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Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen, Inc.
Preserving our equine cultural heritage on public lands for today and tomorrow.

FFBCH NEWS

October 2019

The October meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, October 24 at

The Old World

8370 S Florida Ave, Floral City, 34436

352-344-4443

Dinner 5:30-6:30 business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

We will not have a speaker for this meeting so it will be mostly social with a short meeting after dinner.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The **November picnic** at Tillis Hill is scheduled for Saturday, November 23. Registration and social hour begin at 11:00 am with lunch as close to noon as possible.

The **Christmas party** at Stumpknockers is scheduled for Thursday, December 19. Social Hour from 5:00 to 6:00. To be seated for dinner as close to 6:00 as possible.

Note: Hunting Dates are in this newsletter and will continue through spring.



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FFBCH Website: www.ffbch.org



Public Service Announcement

In case you are not aware, Hepatitis A is continuing to spread - not only in Citrus County but throughout the state. Florida Surgeon General has even declared a public health emergency!

One of the greatest risks for our group is infection through food service workers and the health department suggests that if you like to dine out frequently, you should consider getting vaccinated.

We all know that this group LOVES eating out!

Shots are available at most pharmacies. You receive virtually immediate protection from the vaccine but a second shot 6-12 months later ensures continued protection.

Hepatitis A can be a serious threat to the health of all seniors and especially those with underlying health issues.

**And don't forget
Your FLU shot!**





BCHFL

Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 26, 2019
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Hosted by

Spotted Dance Ranch

29384 Wildlife Lane, Brooksville, FL 34602
4 miles from I-75 at Exit 301 & SR50

Come for the weekend!

Spotted Dance Ranch is adjacent to the Croom Forest and offers camping, hookups, paddocks and stalls for your horses, and a rental cottage. Normal rates apply and are located on www.spotteddanceranch.com

Contact Kym (813-482-4028 or kymrouse@att.net) to make your stall and camping reservations. Space is limited, so make your reservations soon!

Activities are planned by Spotted Dance Ranch to make the weekend entertaining and educational with plenty of time for exchange of information & riding.

Friday 5:00 PM - J & S Trailer Service will talk about trailer safety and maintenance with demo. Welcome meeting and potluck afterwards.

Saturday 9:00 to 12:00 - Scavenger Hunt for rocks in the forest. Prizes for whomever finds the most rocks and prizes for whomever finds the "Special Rocks". \$20 to participate Includes lunch. Proceeds will go toward maintaining and improving equestrian trails.

Saturday 12:00 - Awards and lunch

Saturday 1:30 - Stephanie McLean, Purina Animal Nutrition, will give presentation On Equine Gastric Health and Nutrition

Saturday 3:00 - BCHFL Annual Meeting. All BCHFL Officers and local chapter directors/alternates should plan to attend. BCHFL business meeting open to the public.

Invite your friends and local chapter members

The more the merrier!

Happy Trails

Rock Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, October 26, 2019

9:00 AM to Noon

Hosted by

Spotted Dance Ranch

29384 Wildlife Lane, Brooksville, FL 34602

4 miles from I-75 at Exit 301 & SR50

Adjacent to Croom Equestrian Trails

Prizes

"Special Rocks", Most Rocks, Etc...

Lunch

(Included if you Pre-Register by Oct 20)

\$20* Adults

(cash only)

\$5.00* up to 12 years old

(must have adult sponsor)

Bring water & Chair

Pouch or saddle bag to carry rocks

(You will NOT need to dismount to reach rocks)


Pre-register at www.bchfl.org

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and improving equestrian trails

All
Equestrians
Welcome

Plenty of
Parking

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Finally - this is what we have been waiting for - a Chainsaw class that doesn't last a week! Please, if you are interested let me know as there will probably be two classes. Once the details are worked out, you will have the opportunity to sign up if the date and time is convenient to you.

It is time for others to step up and help.

Sally McDavid, President

From Mark Lewis, Recreation

"If anyone would like to take the new version of the Chainsaw Training which is a PowerPoint presentation, a video, and written exam which can all be completed in one day please let me know. We will also try and schedule some hands on training if the opportunity presents itself. We are tentatively planning to hold this training at Rock Lake Lodge and I am building a list of names currently. We will let you know when the class gets scheduled.

Thank you. **Mark Lewis**

Recreation/Volunteer Coordinator

Florida Forest Service

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services"

Citrus Hunting Dates 2019 - 2010

Archery Season:

November **2-10**, **11-17** and **18-24**.

Muzzleloading Gun Season:

November **29** through December **1**
and December **13-15**.

General Gun Season:

December **6-8** and **27-29**.

Small Game Season:

December **30** through February **23**.

Spring Turkey Season:

Youth Turkey: March **14-15**.

Spring Turkey: March **24-27**, April **7-10** and



For other management areas go to:

<https://myfwc.com/hunting/wma-brochures/>

Look for the region then the management area you are interested in.

We would like to create a list of volunteers who would be interested/available in filling in at the Visitor Center front desk when we have a need arise for coverage. The Withlacoochee Visitor Center hours are Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays.

Please simply respond by email to me by October 6th, 2019, if you have an interest to provide assistance as needed.

We thank everyone for what they do and you are always appreciated.

Mark Lewis

Recreation/Volunteer Coordinator

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JUNE 2019 FFBCH
General Meeting
6/25/2019
Lyn Garden II

Call to order @6:13 PM by Sally McDavid 20 in attendance

Motion to approve May 2019 minutes by Lillian Baner 2nd by Calvin McDavid and group approved.

Treasure's report by Sally McDavid for Gary Reynolds Motion to approve by Calvin McDavid 2nd by Lillian Baner and group approved.

Carol Christof reported that Bonnie Scott is recovering from surgery and is in Citrus Memorial.

Fred Fulcher had a question about paying for use of the pavilion for our picnic. We have never paid before and don't know that we will have to this time.

Carol Christof reported that after all her calls about people illegally entering the forest by her house that it has finally diminished greatly. So keep calling when you see things. It works.

Fred reported that there has been some thefts in the Heatherwood neighborhood.

50/50 drawing \$19 won by Lillian Baner

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is in October

November meeting is the picnic.





Want to help? Can't find the time to work on the trails? Can't always make the meetings? That doesn't matter! You can show your support by joining Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen (FFBCH). Individual memberships = \$25 and Family memberships = \$30. Or, make a donation!

Every member of a local chapter is automatically a member of the Back Country Horsemen of Florida AND Back Country Horsemen of America. Not in the Citrus County area? Then join Back Country Horsemen of Florida as an at-large member until a local chapter is developed in your area.

There are many issues facing equestrians today. Help us to preserve the trails we have. Add your voice to those of more than 15,000 of your fellow American horsemen and women. **You only have to look at the Croom and the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee Forest as an example of what can be accomplished when we work together and with our land managers!**



Current Officers and Directors

President—Sally McDavid

Vice President—Fred Fulcher

Secretary—Becky Fulcher

Treasurer—Gary Reynolds

Janet Day - Director

Tom Allen—Director

Barb Porch—Director

Cal McDavid—Director

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