International Gator Day 2008 - Club Events

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Alamo City Gator Club® 5 /23/2008 Ray McHale Center for the Intrepid - Wounded

Warriors Mini-Triathlon

The Alamo City Gator Club® will assist the Center for the Intrepid - Wounded Warriors program with a mini-marathon for the Wounded Warriors as part of our giving back efforts on International Gator Day. The date has been confirmed. Times will be announced at a later date. Scheduled events currently include: a 500 meter swim; a 10 mile bike ride and a 2 mile run. Gators will be assisting the Wounded Warriors in a variety of ways.

Atlanta Gator Club®

5 /17/2008 Jeffrey K. Hester

John Ripley Forbes Big Trees Forest,

David Dunagam

Club members will assist in maintaining the walking trails throughout the preserve. This will involve transporting wood chips by hand to areas along the trail and spreading the chips over the trail, as well as maintain the edges of the walking trail and keeping the trail free from forest debris.

Baton Rouge gator Club®

5 /17/2008 William Myers

Desire Street Academy

The Baton Rouge Gator Club will be working at Desire Street Academy Baton Rouge Louisiana facility conducting general grounds clean up, lawn service and garden work.

Birmingham Gator Club®

5 /17/2008 Louis Kilgore

1. Do Dah Day Committee

2. Birmingham Humane Society

The purpose of the event is to raise money for our furry friends, and help many of them find homes. Volunteers will help run the event through t-shirt and refreshment sales, traffic control, dog watering, supervising kids activities, as well as dog walking.

Blue Ridge Gator Club®

6 /1 /2008 Tim Wagner

City of Asheville, NC Mountain Sports

Festival

Assist the City of Asheville in promoting & conducting the annual Mountain Sports Festival. A challenging & entertaining weekend of children & adult competitions to promote the unique & cultural outdoor sporting opportunities the NC mountains offer.

Brevard County Gator Club®

5 /17/2008 Kelly McKibben

The Brevard Zoo

Work on any large projects that the zoo needs assistance with, including busting Brazilian pepper trees in the wetlands and any other areas around the zoo that need attention or refurbishing.

Broward Gator Club®

Ryan Wyllys

Broward Outreach Center in Pompano.

Largest in Broward County! Serves 200 homeless daily - 135 males, 35 females, 10 families, 24 kids (newborns-18), overnighters (15-20). Two Opportunities for Volunteers (they can come for one or both shifts):

10:30AM-12:30PM

Lunch Services: Setup, Service, Cleaning

3:00PM-5:00PM

Dinner Service: Helping Church Group with Setup, Service, Cleaning

Donations of lightly used clothing are also accepted and appreciated. The Broward Outreach Center requests that all volunteers dress in jeans and appropriate t-shirts and requires that all volunteers be at least 12 years of age.

Capital Area Gator Club® 5 /13/2008 Larry W. Green 1. Habitat for Humanity

2. Second Harvest Food Bank of Big

Our event will be held in conjunction with our Gator Gathering event with Coach Meyer on May 13. It encompasses two efforts, first, a canned food drive that would give each Gathering attendee one free raffle ticket for each canned good they bring (the canned goods would then be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Big Bend). Second, our normal proceeds from raffle ticket sales during Gathering will be donated to the local Habitat for Humanity organization.

Central Florida Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Rob Yacabucci A Gift for Teaching

Will spend the day helping the organization process donations they have received. The goal for the day is to process sufficient materials so they can fully stock their shelves.

Charlotte Gator Club® 5 /10/2008 Jennifer McCartney Mecklenburg Co. Park & Recreation

Help remove invasive plants/weeds. Clear debris from trials. Install Erosion control brakes.

Chattanooga Gator Club 5 /17/2008 Tim & Sonya Guffey Habitat for Humanity of Greater

Chattanooga

Working on framing, siding, caulking and painting. Interior and exterior work on a habitat home in the Chattanooga.

Citrus County Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Lori & Dwayne Allen Habitat for Humanity, Citrus County,

House building activities for Habitat for Humanity. Finishing work such as caulking and painting the house.

Clay County Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Wayne Spivey Clarke House Park

Clean & refurbish Clarke House & park from 9am to noon, part of Clay County's Sesquicentennial Celebration. Picnic in Clarke House or the park pavilion afterwards. The club will also participate in the Gators/ Noles challenge by making a gift basket for the American Cancer Society's local auction.

Columbia, SC Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Wayne Moss Riverbanks Zoo

The club will paint some buildings at an exhibit entitled The Farm. This area is a model of a typical early 20th Century American farm, with areas available for children to mingle with small farm animals. Another task will be cleaning graphic display panels throughout the zoo. The Columbia Gator Club® has previously provided financial support for the American alligator exhibit.

Dallas Gator Club® 5 /24/2008 Melissa Fagan The 500 Inc., Art Fest 2008

This year we will be volunteering at the 39th annual Art Fest. This event is presented by the 500, Inc. which is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the arts in Dallas. The Art Fest festival features artists from around the country and the funds collected from the event goes to support local art, music and children's theatres.

We are going to volunteer at admissions counters, entertainment booths and in kids areas.

Desert Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Gary Manton Phoenix Herpetological Society

For the 3rd consecutive year we will work with our local live mascots, building homes for the reptiles.

Emerald Coast Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Tom Manning American Red Cross

Training & orientation to become active participants in two critical needs areas.

1. Emergency Shelter Volunteer.

2. Disaster Action Teams.

Florida Keys Gator Club®

5 /17/2008 Mike Bier

Save-A-Turtle, Inc./Friends of the Islamorada Area State Parks. Inc.

Combing beach for litter, pick up and "bag" the debris; transport bagged garbage by boat to a designated pick-up location

Gateway Gator Club®

5 /17/2008 Christopher Novak

The Flora Conservancy with St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

The Gateway Gator Club will be planting flowers and doing general landscaping in St. Louis' Forest Park with The Flora Conservancy of St. Louis. This is an organization that creates perennial and annual beds in the park using plants and materials donated by local growers and funds from the Parks Department. This event will provide our club with the opportunity to be a part of the beautification process of one of the city's most popular parks. This is a great opportunity for the Gators in the St. Louis area to give back to a park we all enjoy.

Gator Club® of Jacksonville

5 /17/2008 Richard Hana

Bert Road Adult Group Home

The Gator Club of Jacksonville put on a cookout, entertain and sing gator Songs with the residents.

Gator Club® of Miami

5 /17/2008 George Hanna

Hands on Miami

The project is called "The House that Marjory Built." Volunteers are needed to help care for the lawn at the historic Marjory Stoneman Douglas cottage in Coconut Grove. Ms.Douglas built the cottage in 1926 and she lived there for seventy years. The outside area of the cottage, which is now a designated historic monument and managed by the Land Trust is in need of some upkeep. Family-friendly: minimum age with an adult is 7.

Gotham Gator Club®

5 /18/2008 Lyndsay Skeegan

Aids Walk New York/ Gay Men's

Health Crisis

Will participate in Aids Walk New York, a 10K walk/run in New York City. All proceeds raised go to support the Gay Men's Health Crisis, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the prevention, treatment and cure of H.I.V.

Greater Columbus Gator Club®

5 /10/2008 Courtney Gleason

Keep Columbus Beautiful

Keep Columbus Beautiful is a City of Columbus community improvement program that is a unique arm of the Refuse Collection Division of the Columbus department of Public Service. The program's mission is to promote and coordinate litter cleanups, graffiti prevention and removal, recycling and beautification projects. Greater Columbus Gator Club® is planning on participating in a beautification project. We are currently planning on planting flowers in Goodal Park. Goodale Park is surrounded by Victorian Village, a cluster of homes with charming architectural features. It is the oldest park in Columbus and among the oldest in the United States.

Houston Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Laura Reddell Texas Children's Hospital/inpatient Cancer Center/Ronald McDonald

House of Houston

5th Annual carnival day for the 36 inpatient children in the Inpatient Cancer Unit at Texas Children's Hospital. We are excited to be expanding to the Ronald McDonald House right down the road from the hospital this year. We will have 50 patients there. We will set up stations in their Family Room and adjacent Play Room for the children to get their faces painted, decorate Gator cookies, color Gator coloring sheets, do a Gator toss, football throw and fish for Gators in a bucket. Each child at the inpatient center, even those too sick to participate, will receive a goody bag of items. Goodies will be given to the patients at Ronald McDonald house, since they are a bit healthier they will all be able to participate in games and win prizes for doing the activity.

Key West Gator Club® Javier Garrido Florida Beaches

Beach clean up.

Lake County Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Marian Jakubiak Camp Boggy Creek

Camp Boggy Creek is a permanent, year-round facility where young people between the ages of 7 - 16 with chronic and life-threatening illnesses can come at no charge to them or their families. The majority of the cost of staffing and operating camp is covered by contributions from individuals, healthcare partnerships, foundations and corporations. Boggy Creek gives campers a chance to normalize their lives by being with children battling the same illness. It also offers critical support to the parents, guardians and siblings of these amazing campers. Located on 232 acres of beautiful wooded land, it has 44 cracker style buildings including 16 camper cabins, dining hall, medical center, swim center, stable, little farm, sports and recreation center, arts and crafts building, creative center and theater. Camp Boggy Creek is patterned after Paul Newman's original Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, CT. For the past several years the Lake County Gator Club® has assisted Camp Boggy Creek on an as needed basis prepare for the summer camping session. Activities will include painting, cleaning, and general maintenance activities as well as preparing materials to assist in activities for the campers.

Las Vegas Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Veronika Plank Nevada Graffiti Coalition

Volunteers will participate in the Abatement Program for the Nevada Graffiti Coalition. Graffiti causes millions of dollars of damage each year in our community. We will participate in a Graffiti Paint-Off on May 17, 2008. Since graffiti needs to be painted over as closely to the time it is discovered as possible, our exact location will be specified during the week of May 17, 2008. Paint, brushes and supplies are provided by the Nevada Graffiti Coalition. All we need to do is show up ready to paint and show our Gator community-pride spirit!

Lone Star Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Maren Nelson Austin Habitat for Humanity

Will spend a full day volunteering to assist with construction and/ or deconstruction of a local home to help a needy family.

Manatee County Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Dave Bolen Manatee County Public Libraries,

The Manatee County Gator Club® is sponsoring a book drive to benefit the Manatee County Public Libraries. The book drive will take place over a nine day period starting May 10 and ending May 18 (May 17 being the designated day for IGD) The books collected will be donated to the public library. The library will put into circulation any books they can and the remaining books will be sold by an auxiliary organization affiliated with the library. The funds raised will then be given back to the library to purchase new books and needed materials. Fliers have been distributed for members to distribute and collect books at locations such as churches, work or any organization they might be involved in. In addition, several of the local high school service clubs will give their members service hours for books donated.

This will be our fourth book drive. The first year we collected approximately 500 books. The past two years over 900 to 1000 books were collected.

Marion County Gator Club® 5 /9 /2008 Pamela Stafford Palm Garden of Ocala

Too many times we forget, "once a Gator, always a Gator," as we merrily go along supporting various Florida teams. Elderly men and women who have been Gators longer than most of us, still share our passion, through maybe no longer able to attend events. Our Palm Garden Rehab/assisted living facility here in Ocala has lots of older gator fans who gather around televisions every week to watch football/basketball games during season. Some dress in Gator colors, shirts, etc. that they have either had a longtime (some have old logo!) or someone has recently purchased for them to wear on those special days. As our IGD activity this year, we are sharing some of the Gator Nation with them! The Marion County Gator Clun® is hosting a "Happy Gator Hour" at the facility with Albert and Alberta. We will be decorating Gator, serving Gator themed snacks, doing cheers, showing Gator DVD's and sharing memories past and present with these passionate fans. Our board is truly looking forward to this because a lot of us have grown up with grandparents, parents and other family members who "showed us the way" of Gatordom as our mentors have aged and passed on. Go Gators!!

Music City Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Lynn Watson My Friends House

Treating a group of boys who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect to a day of much needed fun. My Friends House is committed to the safety and the emotional and physical stability of those displaced children. Music City Gator Club® wants to help by letting them know that there are people who care about them and letting them know that they can still have some enjoyment in life despite their terrible circumstances. The club will provide a picnic lunch and an opportunity to ride go-karts, play games and have a day of fellowship with Gators who care.

Nassau County Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Tommy Roberts Nassau County Roads

Clean a section of a road in Nassau County.

New England Gator Club® Jonathan Walsh TBD

TBD

Northeast Ohio Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Jennifer Wiley Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland,

Inc.

To help provide a home-like environment, essential resources and services to families whose children are receiving treatment at the center. Club members will clean up in and around the house, this includes cleaning kitchen cupboards, disinfecting toys, tidying up storage rooms, etc. We will weed, plant and mulch gardens outside the house. The club will also have a canned food drive for the residents.

Northwest Florida Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Brenda Glasser Habitat for Humanity

For the third year, the student club from the West FL Research & Education Center (The University of FL campus in Milton, FL) will be landscaping a house. The student club have propagated and will donate the plants for this project.

Northwoods Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Craig Orthmann City of Plymouth, City-wide Flower Planting

Help beautify the City of Plymouth by planting flowers at a number of Plymouth locations on a Saturday morning. Skills: no experience necessary. Must be able to follow instructions. Interest in gardening helpful.

Palm Beach County 5 /18/2008 Catherine West Juvenile Diabetes Research

Foundation, Greater Palm Beach Co.

Chapter

The PBC Gator Club® will provide children and their families from JDRF a "day at the ball park." Food will be provided by JJ Muggs Stadium Grill before the game. Luxury box tickets to the baseball game at Roger Dean Stadium will be donated by local businesses in our community. This is an amazing opportunity for PBC Gator Club® volunteers to give back to the community and enjoy a day at the ball park with the amazing individuals from JDRF.

Panhandle Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Mike Varner Bay County Animal Shelter

Clean up the animal shelter and perform other maintenance activities required.

Philadelphia Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Michael Feist Greater Philadelphia Cares

This year, the Philadelphia Gator Club® will partner with Greater Philadelphia Cares, South eastern PA's affiliate of the Hands on Network, and the Fairmount Park Commission. Our project will focus on restoring and greening the nations largest urban park system, the Fairmount Park system, in a clean up that expects to engage thousands of city residents as part of GP cares annual Philadelphia Cares about Fairmount park event. UF Alumni volunteers will help to garden, plant trees, clean playgrounds, and repair trails. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Pinellas County Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Peter Tanner Bay Pines VA Hospital, Derenda Summerlin

We will be hosting a cookout for the veterans of Bay Pines VA Hospital. The event will take place at the pavilion on the grounds of the hospital from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will have live music from the band "Talk to Mark," from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The veterans and their families will be invited.

Portland Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Mary Peters Oregon Food Bank

Volunteers are given an orientation and then assigned the project of that day, sorting food.

Putnam County Gator Club 4 /24/2008 Marshall L. Fulghum Blue Crab Festival , Downtown Palatka, Inc.

The Blue Crab Festival is a local 20 -year-old festival that draws around 250,000-plus regionally to Palatka, Florida. We will be donating our time to assist as volunteers at the festival along with helping with trash and recycling efforts. Proceeds from the festival benefit many local charities such as Rodeheaver Boy's Ranch, Police Athletic League, Palatka High School Girls Softball, Lee Conlee House Domestic Violence Shelter and Elf's for Kids their local Toys for Tots campaign.

Rocket City Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Betty Greene CASA-Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound) of Madison County

RCGC is organizing an "SEC Fan Day." The purpose of this event is to collect electric fans for needy families and individuals in North Alabama. RCGC has organized this event annually for several years with great success as part of International Gator Day activities in May. The event will be held at various sports bars and restaurants in the Huntsville/Madison area. In the past, RCGC has challenged all SEC Alumni in the area and other local colleges to collect electric fans for the needy. Donors will be asked to drop off the fans or other donations at these various locations where representatives of RCGC will be available to receive them. Donations will be accepted over the course of several days in various locations, allowing greater opportunity for donor participation. Donations are not limited to electric fans, but may include weather radios and cash. The donations will then be delivered to CASA, which will distribute the fans to needy individuals for use during the hot summer months.

Rocky Mountain Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Michelle Bokone Food Bank of the Rockies, Olive Crawford

The mission of Food Bank of the Rockies is to "... end hunger by efficiently procuring and distributing food and essentials to people in need..."

Rocky Mountain Gator Club® volunteers will be working in the food bank's Denver warehouse to sort and box food and essentials collected from community donations to be distributed to hungry children, seniors and families throughout metropolitan Denver, northern Colorado and Wyoming.

Salt Lake Valley Gator Club® 5 /21/2008 Justin Barrett Habitat for Humanity, Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity

We will help build a house with Habitat for Humanity, thereby helping a family in need and strengthening our community.

Sarasota County Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Jeremy Sensenig Keep Sarasota Beautiful

The Club cleans 1.2 miles of Osprey Avenue between Mound and Siesta Drive. Osprey Avenue is the gateway to world famous Siesta Key Beach so keeping that street clear of litter creates a positive impact on tourists and makes Sarasota look even prettier! We have snacks, beverages and Gator fellowship as we gather at 7:30 a.m. and then again upon return with the "spoils", literally!

Savannah Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 George Locko Wormsloe Historic Site, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources

An ongoing project to clean and clear nature trails and historic Civil War earthen fortifications at the Wormsloe Historic Site, a unit of the State Parks of Georgia located approximately 8 miles south of downtown Savannah.

Seattle Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Richard Rayos Northwest Harvest, Jeri Conle

We will be working at the food bank warehouse to help with the state's largest statewide distribution center for food banks across the state. As Northwest Harvest describes on their web page... "We are Washington's own -- and only -- statewide hunger relief agency. We still serve Seattle, but we don't stop there. Northwest Harvest secures 18 million pounds of nutritious food each year for distribution to more than 300 food programs across Washington State, serving 37 of Washington's 39 counties.

As a locally operated agency, northwest harvest is uniquely suited to serve the diverse needs from county to county across Washington State.

South Alabama Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Sharon Marie & Habitat for Humanity in Mobile County, Robert Shearon Myra Evans, Resource Development Manager

"Habitat for Humanity in Mobile County is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. HFHMC is dedicated to eliminate poverty housing as a matter of conscience and action. Habitat builds simple decent houses in partnership with people in need in the community. Habitat houses are sold to families at no profit, financed with affordable no-interest loans. The South Alabama Gator Club is helping to make all this possible with its donation of time during International Gator Day! SAGC members will be helping to build houses in all phases of home building, including framing, roofing, siding, dry wall, electrical, painting, clean up and landscaping.

Southern California Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Laurie Dinnerstein Heal the Bay

We will be doing a beach clean up on behalf of the Heal the Bay Foundation, a local environmental group located here in Southern California. The clean up will take place at Santa Monica Beach, which is a huge tourist destination, and consequently, one of the most polluted beaches in the area. By picking up trash in such a visible location, we will not only help keep the beach clean, but we will promote awareness of the issue to people visiting the beach that day. We will also keep tallies of the types of debris we find and will present our findings to Heal the Bay to help them track data on pollution.

Southwest Florida Gator Club® Sue Mayhood TBD

TBD

Tampa Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Corie Monahan Friends of Joshua House

Organizing a kickball tournament and afternoon of fun at a local park for disadvantaged children from The Children's Home. Will provide lunch, goodies, kickball games, craft projects, a bounce house and souvenirs to take home.

Taylor County Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Betty Culbreath Refuge House Inc. (Taylor - Madison Shelter)

We feel the Refuge House needs our support every year if we can possibly help them. The Refuge House is the only primary service provider for domestic and sexual assault victims in the big bend area. The Refuge House is always in need of supplies for the clients they serve. We as a club collect needed items for them on International Gator Day and present them to Mrs. McGraw on that day. This year they are in need of: paper towels, toilet tissue, laundry detergent, pampers - all sizes, sanitary napkins and non perishable foods.

Treasure Coast Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Linda D. Robertson Habitat for Humanity of Indian River County

At 7:30am gators will begin installing floors, cupboards, counter tops, doors, baseboards, interior painting and landscaping. The jobs that will make the houses homes and ready for families to move into by the end of June.

Triad Gator Club 5 /17/2008 Debbie Ramsey Ronald McDonald House

We will be collecting items on the Ronald McDonald House "wish list" from our members with drop-off sites designated for Winston-Salem and Greensboro. The wish list includes items like laundry detergent, paper towels, single serving meals, single serving breakfast items and kitchen staples. If we cannot arrange delivery of the items on May 17th, we will deliver on a weekday close to that date.

Triangle Gator Club® 5 /31/2008 Rodrigo Soberano Duke Children's Hospital, Duke University

We will be serving as golf marshals during a golf tournament. The celebrity tournament is a fundraiser for the Children's Hospital. We have been doing this for seven years in a row.

UFAA, Gainesville 5 /21/2008 Virginia Horton Early Learning Coalition Center of Alachua

County

Help spruce up Little People's Palace childcare facility, one of the local Model Centers for Quality. The Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County is a local agency responsible for coordinating childcare services. Their mission takes them far beyond the traditional concept of babysitting to enable parents to work. Their programs are driven by the fact that the years before children start school are the period in determining success in school and in adulthood. Among their current projects is creating a system of Model Centers for Quality, large childcare facilities where staff learn and implement evidence-based practices. The impact of the Model Centers for Quality touches all of Alachua County.

Volusia County Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Rob Horner Halifax Habitat for Humanity

We will probably be working on at least 2 or 3 sites. We will be putting the final coat of paint on the exterior of the houses.

Washington D.C. Gator Club® 5 /24/2008 Dan McFaul USO

The DC Gators will once again participate in a care-package stuffing event to help troops deployed overseas. Each care package contains at a minimum, one prepaid international phone card, sunscreen, snacks, playing cards, toiletries and other items requested by service members. Care packages are distributed as USO airport centers, at special "send off celebrations" for military personnel deploying overseas, and to those returning to overseas locations from the rest and recuperation (R & R). These packages provide our troops with a "taste of home" and keep morale high among our men and women in uniform.

Windy City Gator Club® 5 /17/2008 Justin Catches Share Your Soles

Share Your Soles is a non-profit organization that provides gently worn shoes to children in the greatest need around the world. The Windy City Gator Club® first teamed up with Share Your Soles in 2006. Our volunteers collected and processed shoes at the Share Your Soles facility on International Gator Day 2006. For 2008, our Club will participate in the Share Your Soles 5k run/walk. The race will be held at Soldier Field and will be followed by a Gator Club Social. Everyone that cannot run or walk in the morning will be invited to donate shoes at our social.