

# SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE GUIDE

PARKS AND RECREATION · GREENWAYS AND NATURAL LANDS · SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY · EXTENSION SERVICES

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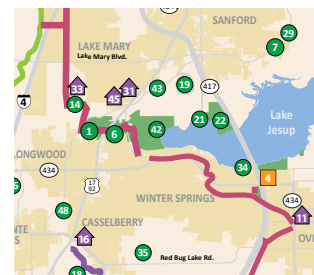
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**ENVIRONMENTAL**



**FREE**



**WELLNESS**



**OUR MISSION**  
Enriching lives through outstanding cultural, educational, environmental and recreational experiences

**OUR VISION**  
To be a nationally recognized agency for delivering excellence in leisure services

**OUR VALUES**  
Achievement - A sense of community - Conservation of our natural treasures - Good health - Ties to our heritage - A connection to nature - Economic development - Seminole County's future

## CONTACT SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### PARKS AND RECREATION

Main Office.....(407) 665-2001  
 Greenways and Natural Lands.....(407) 665-2001  
 UF/IFAS Extension - Seminole County.....(407) 665-5560  
 Museum of Seminole County History.....(407) 665-2489

### SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Central Branch Library.....(407) 665-1500  
 East Branch Library.....(407) 665-1560  
 North Branch Library.....(407) 665-1620  
 Northwest Branch Library.....(407) 665-1640  
 West Branch Library.....(407) 665-1670

### ACTIVE PARKS

Red Bug Lake Park.....(407) 665-2190  
 Sanlando Park.....(407) 665-2100  
 Seminole County Softball Complex.....(407) 665-1990  
 Boombah Soldiers Creek Park.....(407) 665-2199  
 Boombah Seminole County Sports Complex.....(407) 665-2050  
 Sylvan Lake Park.....(407) 665-2180

**Find disaster preparedness information and sign up for emergency alerts at [PrepareSeminole.org](http://PrepareSeminole.org)**

### ACCESSIBILITY

Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any program, event, or service should contact the Seminole County ADA Coordinator (at least 48 hours in advance) at 407-665-7940.



## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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# MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY

The Museum is open Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, seniors, and military, plus tax. Children under 4 years are free.

## EVENTS

### The Menéndez Expedition— Conquistadors in Florida

In September of 1566, between quelling rebellions and mediating the hostilities of native Floridians, Pedro Menéndez de Avilés and his men paddled up the St. Johns River in dugout canoes armed with crossbows to try and find its origin point. Join us for a living history encampment to commemorate the expedition, one of the earliest attempts by Europeans to explore this part of Florida. Museum admission will be free for Seminole County's Museum Week! For school day, call to reserve your tour spot at 407-665-2489 or email the coordinator at [blloyd@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:blloyd@seminolecountyfl.gov).

**Dates:** School Day: Friday, September 27, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Public Day: Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

### Wisdom on the Water with the Barbara Lee

Join us aboard the Barbara Lee – a true stern-wheel paddle boat in Sanford – on the second Wednesday of each month in collaboration with the Sanford Museum and the St. Johns Rivership Co. Each 2-hour long cruise includes an in-depth lecture on fascinating local history. Check the online calendar for dates, topics, and tickets.

**Location:** 433 N Palmetto Ave., Sanford

**Dates:** Boarding at 5:30 p.m., second Wednesday of every month starting Wednesday, September 11

**Cost:** \$15 at [stjohnsrivershipco.com](http://stjohnsrivershipco.com)

### Haunted Tours of the Museum

The Seminole County Historical Society sponsors this year's evening tour of the Museum in the dark! Borrow a ghost hunting device or bring your own and join us for a tour in our haunted

halls. We reveal strange and spooky occurrences from our files and from our own experiences in the dark rooms of the Museum, bedecked for Halloween! Maximum 15 persons per tour. All proceeds benefit the Seminole County Historical Society.

**Location:** Museum of Seminole County History

**Dates:** Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 10, 11, and 12; Tours at 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., and 9 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10/Adult, \$7/Child under 12 at [seminolecountyhistoricalsociety.com](http://seminolecountyhistoricalsociety.com)

### Knowledge on Tap at Wops Hops

The Museum partners with Wops Hops Brewing Company, the Sanford

Museum, UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County, and others to bring you a monthly glimpse into our various fields and the interesting subjects we

encounter day-to-day. This rotating lecture series features experts in history, science, archaeology, and more! Check the Museum's Facebook page for dates.

**Location:** 419 S Sanford Ave., Sanford

**Dates:** 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 11 and Tuesday, October 8

**Cost:** Free

### Saint Lucia Festival

The Annual St. Lucia Festival returns Saturday, December 14 from noon to 4 p.m. We host carolers, a procession, traditional games, and our famous array of Swedish desserts!

**Location:** Museum of Seminole County History

**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 12–4 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

## EXHIBITS

### DISASTER!

Disaster can strike at any moment, and in many ways! From the Great Fire of 1887 to the COVID-19 pandemic, explore how Central Florida and Seminole County have dealt with the extreme natural disasters, including diseases, hurricanes, and even a plague of rats. Together with the Seminole County Office of Emergency Management, discover the depths of DISASTER, how we handled it then and the probability of experiencing the occurrence again.

**Dates:** Saturday, June 1–Saturday, November 16

**Cost:** General Admission

### Saint Lucia

Enjoy our annual festive look at the winter cultural practices of Swedish immigrants to Central Florida from 1870 to 1900. Their ongoing legacy is evident in families, placenames, and business establishments we still see today! Check out traditional and modern Christmas decorations of Northern Europe throughout the month of December.

**Dates:** December 3, 2024–January 3, 2025

**Cost:** General Admission

## MUSEUM RESOURCES

### Tours and Programs

Free guided tours of the Museum are available with a reservation.

The Museum also offers curriculum-based special programs for schools, homeschool groups, and other organizations which are available upon request.

To schedule a tour or program, contact the Museum at 407-665-2489 or email [blloyd@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:blloyd@seminolecountyfl.gov). Registration requested at least two weeks in advance.

### Research

The Museum has an extensive collection of research materials accessible to the public during open hours, including local newspapers, city directories, genealogies, census records, and a reference library.

Contact the museum to set a research appointment. Admissions waived for researchers.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Tennis

#### Junior Development Program

The Junior Development Program helps beginner players learn the sport! Players will develop a foundation in all tennis strokes as well as athletic skills, coordination, and footwork. Certified tennis professionals will use United States Tennis Association (USTA) teaching methodology and concepts and create a fun-focused learning environment.

#### Age Groups:

- 3 & 4 year olds (36' court, foam balls, 19" & 21" rackets)
- 5 & 6 year olds (36' court, red compression ball)
- 7 & 8 year olds (60' court, red and orange balls)
- 9 & 10 year olds (60' court, orange and green dot balls)
- 11+ year olds (full court, regular balls and rackets)

**Locations:** Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park and Sylvan Lake Park

**Cost:** Weekday Group Classes 4 or 5 week



Youth tennis programs take place year-round at Red Bug Lake Park.

sessions \$36 or \$45

\$36 (Saturday group lessons held one hour per week for 4 weeks)

\$72 (Saturday group lessons held one hour per week for 8 weeks)

#### Junior Training Program

The Junior Training Program is for intermediate-level youth players ready to develop skills for playing on a school team or in tournaments. The daily format combines instruction with practice, structured drills, and match play, and follows USTA techniques. Participation is based on ability and may be subject to the tennis pro's approval.

ball movement and control of varying ball speeds with shot anticipation.

- **Strategy:** Singles and Doubles. Improve your match results and competitive tennis experience. Doubles to include serve and volley, poaching moving as a team, return strategy and different formations. Learn the different styles of play and find out what type of game you want to perfect!

**Locations:** Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Sylvan Lake Park

**Dates:** Go online or contact the park office for details

**Cost:** \$72 for 8 weeks, one hour per week

#### Round Robin Tennis

Round Robin Tennis is a tournament format where each player competes against every other player, ensuring maximum participation and a fair competition. Men's, women's, and mixed doubles take place. All levels are welcome!

**Locations:** Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Sylvan Lake Park

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**Cost:** \$52 Month (two hours per week for 4 weeks)

#### Adaptive Tennis

Join the Posh Rock Tennis Foundation for youth tennis lessons open to any adaptive and special needs athletes.

**Location:** Red Bug Lake Park

**Cost:** Free. Registration required. Call (407) 665-2190 for dates, times, and more information.

**Dates:** Go online or contact the park office for details

**Cost:** \$5 per entry

#### Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis is a high-energy group fitness activity combining tennis drills with cardiovascular exercises to provide a full-body workout.

**Locations:** Sanlando Park, Red Bug Lake Park

**Dates:** Go online or contact the park office for details

**Cost:** \$6 per class

#### Softball

##### Red Bug Lake Park

Winter League: Registration opens October 28. League play begins January 6.

##### Seminole County Softball Complex

Winter League: Registration opens October 28 for returning teams and November 11 for new teams. League play begins January 6.



# GREENWAYS AND NATURAL LANDS

Pre-registration is required. Register online by visiting [recreation.seminolecountyfl.gov](http://recreation.seminolecountyfl.gov) or by phone at 407-665-2211. The featured events are best suited for children 7 and older and the child(ren) must be accompanied by an adult.

## CLASSES & EVENTS

### Crazy Cool Craniums

Animal bones tell stories! Learn to read animal skulls to discover what they eat, how they're built, and how they live. This educational and fun class will introduce you to the world of animal skulls and how to identify animals from their bones. Meet and greet with live animals in the Nature Center and piece together tiny skeletons by dissecting an owl pellet!

**Date:** Saturday, August 24, 9–11 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$8 per person

### Crocodylians of the World

Join a local expert as she introduces attendees to familiar and not-so-familiar crocodylians! Learn about the fascinating evolution of this group of reptiles and the incredible adaptations that have helped them survive for millions of years. Discover how Floridians have lived alongside these ancient creatures. End the class with a live alligator encounter!

**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 9–11 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$8 per person

### Snakes of Florida

Snake your way into the truth about snakes with a local expert who will introduce and dispel some of the myths about these cold-blooded residents! Visit live snakes in the



Live baby gator in residence at the Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center.

Nature Center and end with a hike on the trails in search of wild snakes.  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$8 per person

### Nature Center Open House - Native Plant Day & Plant Sale

Join the Cuplet Fern Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society for an Open House and Plant Sale at the Nature Center. Kids and families can meet-and-greet with animal residents of the Nature Center and explore exhibits and displays. Enjoy plant-inspired crafts, guided hikes, and a native plant sale. *All ages are welcome.*

**Date:** Saturday, September 28, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.  
**Cost:** Free

### Nature Crafts: Living Grapevine Wreaths

Get in the holiday spirit and create a fun winter craft wreath using only items found in the wilderness! Attendees will begin with a morning hike through the woods collecting natural treasures. From the collected items, participants will weave a beautiful grapevine wreath that can be used as a gift or to decorate a door with.

**Date:** Saturday, December 7, 9–11 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$8 per person

Registration required for all participants. You must have at least one child 4 years old or older and must bring your own tent.

### Winter Break Eco Camp

Campers will enjoy hiking, setting live traps, fishing, handling animals in the Nature Center, arts and crafts, and more!

**Ages:** 7–12  
**Dates:** Monday, December 30 - Tuesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 2, 2025-Friday, January 3, 2025 Extended day available, \$15 per camper, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$132 (Scholarships are available. Call 407-665-2211 for details.)



Camp participants can learn essential wilderness skills.

## GUIDED HIKES

Seminole County is Florida's natural choice for a reason! Our knowledgeable guides will lead you through a variety of beautiful ecosystems and highlight the special plants and creatures who live there. If you're lucky, you might even get to meet a few of them. Make sure to bring water, insect repellent, and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes.

**Cost:** \$5 per person. Registration required.  
**Ages:** 7+ (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

### Nature BINGO Hike

Explore the park while playing nature BINGO! The more you observe, the more chances to win!

**Date:** Saturday, September 7, 9–11 a.m.  
**Location:** Econ River Wilderness Area, 3795 Old Lockwood Road, Oviedo  
**Hike rating:** Easy

### Harvest Moon Hike

Take a break on this Tuesday night to enjoy the splendor of this rare supermoon and search for hidden night creatures.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 7:30–9:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Lake Harney Wilderness Area, 2187 Osceola Fish Camp Road, Geneva  
**Hike rating:** Easy

### Morning Birding Hike

Join an expert bird watcher as you search for feathered friends during the early fall migration. Learn how to spot birds by sight and sound through diverse ecosystems around the Econ River.

**Date:** Saturday, September 21, 7:30–9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Econ River Wilderness Area, 3795 Old Lockwood Road, Oviedo  
**Hike Rating:** Easy

### Frog Hop Night Hike

Learn to identify frogs by sight and sound during this frog-tastic night hike! Explore the stimulating science behind amplexus and why these croaking creatures are essential to a balanced ecosystem.

**Date:** Saturday, September 21, 7:30–9:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Geneva Wilderness Area, 3485 County Road 426, Geneva  
**Hike rating:** Moderate

### Track and Scat Hike

Hike in search of nature's clues. Discover how to identify wildlife sign and test your detective skills during this exploratory experience. End the hike at the nature center for an Open House event.

**Date:** Saturday, September 28, 9–11 a.m.  
**Location:** Geneva Wilderness Area, 3485 County Road 426, Geneva  
**Hike rating:** Easy

### Owl Prowl

Explore the park after dark in search of owls! Learn how to identify owls by sight and hoots.

**Date:** Saturday, October 12, 7–9 p.m.  
**Location:** Spring Hammock Preserve, 2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood  
**Hike rating:** Easy

### Butterflies & Bloom

Join a local expert in search of fragrant, colorful flowers and the many pollinators that visit them.

**Date:** Saturday, October 19, 9–11 a.m.  
**Location:** Chuluota Wilderness Area, 3895 Curryville Road, Chuluota  
**Hike rating:** Moderate

### Fall Foraging Hike

Learn how to identify seasonal wild edible



Search for birds on Seminole County trails during a hike.

plants while strolling through diverse habitats in the Econ River Wilderness Area  
**Date:** Saturday, November 2, 8–10 a.m.  
**Location:** Econ River Wilderness Area, 3795 Old Lockwood Road, Oviedo  
**Hike rating:** Easy

### Nocturnal Animals Hike

Explore the park after dark! Search for night creatures as you walk through diverse ecosystems.

**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 7–9 p.m.  
**Location:** Lake Proctor Wilderness Area, 920 FL-46, Geneva  
**Hike rating:** Easy

### Morning Migration Birding Hike

Join an expert birder as you search for feathered friends. Learn how to spot birds by sight and sound as they make their fall migration.

**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 7:30–9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Lake Jesup Wilderness Area, 5951 Sanford Ave., Sanford  
**Hike rating:** Easy

## ONGOING SERVICES

### Birthday Parties

Create a birthday party experience your child will never forget! A trained staff member will welcome your party guests, present an exciting live animal program and take the group for a hike on our 180-acre property. You will have time in the center for exploration and to enjoy your refreshments.

**Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center, 3485 CR-426, Geneva**

Email Natalie at [nswanson@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:nswanson@seminolecountyfl.gov) to coordinate times and availability. \$170 includes 3-hour facility rental and Natural Lands host.

### Pavilions and Campsite Rentals

Save yourself the trouble of party prep and cleanup and reserve a pavilion at a Seminole County Park. Covered pavilions are available to rent at eight different locations. With restrooms and playgrounds close by and a pretty park setting, pavilions are perfect for your next group get-together, family party, or summer BBQ.

Or, spend a night under the stars camping at one of four Seminole County Parks. Hike in to a tucked-away campsite on the Black Bear Wilderness Area trail loop, or bring the comforts of home to a drive-in site at Lake Mills Park. Plan a fall group camping trip with your scout troop or organization at Geneva Wilderness Area, which also includes a large pavilion. See details on page 16.



# SEMINOLE COUNTY LIBRARY

All programs and events listed here are **FREE!** View the full calendar at [seminolelibrary.org](http://seminolelibrary.org).  
Registration is only required when noted below the listing.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Grandparents Day Storytime & Craft (Ages 2–5 and Families)

Celebrate the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren with stories featuring grandmas and grandpas. Then work on a special craft together as a family!

**Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)**  
Friday, September 6, 9:30–10:15 a.m. or 11–11:45 a.m.

### Wild Robot Building Challenge (Ages 5–11 and Families)

Celebrate the new Wild Robot movie by creating your own Razzum Unit look-a-like with craft supplies.

**East Branch (Oviedo)**  
Wednesday, September 25, 5:30–7 p.m.

### Build a Rube Goldberg Machine for Tweens (Ages 8–12)

Discover Rube Goldberg (or chain reaction) machines and the major components for building one, then work in teams to accomplish a simple task...with a complex machine!

**Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)**  
Thursday, September 26, 6–7:30 p.m.

**North Branch (Sanford)**  
Saturday, September 28, 3–4:30 p.m.

**West Branch (Longwood)**  
Saturday, October 5, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Central Branch (Casselberry)**  
Thursday, October 10, 6–7:30 p.m.

**East Branch (Oviedo)**  
Saturday, October 12, 10–11:30 a.m. or 2–3:30 p.m.

**Pre-registration is required.**

### Hero Street Invasion: Library Takeover! (For Families)

Heroes are taking over the library and the street outside! Kids and families can enjoy hero-themed stories, activities, and crafts, then meet and take a photo with their



favorite costumed superhero. Afterwards, head outside to meet real-life heroes: the firefighters and law enforcement officers of Seminole County and Sanford. A special thanks to Ladies 327 for supporting this event.  
**North Branch (Sanford)**  
Saturday, October 5, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

### World Space Week Celebration (Ages 5–11 and Families)

Blast off to space at the library! This drop-in program features space-themed science experiments, crafts, and activities.

**West Branch (Longwood)**  
Tuesday, October 8, 4–5:30 p.m.

### The Great Pumpkin Paint-Off for Teens (Ages 13+)

Teens will paint a pumpkin to look like a children's book character. Pumpkins will be displayed throughout the library as part of a scavenger hunt for kids! The teen who paints the most popular pumpkin at each branch receives a treat (\$10 cash). Pre-registration is required to ensure enough pumpkins for everyone.

**North Branch (Sanford)**  
Monday, October 7, 6–7:30 p.m.

**Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)**  
Wednesday, October 9, 3:30–5 p.m.

**West Branch (Longwood)**  
Tuesday, October 15, 6–7:30 p.m.

**East Branch (Oviedo)**  
Tuesday, October 15, 6–7:30 p.m.

**Pre-registration is required.**

### Spooky Glow-In-The-Dark Jars (Ages 8–12)

Use paint, markers, and a little creativity to turn ordinary glass jars into cool glow-in-the-dark decorations!

**North Branch (Sanford)**  
Monday, October 14, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

### Fall Festival at Red Bug Lake Park (Ages 3–8 and Families)

Children's librarians will lead special fall crafts and activities for kids throughout the park! Everyone is welcome to wear costumes.

**Red Bug Lake Park** (3600 Red Bug Lake Road, Casselberry)  
Thursday, October 24, 4–6 p.m.

### Teen Photography 101 (Ages 13+)

Learn the basics of photography, including camera types, composition, and other techniques to help you create the exact shots you want!

**North Branch (Sanford)**  
Monday, November 18, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

### Stories & Puppets in the Park (Ages 2–5 with Caregivers)

Bringing all the fun of library storytimes out to our Seminole County Parks! Children's librarians will share stories, movement activities, and puppet shows.

**Sanlando Park** (401 W Highland Street,

Altamonte Springs, Pavilion 3 by Playground)  
Monday, October 21, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Greenwood Lakes Park** (660 Green Way Blvd, Lake Mary, Large Pavilion) Tuesday, October 29, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Red Bug Lake Park** (3600 Red Bug Lake Road, Casselberry, Pavilion by Playground) Thursday, October 31, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Fort Mellon Park** (600 E 1st Street, Sanford, Large Pavilion) Monday, November 4, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Backyard Birding

Curious about birds that visit your backyard? Come learn how to identify area birds and attract them to your yard. Presented by Cecilia Carey of the Seminole Audubon Society.

**Central Branch (Longwood)**  
Saturday, September 7, 1–2:30 p.m.

### Weiss Financial Ratings Overview

Increase your financial literacy and learn about tools that can help you protect your finances, invest wisely, and grow your wealth.

**Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)**  
Monday, September 9, 6–7 p.m.

### American Sign Language Basics (For Adults and Teens Ages 12+)

Curious about how to speak with your hands? Learn the basics of American Sign Language through the Transparent Language database.

**West Branch (Longwood)**  
Mondays, Starting September 9, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

### Coyotes in Florida

Understand coyotes and learn how to safely co-exist with them. Presented by Lauren Barth of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

**North Branch (Sanford)**  
Tuesday, September 10, 6–7 p.m.

### Business Startup 101 and Business Plans 101

Learn how to start your own business in Seminole County and then craft a plan for

success. Presented in partnership with the Small Business Development Center at Seminole State College.

**Central Branch (Casselberry)**  
Start-Up: Wednesday, September 18, 10–11:30 a.m.  
Plans: Wednesday, September 25, 10–11:30 a.m.

**Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)**  
Start-Up: Friday, November 8, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Plans: Friday, November 15, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**East Branch (Oviedo)**  
Start-Up: Thursday, December 5, 2–3:30 p.m.  
Plans: Thursday, December 12, 2–3:30 p.m.

### Let's Get Spirited Away

Join us for Hayao Miyazaki-themed trivia, craft, and photobooth pics.

**East Branch (Oviedo)**  
Monday, September 23, 6–7 p.m.

### Be An Informed Voter

Educate yourself on the pros & cons of the Constitutional Amendments that will be on the November Ballot. Presented by the League of Women Voters of Seminole County.

**Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)**  
Sunday, September 29, 2–4 p.m.

**Central Branch (Casselberry)**  
Thursday, October 3, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

**North Branch (Sanford)**  
Tuesday, October 8, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

**West Branch (Longwood)**  
Friday, October 11, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

**East Branch (Oviedo)**  
Monday, October 14, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

### Reference Solutions Search Essentials

Get an overview of this powerful database and learn how to do market research and generate mailing lists. Great for researchers,

### Sewing Basics for Teens: Easy Plushy Workshop (Ages 13+)

Work with fleece, felt, and buttons as you learn to sew with two basic stitches. Create your very own cute but simple plushy! All supplies will be provided.

**West Branch (Longwood)**  
Tuesday, December 10, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

small business owners, marketers, job seekers and more.

**Central Branch (Casselberry)**  
Wednesday, October 2, 1–2:30 p.m.

### Zombie Anthropology

Listen to an educational and entertaining talk on the phenomenon of the undead and the living's fascination with the subject. Presented by Sandra Wheeler, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Central Florida.

**North Branch (Sanford)**  
Sunday, October 6, 3–4 p.m.

### Creepy Critters

Enjoy an eerie encounter with captivating and creepy creatures that call Central Florida home. Natalie Swanson from Seminole County Greenways and Natural Lands will reveal the spooky side of many fascinating animals, including glowing alligator eyes, slithery snakes, and mysterious skulls.

**West Branch (Longwood)**  
Saturday, October 12, 10–11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

### Garden Swap

Have too many plants? Relandscaping your garden? Trade in your extra plants and give them a second chance. Presented by North Orlando Garden and Swap.

**Central Branch (Casselberry)**  
Sunday, October 13, 2–4 p.m.  
Saturday, December 14, 2–4 p.m.

### Mountain Dulcimer Concert

Get into the holiday spirit and enjoy an afternoon of live music with the Picky Chics and Chaps.

**West Branch (Longwood)**  
Saturday, November 16, 1–2:30 p.m.

**North Branch (Sanford)**  
Saturday, November 30, 2–3:30 p.m.



# UF/IFAS EXTENSION SERVICES

Registration is required for all workshops and events. Register at [seminole-extension.eventbrite.com](https://seminole-extension.eventbrite.com).  
Location: 250 W County Home Rd, Sanford. Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Phone: 407-665-5560.  
Email: [extension@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:extension@seminolecountyfl.gov)

UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County is a cooperative partnership between Seminole County Government and the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

If you have questions about your home, landscape, or farm, or want to discover more about pesticide licensing, food safety, nutrition, 4-H, or youth development, UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County has solutions for you. Expert Extension Agents provide research-based answers through a variety of programs and services.

Check out an online webinar or workshop, register for a special event, or set up an appointment for ongoing services.



Learn how to make nutritious meals using fresh ingredients at a healthy cooking class with Extension Services.

## Seminole County 4-H

The UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County 4-H Youth Development Program encourages youth ages 5 to 18 to explore their “sparks” and interests through fun, hands-on learning experiences guided by 4-H volunteers in over 50 different interest areas including public speaking, food and nutrition, agricultural science, gardening, leadership, and more. To learn more about 4-H, email [seminole4h@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:seminole4h@seminolecountyfl.gov).

## Online Workshops

Register for an online workshop and discover new skills and topics from anywhere using a web-enabled device. Many are free! Topics include:

- Monthly series featuring invasive species, growing fruit, and other gardening tips
- Delicious recipes, stress management tips, and healthy lifestyle practices
- Pesticide continuing education and exam reviews for professionals
- Food preservation and safe food handling workshops
- Sustainable landscaping seminars with free giveaways

Browse offerings at [seminole-extension.eventbrite.com](https://seminole-extension.eventbrite.com).

## In-Person Classes

Get hands-on practice and guidance from knowledgeable Extension Agents during an

in-person class or special event at the UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County office or off-site. Classes include:

- Healthy cooking classes and demonstrations
- Hands-on learning opportunities, field trips, and take-home activities
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping sessions

Register for an in-person event at [seminole-extension.eventbrite.com](https://seminole-extension.eventbrite.com).

## Master Gardener Help Desk

A UF/IFAS trained Master Gardener Volunteer is on duty most weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. to answer your questions and solve your gardening or landscape problems.

You can call, email or come into our office and we will give you free one-on-one help and consultation. For more details call (407) 665-5550 or email [mastergardener@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:mastergardener@seminolecountyfl.gov)

## Pesticide and Fertilizer Continuing Education

Pesticide license exams are offered by appointment only. Visit [pesticideexam.ifas.ufl.edu](https://pesticideexam.ifas.ufl.edu) to obtain a voucher and schedule your exam. Contact Morgan Pinkerton at [morgan0402@ufl.edu](mailto:morgan0402@ufl.edu) with questions.

For pesticide CEUs, visit [seminole-extension.eventbrite.com](https://seminole-extension.eventbrite.com) or [facebook.com/](https://facebook.com/)

[UFIFASSeminoleCo](https://UFIFASSeminoleCo) for upcoming events.

## Soil pH Test Drop off Service

Bring in a soil sample from your yard (one cup full) to Extension Services office, anytime Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Take samples from 5 to 10 areas of the yard, mix them up and scoop one cup for your sample. A Master Gardener will let you know your results within a week. For more details call (407) 665-5550 or email [mastergardener@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:mastergardener@seminolecountyfl.gov)

Cost of test: \$2 per sample

## Blood Pressure Test Kits

UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County and the American Heart Association are providing free take-home blood pressure test kits. Stop by and borrow a kit to test your blood pressure and stay healthy.

High blood pressure (hypertension) occurs when the pressure in your blood vessels is too high, at a level of 140/90 mmHg or higher. It is common but can be serious if not treated.

## 4-H Volunteer Opportunities

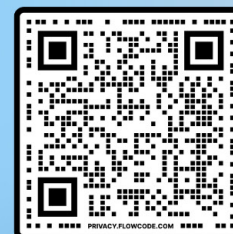
Parents and adult volunteers are invited to share their skills, expertise, and passion with 4-H youth. Volunteers may lead educational workshops, teach about 4-H “projects”, participate in community events, assist with fundraisers, and guide community service activities.

To learn more about becoming a volunteer, email [seminole4h@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:seminole4h@seminolecountyfl.gov).

# SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL

## NEWSLETTER

Don't miss out on local news, events and more from Seminole County!



[SEMINOLECOUNTYFL.GOV/NEWSLETTER](https://SEMINOLECOUNTYFL.GOV/NEWSLETTER)



# Watch Seminole County Government Television (SGTV)?

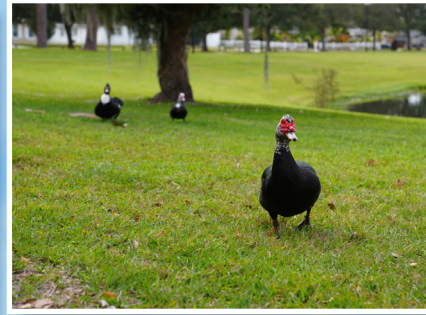
## Your feedback matters!



TAKE THE SGTV VIEWER SURVEY TO HELP IMPROVE PROGRAMMING:

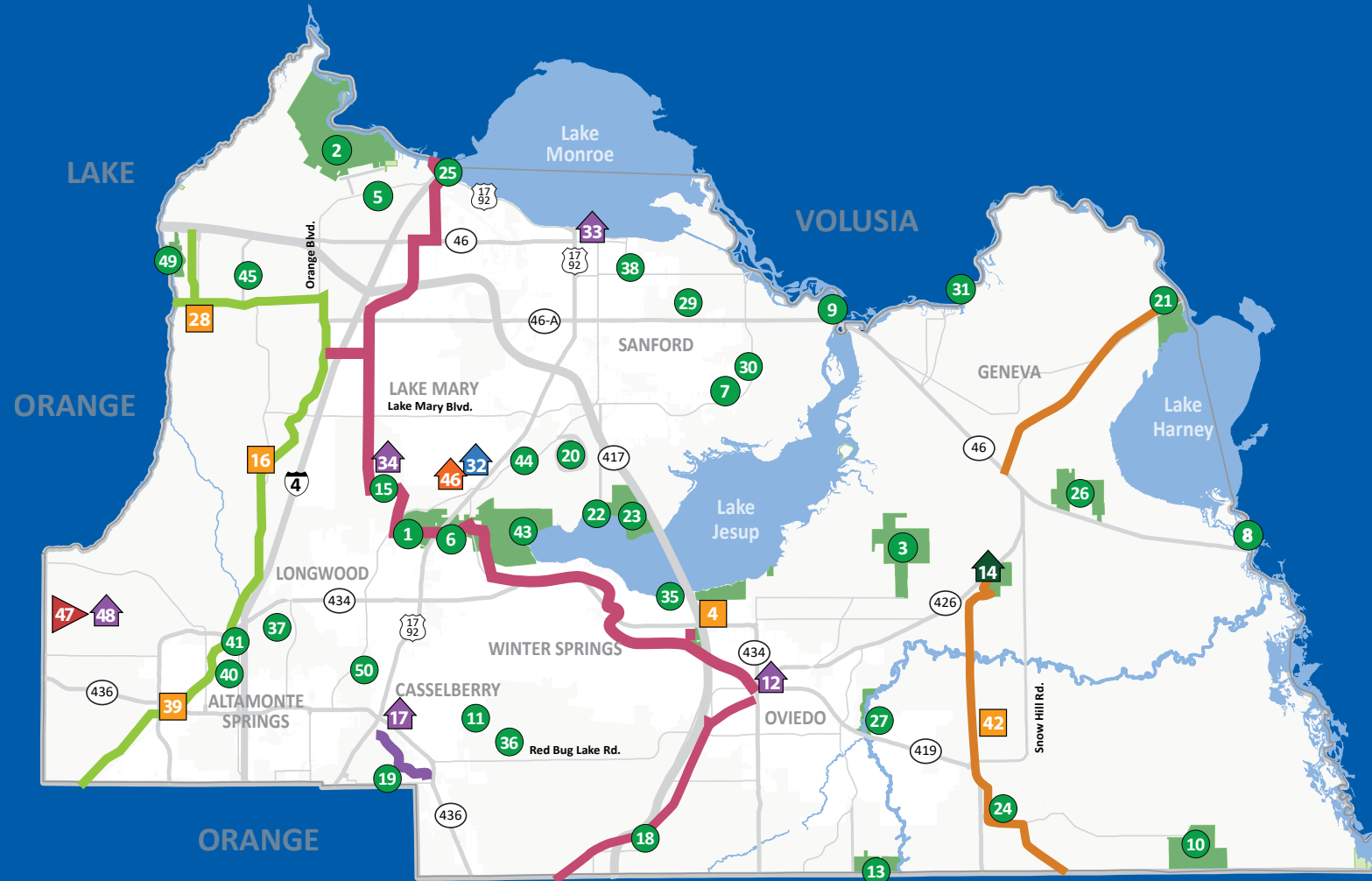
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# COUNTY MAP



## LEGEND

### Facilities

- Libraries
- Museum
- UF/IFAS Extension Services
- Parks
- Trailhead
- Golf

### Trails

- Cross Seminole Trail
- Flagler Trail
- Kewannee Trail
- Seminole Wekiva Trail

### Icons

- |                |           |             |                |            |                   |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|
| Accessible     | Biking    | Canoe/Kayak | Golf           | Pavilion   | Softball/Baseball |
| Athletic Field | Boat Ramp | Equestrian  | Hiking/Walking | Playground | Tennis            |
| Basketball     | Camping   | Fishing     | Meeting Space  | Restrooms  | Volleyball        |

- 1 Big Tree Park and Trailhead**  
Open 8 a.m. - Sunset  
761 General Hutchison Parkway, Longwood
- 2 Black Bear Wilderness Area**  
Open daylight hours  
5298 Michigan Avenue, Sanford
- 3 Black Hammock Wilderness Area**  
Open daylight hours  
3276 Howard Avenue, Geneva
- 4 Black Hammock Trailhead**  
Open daylight hours  
1571 E. State Road 434, Winter Springs
- 5 Bookertown Park**  
Open 8 a.m. - Sunset  
4640 Richard Allen Street, Sanford
- 6 BOOMBAAH Soldiers Creek Park**  
Open Mon - Fri, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
2400 State Road 419, Longwood
- 7 BOOMBAAH Sports Complex**  
Open Mon - Sat 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
3450 E. Lake Mary Boulevard, Sanford
- 8 C. S. Lee Park**  
Open 24 hours  
4600 East State Road 46, Geneva
- 9 Cameron Wight Park**  
Open 24 hours  
5502 Old Geneva Road, Sanford
- 10 Chuluota Wilderness Area**  
Open daylight hours  
3895 Curryville Road, Chuluota
- 11 Deer Run Park (under construction)**  
300 Daneswood Way, Casselberry
- 12 East Branch Library**  
Open Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
310 Division Street, Oviedo
- 13 Econ River Wilderness Area**  
Open daylight hours  
3795 Old Lockwood Road, Oviedo
- 14 Geneva Wilderness Area and Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center**  
Open daylight hours  
3501 County Road 426, Geneva
- 15 Greenwood Lakes Park**  
Open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
660 Greenway Boulevard, Lake Mary
- 16 Jones Trailhead**  
Open daylight hours  
2993 Markham Woods Road, Longwood
- 17 Jean Rhein Central Branch Library**  
Open Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
215 N. Oxford Road, Casselberry
- 18 Jamestown Park**  
Open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
2135 South Street, Oviedo
- 19 Kewannee Park**  
Open 8 a.m. - Sunset  
1505 Kewannee Trail, Casselberry
- 20 Lake Dot Park**  
Open daylight hours  
100 Lake Dot Drive, Sanford
- 21 Lake Harney Wilderness Area and St. Johns River Trailhead**  
Open daylight hours  
2395 Osceola Fish Camp Road, Geneva
- 22 Lake Jesup Park**  
Open 24 hours  
5951 South Sanford Avenue, Sanford
- 23 Lake Jesup Wilderness Area**  
Open daylight hours  
5951 South Sanford Avenue, Sanford
- 24 Lake Mills Park**  
Open 8 a.m. - Sunset  
1301 Tropical Avenue, Chuluota
- 25 Lake Monroe Wayside Park**  
Open 24 hours  
4150 Northwest U. S. Hwy 17/92, Sanford
- 26 Lake Proctor Wilderness Area**  
Open daylight hours  
920 State Road 46, Geneva
- 27 Little Big Econ Canoe Launch**  
Open daylight hours  
3799 Willingham Road, Oviedo
- 28 Markham Trailhead and Mountain Bike Skills Course**  
Open daylight hours  
8515 Longwood Markham Road, Sanford
- 29 Midway Park**  
Open daylight hours  
2045 Hurston Avenue, Sanford
- 30 Moores Station Road Fields**  
*Use by reservation only.*  
Open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
841 Cameron Avenue, Sanford
- 31 Mullet Lake Park**  
8 a.m. - Sunset  
2368 Mullet Lake Park Road, Geneva
- 32 Museum of Seminole County History**  
Open Tues - Sat, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
300 Eslinger Way, Sanford
- 33 North Branch Library**  
Open Mon - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
150 N Palmetto Avenue, Sanford
- 34 Northwest Branch Library**  
Open Mon - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
580 Greenway Boulevard, Lake Mary
- 35 Overlook Park**  
Open daylight hours  
1998 Spring Avenue, Oviedo
- 36 Red Bug Lake Park**  
Open Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat & Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
3600 Red Bug Lake Road, Casselberry
- 37 Rolling Hills Community Park**  
*(under construction)*  
1749 Art Hagen Place, Longwood
- 38 Roseland Park**  
Open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
1898 Roseberry Lane, Sanford
- 39 San Sebastian Trailhead**  
Open daylight hours  
371 San Sebastian Prado, Altamonte Springs
- 40 Sanlando Park**  
Open Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat & Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
401 W Highland Street, Altamonte Springs
- 41 Seminole County Softball Complex**  
Open Mon - Fri, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
2200 North Street, Altamonte Springs
- 42 Snow Hill Trailhead**  
Open daylight hours  
3290 Snow Hill Road, Chuluota
- 43 Spring Hammock Preserve**  
Open 8 a.m. - Sunset  
State Road 419, Longwood
- 44 Sunland Park**  
Open 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
180 Collins Drive, Sanford
- 45 Sylvan Lake Park & Sports Training Center**  
Open Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat & Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
845 Lake Markham Road, Sanford
- 46 UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County Services & Teaching Gardens**  
Open Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
250 West County Road, Sanford
- 47 Wekiva Golf Club**  
Open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
4100 Wekiva Club Ct, Longwood
- 48 West Branch Library**  
Open Mon - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
245 N. Hunt Club Boulevard, Longwood
- 49 Wilson's Landing Park**  
Open daylight hours  
379 Malekian Trail, Sanford
- 50 Winwood Park**  
Open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
931 Morse Street, Altamonte Springs





# FACILITY RENTALS

## COURTS & FIELDS

### Athletic Fields

Moore Station Road Field, Red Bug Lake Park, Sylvan Lake Park, Soldiers Creek, Seminole County Softball Complex, Seminole County Sports Complex

(Turf fields may be closed for repairs or sodding)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: \$30.00/hr

5 – 10 p.m.: \$40.00/hr

### Basketball Courts

Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park

Walk-on play is free of charge; priority is given to users with a reservation. Fees for basketball court usage are only charged for reservations made in advance. Fees are due in advance of rental.

Court Fee: \$6.00/hr per court

### Racquetball Courts

Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Sylvan Lake Park

Court Fee: \$6.00/hr per court

### Roller Hockey Courts

Greenwood Lakes Park

Open-skate is free of charge; priority use is given to reserved users. Fees for rink usage are charged in advance for reservations. Reservations and payment can also be made at Sylvan Lake Park.

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: \$16.00/hr

5 – 10 p.m.: \$32.00/hr

### Pickleball Courts

Red Bug Lake Park

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: \$4.00/hr per court

5 – 10 p.m.: \$6.00/hr per court

### Bocce Ball Court

Red Bug Lake Park

Free of charge; Balls available in-office. First come, first serve. Open dawn to dusk.



Seminole County Softball Complex

### Sand Volleyball Courts

Red Bug Lake Park

Walk-on play is available free of charge; priority is given to reserved users. Fees for court usage are only charged for reservations made in advance. Fees are due in advance of rental.

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: \$30.00/hr

5 – 10 p.m.: \$40.00/hr

### Pentaque Courts

Sylvan Lake Park

Courts may be reserved with the rental of an adjacent pavilion. Courts can be used for tournaments or general play. For more information on usage, please contact Sylvan Lake Park at (407) 665-2180.

### Tennis Courts

Greenwood Lakes Park, Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Sylvan Lake Park

Courts can be reserved an advance at all parks; reservations for Greenwood Lakes Park must be made and paid for at Sylvan Lake Park.

Court Fee 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: \$4.00/hr

Court Fee 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.: \$6.00/hr

Ball Machine Courts\*: \$11.00/hr

\* Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, and Sylvan Lake Park only

## CAMPING

### Group Camping

\$30.00/night

### Mullet Lake Park

### Lake Mills Park

### Geneva Wilderness Area

Group camping site available for up to 40 people; includes a large pavilion, restrooms and barbecue grill.

For more information, please call the Geneva Wilderness Area at (407) 665-2211.

## OTHER FACILITIES

### Pavilions

Bookertown Park, Geneva Wilderness Area, Greenwood Lakes Park, Kewannee Park, Lake Mills Park, Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Wilson's Landing Park, Winwood Park

Large Pavilions: \$60.00/half day, \$100.00/full day

Small Pavilions: \$40.00/half day, \$60.00/full day

Large Pavilion at Geneva Wilderness Area includes:

Barbeque Grill, Smoker and restrooms

For more information, please call the Geneva Wilderness Area at (407) 665-2211



### Meeting Rooms

Seminole County Softball Complex, Soldier's Creek Park, Seminole County Sports Complex

\$16.00 - \$32.00/hr, based on facility.

Contact your desired location for more information.

### Primitive Camping

\$15.00/night

### Geneva Wilderness Area

Campsites are hike-in only with NO vehicle access

### Lake Mills Park and Mullet Lake Park

Campsites are drive-in with one vehicle per campsite and overflow parking available.

### Black Bear Wilderness Area

Hike-in only primitive campsite for up to 4 people; campsite is approximately 3 miles from parking.

No bathrooms or running water.

### Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center

Geneva Wilderness Area

The Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature center offers a unique venue to host meetings, birthday parties, programs or retreats for up to 40 guests. Surrounded by 180 acres of Florida's natural beauty, this facility is air-conditioned and includes a small kitchen, 85-inch TV with laptop connection, restrooms and live animal displays that highlight the diverse ecology of Central Florida. Nature-based programs and activities can also be provided for your event.

Reservations begin at \$32.00/hr.

For more information, please call the Geneva Wilderness Area at (407) 665-2211 or email nswanson@seminolecountyfl.gov.



Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center

**Check Availability or Reserve Online at  
RECREATION.SEMINOLECOUNTYFL.GOV**

Listed fees do not include applicable sales tax



## PARTICIPANT & SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Demonstrate good sportsmanship. Always be respectful toward players, coaches and officials.
2. Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; Enjoy the game together.
3. Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play.
4. Be supportive after the game - win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.
5. Follow facility guidelines, help keep the facility safe and clean, be respectful of the facility at all times.

## VIDEO & PHOTO POLICY

Occasionally, video and photos may be taken of participants in programs, classes or activities at our facilities. Please be aware that these photos may be used in future program promotional materials.



## SCHOLARSHIP SEMINOLE

The Seminole County Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing quality recreational opportunities to all residents of the county regardless of their economic status. Scholarships apply to youth programs managed by Seminole County Parks and Recreation only. Scholarships do not apply to programs that are contracted with outside providers.

## ADOPT – A – PARK

Groups and organizations interested in demonstrating community pride and making a positive impact in their community are encouraged to participate in Seminole County Parks and Recreation's Adopt-A-Park program. Groups involved with this program assist with the monitoring, clean-up, and enhancement of Seminole County properties, including parks, trails, trailheads, and wilderness areas.



## MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Seminole County Parks and Recreation's Memorial Program allows those seeking to honor a loved one, to memorialize those special people and events through the installment of a memorial bench or placing a memorial stone at one of our existing trees.



## VOLUNTEER WITH PARKS AND RECREATION

Volunteering can be the most rewarding and enjoyable experience for people of all ages and walks of life! We invite individuals and community groups to transform their passions into action. Volunteer opportunities include: assistance at parks, trail clearing, invasive species management, tour docents, internships, and much more.

For more information, please call (407) 665-2170 or visit [seminolecountyfl.gov/parks](http://seminolecountyfl.gov/parks)

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Seminole County Parks and Recreation is grateful for the business and nonprofit partners who help enhance the programs and services provided to local residents and visitors.



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# CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

## SEPTEMBER

Kids Program (age 17 and under):

- 25 **Wild Robot Building Challenge**  
East Branch (Oviedo), 5:30-7 p.m. | p. 8
- 26 **Build a Rube Goldberg Machine for Tweens**  
Northwest Branch (Lake Mary), 6-7 p.m. | p. 8
- 28 **Nature Center Open House - Native Plant Day and Plant Sale**  
Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | p. 6
- 28 **The Menéndez Expedition—Conquistadors in Florida**  
Museum of Seminole County History, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | p. 4

## OCTOBER

- 3 **Be an Informed Voter**  
Central Branch, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | p. 8
- 5 **Hero Street Invasion: Library Takeover!**  
North Branch (Sanford), 11 a.m.-3 p.m. | p. 8
- 10 **Haunted Tours of the Museum**  
Museum of Seminole History, 6 p.m. | p. 4
- 24 **Fall Festival at Red Bug Lake Park**  
Red Bug Lake Park, 4-6 p.m. | p. 8

## NOVEMBER

- 8 **Business Startup 101**  
Northwest Branch (Lake Mary), 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | p. 8
- 15 **Business Plans 101**  
Northwest Branch (Lake Mary), 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | p. 8
- 18 **Teen Photography 101**  
North Branch (Sanford), 5:30-7:30 p.m. | p. 8
- 23-24 **Family Fun Camp Out**  
Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center, 2 p.m. | p. 6

## DECEMBER

- 4 **Garden Swap**  
Central Branch (Casselberry), 2-4 p.m. | p. 8
- 7 **Nature Crafts: Living Grapevine Wreaths**  
Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center, 9-11 a.m. | p. 6
- 10 **Sewing Basics for Teens: Easy Plushy Workshop**  
West Branch (Longwood), 5:30-7:30 p.m. | p. 8
- 14 **Saint Lucia Festival**  
Museum of Seminole County History, 12-4 p.m. | p. 4



# SEMINOLE COUNTY

FLORIDA'S NATURAL CHOICE

**Tennis players at Red Bug Lake Park enjoyed a visit from the reptiles of the Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center.**

