

Lettuce Lake Park Invasive Species Display

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Lettuce Lake Park in Hillsborough County, Florida receives nearly one million visitors each year. In 2007, county Invasive Species Task Force members Jennifer Roberts and Jason Chilson received funding from FLEPPC's Kathy Craddock Burks Education and Outreach Grants program to purchase an educational exhibit for the Lettuce Lake Park Visitor Center in Tampa. The display was created to increase awareness of non-native, invasive plants in Hillsborough County and throughout Florida. The display focuses on four FLEPPC Category I species that are of considerable concern to the park: cogongrass (*Imperata cylindrica*), Old World climbing fern (*Lygodium microphyllum*), Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*) and water lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*). Identification, prevention and control of these species are the main objectives of the display. The table-top display is easily assembled and disassembled as an educational exhibit at local schools and community events. Brochures, flyers, non-native plant identification guides, educational CDs and videos accompany the display for distribution to the public. The visitor center is located at 6920 E. Fletcher Avenue in Tampa. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

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FLEPPC's Kathy Craddock Burks Education Grant REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – FY2009

FLEPPC is soliciting grant proposals for non-native invasive plant education and outreach projects in Florida. Proposals will be accepted from individuals, public or private nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions.

Award preference will be given to proposals that:

- Involve a plant or plants listed on the FLEPPC 2007 List of Invasive Plant Species (found on www.fleppc.org);
- Heighten community awareness about non-native invasive plant identification, management, prevention, environmental and/or economic impacts;
- Are from first time applicants and involve new projects, although repeat applicants will be considered.

Application instructions and further information may be found on the FLEPPC website (www.fleppc.org).

The deadline for proposal submission is February 2, 2009. Winners will be announced in May 2009 at FLEPPC's annual conference.

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FLEPPC Julia Morton Invasive Plant Research Grant Program

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS • Deadline: February 27, 2009

Basic eligibility requirements:

To be eligible for funding, applicants must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at an accredited institution of higher learning anywhere within the United States. However, the research must be on a listed Florida invasive plant (<http://www.fleppc.org/list/list.htm>). An accompanying letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor is strongly encouraged.

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) has available funding for a small number of research grants/scholarships for students conducting studies related to invasive exotic plant management in Florida.

The deadline for proposal submission is February 27, 2009. Written proposals should be no more than three pages in length and should request funding for no more than \$2,500. The proposal should include a summary of the research project and its relationship with Florida exotic pest plant management problems. Particular plant species involved in the study should be one or more of the Category I or Category II exotic pest plant species listed by FLEPPC (see: www.fleppc.org). In addition, the applicant should provide complete contact information and a detailed budget, with an explanation of how the funding will be used. Examples include (but are not limited to) travel funds for field work, funds for research equipment or supplies (or temporary use of specialized equipment), a stipend for applicant's project work time not otherwise supported, travel funds for presentation of the research, etc. In developing the budget, funds requested are to be used for the direct costs of conducting research on the proposed project and are not to be used for indirect costs incurred by the student's university.

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the critical management need for scientific results in the area of study and on the clarity of the submitted request.

Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. 2/27/09. Send proposals by e-mail to: Dr. Betsy Von Holle, vonholle@mail.ucf.edu

