Florida panthers and black bears, threatened by habitat loss. You’re also protecting our state parks from plans to drill, graze cattle, and hunt. Florida is moving forward into a clean energy future, all because you joined Tampa Bay Sierra Club.