



Volunteer Workday Opportunities at King Family Preserve

Our first workday with the **GulfCorps** is this **Thursday, April 23rd!** Join us at King Preserve to focus on the removal of water hyacinth from 8am to 3pm --- you're welcome to join us for the whole day or come out for a however long you're available.

Park on Wood Avenue (between W. 19th and 15th Streets) - about midway down at the ditch.

Why are we removing water hyacinth? It grows in a thick, mat-like way that smothers native plants, limits the amount of sunlight available to living organisms in the water, and can cause blockages that create excessive flooding.

What do you need to partake in this workday? Yourself, clothes you're okay to get dirty & wet, and anything you'd like to get you through a sunny Florida day (hat, sunscreen, water, et cetera). If you have waders, this is a great opportunity to use them! PLEASE don't come without shoes you're willing to get wet; we do not recommend walking barefoot in the ditch.

Volunteers will use their hands and various tools like rakes to pull out the thick-mats. They can be quite heavy when wet, so prepare for some lifting! The piles will be left along the ditch edge for the day. This will allow any living organisms in the removed plant matter to make their way back to the ecosystem. Additionally, it will help dry out the hyacinth, making it easier to pitchfork and remove during the next day (**Friday workdays**, which we'll post more about later).

Hope we see you there!



WATER HYACINTH REMOVAL AT KING PRESERVE

THURSDAY WORKDAYS

April 23rd and April 30th
8am-3pm

If you have them, please bring waders or clothes you don't mind getting wet

FRIDAY WORKDAYS

April 24th and May 1st
7:30am-11:30am

If you have them, please bring a pitchfork and wheelbarrow

King Family Preserve
Located north of 15th Street, between Balboa and Florida Avenues

