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Class X

Seminar V

May 23-25, 2017

**AGENDA**

**Holiday Inn Express**  
**1024 West Sugarland Highway**  
**Clewiston, FL 33440**  
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**Quail Creek Plantation**  
**12399 Northeast 224<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Okeechobee, FL 34972**  
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**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

10:45 a.m.	<b>Arrive at Three Fishermen Seafood Restaurant</b>	13021 N Cleveland Ave. North Fort Myers, FL
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Chairperson(s): Brad Lundy Stacy McCullough	<b>“Overview of the History of SW Florida and the Importance of Agriculture”</b>  Mr. Dallas Townsend Principal TOC Land Services Retired Extension Agent Member Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame  Mr. Hugh English Principal TOC Land Services Partner English Brothers Partnership Member Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame	
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Travel to Palmdale and Lykes Nicodemus Project (directions will be provided)</b>	

<p>2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  Chairperson(s):  Stacy McCullough  James McWhorter</p>	<p><b>“The Creation of the World’s Largest  Public/Private Water Storage Area”</b></p>	<p>Mr. Noah Handley  Director of Engineering  Lykes Bros. Inc.  WLIANR Class IX</p>	<p>Ms. Linda McCarthy  Senior Ecologist  Lykes Bros. Inc.</p>
<p>4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Travel to U.S. Sugar’s Processing Plant</b></p>	<p>1820 County Road 833  Clewiston, FL 33440</p>	
<p>5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Chairperson(s):  James McWhorter  Tom Mitchell</p>	<p><b>Walking Tour and Discussion of U.S. Sugar’s  Processing Plant</b></p>	<p>Mr. Jim Snively  Vice President  Grove Operations  Southern Gardens Citrus  WLIANR Class VI</p>	
<p>6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  Chairperson(s):  Tom Mitchell  Sambhav</p>	<p><b>Dinner at the Dunwoody Lodge</b>  Sponsored by: U.S. Sugar/Southern Gardens</p>	<p><b>“Operations, Requirements and Challenges in  Regards to Water and Citrus”</b></p>	<p>Mr. Jim Snively</p>
<p>8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Depart for Holiday Inn Express</b></p>	<p>1024 W Sugarland Hwy.  Clewiston, FL 33440</p>	<p><b>Check in</b></p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday, May 24, 2017</u></b></p>			
<p>7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Breakfast at hotel</b></p>		
	<p><b>Check out</b></p>		
<p>7:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Depart for Riverwoods Field Lab</b></p>	<p>100 Riverwoods Circle  Lorida, FL 33857</p>	
<p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Arrival at Riverwoods  Welcome and Overview</b></p>		
	<p>Ms. Loisa Kerwin  FAU/CES Assistant Director</p>		

<p>9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Chairperson(s):  Sambhav  Sarah Spatola</p>	<p>Class will divide into two groups:</p> <p>Group 1: View Kissimmee River video &amp; current construction</p> <p>Ms. Loisa Kerwin  FAU/CES Assistant Director</p> <p>Group 2: Drive to Pearce Homestead (3 miles) to board pontoon boat for tour of current and finished projects.</p> <p>Mr. Mike Cheek  SFWMD Avian Ecologist</p> <p>Captain Mark Compeau  FAU/CES</p>	
<p>10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Switch Groups</b></p>	
<p>12:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Wrap up and Depart Riverwoods for R.K. Butler Campground and Park</b></p>	<p>566 Butlers Bluff Rd.  Lorida, FL 33857</p>
<p>12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Chairperson(s):  Sarah Spatola  Austin Spivey</p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p>Sponsored by:  Mr. Justin Hood  WLIANR Class IX</p>	
	<p><b>Commentary on the Restoration and Environmental Practices</b></p> <p>Mr. Bob Butler  Butler Oaks Farm</p> <p>Mr. Roger Butler  B-4, Inc.</p>	
<p>2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Depart for C&amp;M Rucks Dairy</b></p>	<p>22400 NW 144<sup>th</sup> Ave.  Okeechobee, FL  34972</p>
<p>2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Chairperson(s):  Austin Spivey  Kyle Straughn</p>	<p><b>Tour and Discussion of Dairy Issues</b></p> <p>Mr. Chad Rucks  WLIANR Class V</p>	
<p>4:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Depart for Quail Creek Plantation</b></p>	<p>12399 Northeast 224<sup>th</sup> St.  Okeechobee, FL 34972</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Check in at Quail Creek (in the main lodge)</b></p> <p><b>Class X Whiffle Ball Tournament</b></p>	

6:00 p.m.	<b>Reception in the Main Lodge</b>	
7:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner</b>	
<b><u>Thursday, May 25, 2017</u></b>		
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast Check out</b>	Quail Creek Dining Room
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Chairperson(s): Kyle Straughn Melissa Syfrett	<b>“Issues in the District, Thoughts on the 2017 Legislative Session and Looking Forward”</b>  Senator Denise Grimsley Florida Senate District 26	Quail Creek Dining Room
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	<b>“Let’s Reflect”</b>  Sambhav Sarah Spatola	
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Moving Our Issues Forward</b>  Dr. Hannah Carter	
12:00 p.m.	<b>Wrap-up – Evaluation -- Adjourn</b>	

**Drive Safely!**

**Next Seminar:  
July 25-27, 2017  
Gainesville**