

WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP

The Garden Clubs of Florida operate a Youth Camp which is A.C.A. approved in the beautiful Wekiva Springs State Park near Apopka Florida. Each year the locale Garden Clubs sponsor campers to attend Camp Wekiva. Children from the first grade thru the eighth grade attend for one week. The cost of this week is \$240.00 of which Garden Clubs pay \$200.00. The Camp is staffed by both professionals and volunteers many of whom are past campers. There are 6 separate one-week sessions for 104 boys or for girls. Campers enjoy living outdoors housed in cabins, enjoy good food, become friends with birds and other wildlife. They also learn to appreciate and use our beautiful Florida environment intelligently.

The award winning environmental/nature study program was prepared by professional teachers to provide a thorough, educationally sound curriculum, which is easy to use by garden club volunteers who need no teaching background. At each grade level the campers are offered a different focus of study from animals and plants to the interrelationships, which make up ecosystems. The campers have 3 learning period each day: crafts, nature and swimming. They take responsibility for their own cabin' appearance inside and out. Each evening special programs are presented for the campers. By the time they reach 7th grade level, they participate in a program which features responsible action and camping skills, as they tent camp and cook their meals over open camp fires.

The eighth grade program features aquatic studies culminating with a canoe trip down Rock Springs Run. The campers acquire skills in cooperation, independence & counseling. Those successfully completing this program may be invited to return for the 9th grade program where leadership training is emphasized along with intensive studies in marine science and the environment. These youngsters are now ready to become counselors.

There is a saying – “Today’s Wekiva Campers are Tomorrow’s Environmentalists”.

What a great place for your youngsters to spend a week during the summer.

If you are interested in sending a Camper please complete the form below so you can be contacted and be considered for a scholarship. Send to Garden Club of Stuart, Inc. P. O. 684, Stuart, Fl. 35995-0684 You can also find more information on line at www.ffgc.org or contact Cyndy Trossbach at 772-283-1529/ bocyn2t@aol.com

NAME OF STUDENT/PARENT _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ CHECK ONE () MALE () FEMALE

ADDRESS _____

PHONE/EMAIL _____

SCHOOL AND GRADE _____

Why do you want to attend Wekiva Youth Camp? _____

Other interest or activities _____

Other family members who have attended Camp Wekiva _____

NOTE: Camp registration opens January 1st so you are encouraged to register on line as soon as possible EVEN if your scholarship has yet to be approved. It is the responsibility of the students family to complete all required paperwork for attendance to Camp Wekiva. The Club also sponsors 11th SEEK Camp and gives College Scholarships to graduating Seniors from each of the county high schools.