

International Gator Day 2009 - Club Events

ClubName	EventDate	Club Contact	Agency
<i>Alamo City Gator Club®</i>	5 /22/2009	Ray McHale	Fort Sam Houston, Center for the Intrepid – Wounded Warriors

We have chosen to assist the Center for the Intrepid's second Wounded Warrior "Mini-Try-Athlon" event. This event is designed to challenge wounded service men and women who are recovering from major injuries sustained in both Iraq and Afghanistan. This year's event will also be expanded to include Wounded Warriors from Balboa Naval Medical Center, San Diego and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington D.C. and soldiers from Canada and the United Kingdom. The families and loved ones will be encouraged to attend, but only the Wounded Warriors will compete. The event will be a mini-triathlon consisting of a 500 meter swim, 10 mile bicycle ride and a two mile run. Our involvement will include assisting with transportation, escorting, assisting at transition points, safety monitors and manning water & refreshment locations along the routes. This event is both a physical and mental challenge and helps the Wounded Warriors change their mindset from what they can't do, because of their injuries, to what they CAN do, despite them.

<i>Atlanta Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Jeffrey K. Hester	Desire Street Ministries
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We will assist Justina Dix, the founder and Director of Summerhill Community Ministries, one of Desire Street Ministries Strategic Partners. Volunteers will help Summerhill Community Ministries begin the transition from the after school program to summer camp. This means helping to set up classrooms by moving small furniture pieces into place, placing supplies that are needed in each room, taking down old art work and decorations, throwing out old used up supplies, sorting through games and toys, and minor cleaning along the way. Volunteers would also work on painting the swing sets on the property and stain picnic tables. Other volunteers will help Summerhill Community Ministries move out pre-k furniture and toys for donation. Atlanta Gator Club volunteers will help cut out letters and help decorate the walls for the summer camp. The address is 521 Kelly Street, Atlanta, GA 30312, which is very near to Turner Field and the web address is <http://www.summerhillcm.com>.

<i>Birmingham Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Louis Kilgore	Birmingham Humane Society
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Dodahday is an annual event in Southside Birmingham that is staged to raise money for the Birmingham Humane Society established in 1884, one of the oldest Humane Societies in America. The day will include an owner pet parade, contests, games, and lots of food and music. Club volunteers will help in training the shelter dogs for certification & then walking a dog around the event. We will also man food & children booths, help with traffic and service the watering stations, etc.

<i>Blue Ridge Gator Club®</i>	5 /31/2009	Nancy Becker	Blue Ridge Mountains Sports Festival
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Will assist the city of Asheville man the information booth in full gator attire, lead the children's competitions and fill in wherever there is a need by the city to assist in creating an atmosphere of security for attendees.

<i>Brevard County Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Kelly J. McKibben	Brevard Zoo
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We will be assisting the Brevard Zoo with an identified project that will improve or help restore the zoo's daily operations. Once the date gets closer we will determine the zoo's needs and assist with the project. In the past, we have helped clean the boardwalks, build the safari/Africa exhibit, reinforce the boardwalks and other similar projects. We hope to work near the alligators and the alligator pen if possible.

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<i>Broward County Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Stacy Schwartz	Broward County Chapter of the American Red Cross

The Broward Chapter of the Red Cross we will be holding a training session specifically for our members to learn the basics about how we can be of assistance to the community in the event of a local disaster. Our club has chosen to participate in the Ready When the Time Comes Program. During the session attendees will obtain training in disaster response and learn how they can become a member of the BCGC's Ready When the Time Comes Team. By holding the training on IGD our members will be trained and we will have a team in place should the Red Cross need our assistance during the 2009 hurricane season.

<i>Capital Area Gator Club®</i>		Dylan Rivers	Tallahassee Refugee House
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Food & clothing drive.

<i>Central Florida Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Rob Yacabucci	Veterans Administration Medical Center, Community Living Center and Residential Rehabilitation Program
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The Central Florida Gator Club has chosen this agency because of the opportunity to work with some of our nation's heroes – our Veterans. They have selflessly given their service to our country and we want to show them our gratitude for their sacrifice and efforts. What better way than to take a few hours to socialize and hear some amazing stories, play board games and bingo, participate in sport activities and freshen up the grounds. We hope to continue to work with this agency in the future.

<i>Charlotte Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Jennifer McCartney	Charlotte Emergency Housing
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We will work on the exterior of a low-income family home. Work would include small repairs, painting, and minor yard work. If the weather does not permit outside work, we will work indoors on small repairs, painting and carpeting.

<i>Chattanooga Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	SonyaGuffey	Margaret Brock Animal Shelter/ Humane Educational Society
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The Chattanooga Gator Club members are going to collect animal supplies such as food, treats, flea collars, bath supplies and cash to donate to the local humane society. 2 collection points are going to be set up, one at the restaurant where our viewings are held and the other at the brand new local Publix. Some club members are going to clean the kennels and spend some time walking and playing with the animals on May 16.

<i>Cincinnati Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	John Radford	Ronald McDonald House
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TAKE AWAY PROGRAM- Provide sack breakfasts or snacks for the families who are staying at Cincinnati's Ronald McDonald House. This program provides comfort to House guest families who are supporting their sick children and often don't have the time, funds or energy to prepare a quick meal before heading out for doctors' appointments. The Take Away Program is an ideal activity for youth/teen groups. It can be prepared in your own setting and dropped off at the house anytime. It can also be prepared in-House.

<i>Citrus County Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Rob Bingler	Habitat for Humanity
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Work with the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity to help construct a new home for a needy family. The home being built this year is at 3019 E. Odier St., Inverness, FL. Habitat for Humanity is not a charity or a give-away program. Habitat for Humanity builds houses for Citrus County families in need. Volunteer labor is used to build houses to keep building costs low for these families.

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Clay County Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Chuck Bullock	Quigley House Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center serving the Clay County Area in Northeast Florida.

The Clay County Gator Club has chosen to help a much deserved community service organization. We will be helping clean the women's residence both in and outside. There will be a picnic afterwards. Quigley House is dedicated to helping battered women and children find safety...and hope.

Columbia Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Wayne Moss	Riverbanks Zoo
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One project we will be working on is painting some props for Riverbanks Zoo to use for their annual Dreamnight event, which is a free after-hours event for chronically ill children and their families.

Dallas Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	John Hays	Ronald McDonald House
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Bingo night at Ronald McDonald House

Desert Gator Club®	5 /9 /2009	Gary Manton	Phoenix Herpetological Society
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For the 4th consecutive year, the Desert Gators will work with their local live mascots in building homes for the reptiles. Not only is it a productive experience, it is an educational event teaching about the various 600 reptiles in their care.

Florida Keys Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Mike Bier	Friends of the Islamorada Area State Parks, Inc. & Save a
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Turtle

A beach clean-up project within the boundaries of Long Key State Park that is a known sea turtle nesting habitat. Although the target beach is somewhat remote so few visitors get to see it, large accumulation of sea-going debris washes upon the beach's shore making adverse conditions for successful nesting and hatching of threatened sea turtle species. Nesting season is strongest during the summer months. By cleaning up this beach at the beginning of nesting season, it will enhance the potential success rate for the female turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs and subsequent emerging of the baby sea turtle hatchlings as they race to their aqueous future homes without being deterred by flotsam on their beach. Volunteers arrive early morning at Long Key State Park for instructions & boat transportation to target beach site where they will spend most of the day combing beach for litter, picking it up and bagging the debris, transport bagged garbage by boat to a designated pick-up location, transport back by boat to the original morning's departure point, and celebrate their day's success with an old fashioned cookout/picnic at the state park.

Gateway Gator Club®	5 /9 /2009	Christopher Novak	St. Louis Area Food bank
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The Gateway Gator Club will be participating in a variety of activities on the 9th of May including inspecting, sorting, and repackaging donated food and non-food items. The club may also be labeling and repackaging bulk food donations or unlabeled food donations as well as building an "assembly-line" to pack food boxes for primarily low-income elderly people.

Gator Club® of Jacksonville	5 /16/2009	Sue Anderson	Second Harvest Food Bank of North Florida
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We will assist the Second Harvest Food Bank with boxing up food and supplies for the food bank to distribute. The mission of the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Florida in Jacksonville is to distribute food and grocery products to hungry Americans and to educate the public about the causes and possible solutions to problems of domestic hunger. The Food Bank serves nonprofit agencies in the following 18 counties: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee and Union.

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<i>Gator Club® of Miami</i>	5 /30/2009	Raymond Carrero	Hands on Miami

Volunteers will take a boat to uninhabited islands located off the coast of Coconut Grove and remove trash that would otherwise pollute Biscayne Bay and harm the marine life that live there. This is an environmental cleanup and community enrichment project, no special skills required.

<i>Gator Club® of Volusia County</i>	5 /16/2009	Rob Horner	Habitat for Humanity
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We will partner with Habitat for the day. The days project has not been assigned yet. Multiple cities in Volusia County.

<i>Gotham Gator Club®</i>		Nicole Lesson	Hume Society NY
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The Humane Society of NY is a no-kill cat and dog shelter that has been around since 1904. Gator volunteers would be involved in a supply donation drive in front of the shelter collecting items such as old towels, blankets, laundry detergent etc. Volunteers can also help clean out cages and interact with the animals. There are also some parts of the building that need to be repainted.

<i>Greater Columbus Gator Club®</i>	5 /9 /2009	Courtney Gleason	Keep Columbus Beautiful/ The 2009 Momma Green Spring Cleanup
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The Momma Green semi-annual cleanup of neighborhood streets surrounding Nationwide Children's Hospital is led by local commercial realtor, Ms. Conni Hale, Vice President of Crawford Hoying. This free event is organized through Keep Columbus Beautiful, a City of Columbus Community improvement program.

<i>Houston Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Laura Reddell	Texas Children's Hospital/Inpatient Cancer Center
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We are planning our 6th annual carnival day for the 36 inpatient children in the Inpatient Cancer Unit at Texas Children's Hospital. 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.

<i>Jackson Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Bishop Blackwell	The Iona House Food Ministry
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This organization is located in the poverty stricken area of the inner city of Jackson, MS. It's goal and purpose is to relieve poverty related hunger by distributing donated and purchased food and grocery products with respect and integrity weekly to over 40 families. The club will augment the volunteer staff and make a financial contribution.

<i>Jacksonville Beaches Gator Club®</i>	4 /25/2009	Jennifer Mitchell	Friends of the Reserve
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The Sea Turtles are almost ready to come back to the First Coast for their annual adventure, and a local group wants to help getting the beach ready for them. The GTM Research Reserve is hosting a cleanup at the Guana beaches on April 25. Sea Turtle Season begins May 1, when the turtles come out of the sea to lay eggs on the beaches. If you'd like to help clean up the beach, the check-in for the event is from 8-9 a.m. on April 25, and the cleanup will be finished by 11 a.m. Check-in is at the Research Reserve's Environmental Education Center at 505 Guana River Rd., between Ponte Vedra Beach and Vilano Beach.

<i>Kansas City Gator Club®</i>	5 /7 /2009	Marcellus Sinclair	Harvesters
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The Harvesters organization helps provide food to the less fortunate in Kansas City. The Kansas City Gator Club is partnering with Harvesters on International Gator Day and will hold a food drive at the Fox and Hound restaurant, which is where our viewing parties are also held. We will hold the food drive for a 10 day period, with all proceeds benefiting Harvesters of Kansas City. We look forward to participating and to bring a huge gift to those in need of Harvester's services

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Key West Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Greg Oropeza	Island Clean Up

Members of the club will be traveling to a barrier island off the coast of Key West to clean and restore a natural habitat for a multitude of marine and aquatic species. The islands known as Boca Grande and Wilma Key play an important role in the natural habitat of migratory bird species and have been part of the Florida Keys National Refuge since the early 1990's. The island receives a fair amount of human traffic which unfortunately leaves non-native refuse behind. Additionally, the island is a focal point where the gulf of Mexico meets the Atlantic Ocean thus creating strong currents which wash non-native debris ashore.

Lake County Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Marian Jakubiak	Camp Boggy Creek
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Is a camp for terminally and chronically ill children. We will work on projects such as assembling songbooks, painting decks that will be used by the counselors during one or more of the 9 weeks of summer sessions. Both indoor and outdoor projects will be available to those wishing to join us for our Day of Giving.

Las Vegas Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Veronika Plank	Three Square Food Bank
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We are volunteering at the Three Square Food Bank. We will be sorting food for those in need.

Lone Star Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Adam Kesner	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas
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The Ronald McDonald House of Austin will be holding their 5th annual 100 Bike Ride on May 16, 2009. The bike ride is used as a way to raise money to support the Ronald McDonald House and the more than 700 families they serve every year. The Lone Star Gator Club is volunteering to help with setup, refreshments, breakdown and staffing the party after the ride.

Manatee County Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Dave Bolen	Manatee County Habitat for Humanity
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At this time Habitat for Humanity is working on a 12 home site. We will assist with a variety of tasks such as basic construction, cleanup, painting & landscaping from 8am to noon on May 16th.

Marion County Gator Club®	5 /29/2009	Alice Constant	Palm Garden of Ocala
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We will hold a Gator Happy Hour at the Palm Garden Rehabilitation Facility in Ocala. Orange & Blue will be the color scheme for food, drinks, decorations and clothing attire.

Memphis Area Gator Club®	4 /29/2009	Cristy Braun	Multiple Sclerosis Society/ Midsouth Chapter
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MS walk- group of volunteers to gather and walk to raise money for multiple sclerosis research.

Music City Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Lynn Watson	My Friends House Family & Children Services, Inc.
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This is a group home for young men ages 12 through 18 who have been displaced due to abuse or neglect. We will have a cookout & day of fun & recreation at Europa Go Cart & Golf for these young men. They will have the opportunity to have a good meal & enjoy putt putt golf, pinball games, ping pong, basketball, go carts, etc.

Nassau County Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Thomas Roberts	Nassau County/Keep Nassau Beautiful
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The Nassau County Gator Club has decided to do a thorough cleaning of the main beach on Amelia Island. There is much to be done with the picnic areas, beach area and dunes. We will also do some landscaping around the entrance to the park.

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<i>New England Gator Club®</i>	6 /6 /2009	Douglas Joy	Cradles to Crayons The Giving Factory
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Our work relies on adults and kids coming together in their neighborhoods and in our warehouse- the Giving Factory. In your neighborhood, you can host a product drive or other event or work at community outreach.

In the Giving Factory, we're looking for volunteers of all ages to work a shift inspecting books, matching outfits, sorting and testing toys, stuffing backpacks, or shopping to fill orders for local boys and girls. We also have a "service path" for high school students and adults who want to volunteer regularly or help in our business office.

Important notes on youth and families volunteering at Cradles to Crayons
We ask for adult leaders to supervise all youth and family volunteers for a safe and positive experience!

<i>North Florida Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Angela Cox	Food Bank
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We will be holding a can food drive for 2 local food banks. Their supplies have been depleted due to the current economy. We will have donation boxes at area grocery stores and business from April 15 – May 16. We will have a drive thru can food drop off on May 16, 2009 at a local business.

<i>Northeast Ohio Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	LeAnn Davis	Cleveland Metroparks
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Club members will mulch the picnic area, pick up sticks, leaves and trash and perform other aesthetic enhancements of the Arborview picnic area in the Washington Reservation located in Newburgh Heights, Ohio. Volunteers can pack a lunch for a picnic following the clean-up, the Gator Club will provide soda and water. The Washington Reservation is one of sixteen reservations in the 21,000 acre Cleveland Metro parks system encircling the City of Cleveland. As its mission, Cleveland Metro parks conserves significant natural resources and enhance people's lives by providing safe, high-quality outdoor education, recreation, and zoological opportunities and is committed to improving the future for wildlife.

<i>Northwoods Gator Club®</i>	6 /20/2009	Michael Altieri	Feed My Starving Children
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Packing meals for homeless and starving children. Event is two hours long and is family-friendly.

<i>Panhandle Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Mike Varner	Humane Society of Bay County
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Our club will host a fund raising car wash for the Humane Society of Bay County.

<i>Pasco County Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Stacey Brazier	Florida Blood Services
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Blood drive in west Pasco County to help save lives. The local blood bank is Florida Blood Services. We are working with Beef O'Bradys' restaurant to advertise the drive. We will offer coupons and a t-shirt to all blood donors. The bloodmobile will be parked at Beefs from 10 am to 2 pm.

<i>Philadelphia Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Thomas Dahan	Old Pine Street Community Center
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Old Pine Community Center is affiliated with the historic Old Pine Presbyterian Church which dates to the early 19th Century. Each week, Old Pine Community Center--in the historic Society Hill section of Philadelphia--hosts the "Saturdays for Seniors" program, offering local senior citizens a meal of hospitality and an opportunity to interact with other local residents at this community center. The club will provide 8-10 volunteers on International Gator Day (May 16) to help prepare and serve the meal as well as interact with the senior citizens as ambassadors for the "Gator Nation." Additional volunteers may also help manicure the grounds of the Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church, depending on the weather that weekend.

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<i>Pinellas County Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Pete Tanner	Fort De Soto Park

Park cleanup & cookout. Will be helping to clear brush and remove plants that are not native to the park. There will be a trash clean up and scavenger hunt for the children. Tampa Bay Watch, a group dedicated to protecting and restoring the marine & wetland environments of the Tampa Bay area and the US Coast Guard Alligator will be joining us in this park cleanup.

<i>Portland Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	June Cassell	Portland Rescue Mission
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We will be working in the main warehouse of the Portland Rescue Mission (PRM). PRM has three facilities which house men and women who are participating in PRM's 18-month recovery program. One of these facilities also provides nightly shelter for 50 men and provides basic clothing and hygiene products for Portland's homeless population. PRM receives more than half of their donations between November and January each year. Sorting through the donations in order to identify what can be used, organizing clothing by "men's", "women's" and "children's" and by size, is a huge challenge for PRM, due to limited resources. The Portland Gator Club will assist PRM by sorting and organizing clothing at PRM's main warehouse facility, allowing PRM to get the donated clothing into the hands of those who most need it.

<i>Rocket City Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Betty Greene	CASA (Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound) of Madison County
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RCGC plans to collect electric fans and weather radios for the needy families and individuals in North Alabama on behalf of CASA (Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound) of Madison County, Alabama. RCGC has organized this event annually for several years with great success as part of International Gator Day activities in May. Drop-off locations will be located at different points around the Huntsville/Madison area. Donors will be asked to drop off the fans and weather radios or other donations at these drop-off locations where representatives of RCGC will be available to receive them. The donations will then be delivered to CASA, which will distribute the items to needy individuals for use during the spring and summer months.

<i>Rocky Mountain Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Michelle Bokone	Denver Urban Gardens
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Members of the Rocky Mountain Gator Club (RMGC) will volunteer their time at DeLaney Community Farm in Aurora, Colorado. DeLaney Community Farm, in partnership with the City of Aurora, is organized as one of the only Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms easily accessible to residents of the metro-Denver area. The goals for the farm are to provide healthy, locally-produced food for all people of all economic levels; use organic growing practices that protect our soil, water, air, and wildlife; emphasize quality over quantity; and educate and reconnect people with the land that sustains them. Specifically, members of the RMGC will plant warm-weather seedlings (tomato plants, etc.), weed the garden, and perform other field jobs as needed at the farm.

<i>San Diego Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Bena Leslie	I love a Clean SD
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San Diego Gator Club has adopted a portion of Pacific Beach and on IGD we will be there in the morning to clean up our beautiful section. After the beach clean up we will celebrate IGD and our good hard work at Bare Back Grill in PB. This bar is owned by fellow Floridians and they always take care of us and we always have a good time!!

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<i>San Francisco Bay Area Gator</i>	5 /16/2009	Steve Harman	Blood Centers of the Pacific (Event to take place at Red Morton Community Park Blood Centers of the Pacific at Red Morton Community Park

The club has partnered with the Blood Centers of the Pacific for our 3rd Annual blood drive event. The Blood Centers of the Pacific will have a blood mobile stationed at Red Morton Park in Redwood City from 11 AM – 3 PM. We are asking all Gators, family & friends to come by and donate. Our goal is to collect 15 pints. We will also be hosting a BBQ to encourage Gators to come out to support our cause and have a good time with alumni and friends.

<i>Sarasota County Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Jeremy Sensenig	Sarasota County YMCA State Children Coalition/Adopt a Road
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We will be collecting luggage, new underwear, pajamas and toiletries for local children in the foster care system. Children entering foster care are often picked up in the wee hours of the morning and have 5 minutes to pack their belongings, usually in garbage bags. By providing the coalition with luggage, bags of toiletries & fresh underwear, a layer of stress is taken off the kids in that they don't feel like they have been forgotten and are even more uncomfortable and out of place. For our Adopt a Road project we will be cleaning Osprey Avenue.

<i>Savannah Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Lew Strickland/ George Locko	Wormsloe Historic Site, Georgia Department of Natural Resources
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Wormsloe Historic site has numerous nature trails. We will be cleaning the trails and placing and replacing signs along the trails which are used to describe the natural beauty of the historic site and guide visitors along the trails.

<i>Seattle Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Richard Rayos	richardrayos@hotmail.com
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Seattle Gator Club 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...

<i>South Georgia Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Jeff Oathout	Valdosta/Lowndes County YMCA
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We will be having a car wash to fund swimming scholarships in remembrance of James McGriff, the 1998 high school All-American from Palm Bay Senior High School. James was a one time UF recruit who drowned on April 17, 1998. Proceeds from the car wash will be donated to fund swimming scholarships at our local YMCA, making a positive impact in our community & help preserve our most precious resource...children!!!

<i>Southern California Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Laurie Dinnerstein	Heal the Bay
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We will be doing a beach cleanup on behalf of the Heal the Bay Foundation, a local environmental group in Southern California. The clean up will take place at Santa Monica Beach which is a huge tourist destination & consequently, one of the most polluted beaches in the area. By picking up trash in such a visible location, we not only help keep the beach clean, but promote awareness of the issue to people visiting that day. We will keep a tally of debris found and present the tally to Heal the Bay to help them track the pollution.

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Southwest Florida Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Bill Turner	Randell Research Center

The Randell Research Center (RRC) is a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History, which has conducted research and education programs in Southwest Florida for more than 20 years. The RRC has existed since 1994 when Donald and Patricia Randell gifted 53 +/- acres of the 200-acre, Pineland archaeological site to the University of Florida Foundation. The Mission of the RRC is to establish and maintain, at the internationally significant Pineland archaeological and historical site, a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archaeology, history, and ecology of Southwest Florida. The activity, specifically, would be consolidating larger pieces of trash into piles and bagging the smaller stuff in construction trash bags.

Another possibility is adopting a mound. We have Calusa mounds which are in need of care. "Care" translates into removing some exotic invasive plants and/or chemically treating their cuttings, clearing vegetation from fences, and in the case of at least one mound, picking up leftover construction debris (roof tiles, etc.) from Hurricane Charley. This activity could be an ongoing one, with repeats every year for International Gator Day. Associated with this work, one would have the opportunity to learn about the mounds themselves as well as about the native and invasive exotic plants growing on them.

Tampa Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	G. Farrell	Joshua House
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We will have a day of fun for the children of Joshua House (domestic abuse center). We have planned a kickball tournament for the older children, a bounce house & arts & crafts for the younger ones. There will be pizza & treats & a goodie bag of toys etc for each child.

Taylor County Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Betty Culbreath	Taylor/Madison Refugee House
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Asking all club members to take contributions to Burns Monument company before 5/16/2009. On 5/16 we will package and deliver to the Refugee House. Items needed are toilet paper, paper towels, detergent, soap, towels and wash cloths, full & twin size sheets, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, non perishable foods & cash donations. We support this project because it helps women & children in our community.

Treasure Coast Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	AttnJennifer Langdon/ George E.	Keep Indian River Beautiful
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The mission of this organization is to empower individuals to take greater responsibility for the community environment by involving volunteers in litter prevention & reduction, beautification, neighborhood revitalization, recycling, conservation & education. The club will participate in a beach cleanup.

Triad Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Debbie Ramsey	Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC
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We will be collecting food items from a preferred donations list for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina. This agency serves an 18 county area. We are told that their need for help is greater than ever due to the current economy and high unemployment rate in our state. We will have drop off sites with club members in both Greensboro and Winston Salem. Club members are encouraged to bring a donation when they gather to watch a tape delay of the Orange & Blue game in early May. Second Harvest Food Bank distributes food to nonprofit agencies and churches that feed the hungry.

Triangle Gator Club®	5 /16/2009	Craig Brodsky	Habitat for Humanity
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This year we will be in charge of deconstructing a house instead of building one. No experience needed.

UFAA/ Gainesville Young Alumni	5 /16/2009	Virginia Horton	Girls Place, Inc.
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Girls Place, Inc. encourages all girls to GROW: Give to themselves and their community; Reach their highest potential; Open their eyes to discover their identity; and Work to develop lasting, healthy relationships. We will be sprucing up the Girls Place by painting, organizing and assisting in small building projects.

ClubName	EventDate	Club Contact	Agency
<i>Washington DC Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Emily Jurey	USO Group

We will be making care packages for the troops.

<i>Windy City Gator Club®</i>	5 /16/2009	Kerry Kane	Walk Now for Autism
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The Windy City Gators will be volunteering at the Walk Now for Autism on May 16th benefiting Autism Speaks. Autism Speaks is a non profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness, prevention, treatments, and research funding for autism. Participants will assist in registration, providing motivation throughout the course, distributing water and cleaning up after the race.