



Nature Coast Volunteer Center

of Citrus County, Florida

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NCVC Volunteer Information:

- People interested in volunteer opportunities should register at the Volunteer Florida Website: www.volunteerflorida.org
- Volunteers may become Coast Watchers to report oiled wildlife, vegetation, and beaches:
 - Report **injured** or **oiled animals** to the **Wildlife Distress Hotline**:
1-866-557-1401
 - Report **oiled shoreline** in Florida to the State Warning Point:
1-877-2-SAVE-FL (1-877-272-8335) or #DEP from a cell phone.
- Volunteers will not be in direct contact with oil or oil-contaminated materials. Oil-contaminated materials will only be handled by trained, paid workers such as Qualified Community Responders (QCR) and not by volunteers. Oiled wildlife will only be handled by trained, contracted professionals.
- Volunteers can become familiar with the FEMA Incident Command System (ICS) by taking the National Incident Management System (NIMS) free online training courses 100a, 200a, 700a, & 800a. www.training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp
- Volunteers may contact local Wildlife Organizations to receive orientation and volunteer opportunities **not** directly related to the oil spill. Volunteer training and assistance will help alleviate stress placed on these organizations if it becomes necessary for their response to oiled wildlife.
 - Nature World Wildlife Rescue - www.natureworldwildliferescue.org/
Current Positions: Training for volunteer Dispatchers & Animal Transporters
 - Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge - www.fws.gov/crystalriver/
Current Positions: Compiling list of volunteer contact information
 - Crystal River Preserve State Park - www.floridastateparks.org/crystalriverpreserve/default.cfm
Current Positions: Training for volunteers to assist with general park maintenance, visitor services, resource management, and to assist at archeological and historical sites.
- The following is a list of some of the available websites that provide additional information on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and volunteer efforts:
 - Deepwater Horizon Response: www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com
 - DEP: www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/default.htm
 - Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission: www.myfwc.com/OilSpill/
- Volunteer opportunities are available at local Human and Social Service organizations which may be affected by the related economic impacts. Interested volunteers are encouraged to go to www.naturecoastvolunteercenter.org for a complete site list.
- Volunteers are encouraged to become a tourist by utilizing our local and coastal restaurants, beaches, and hotels. www.visitcitrus.com/index.asp
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