



Spring 2014 Newsletter

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American Water Resources Association (AWRA) has been brought back to the University of Florida's (UF) campus this past Fall after a year of inactivity. Monthly meetings have been held and future clean ups of Florida's precious water resources have been planned. Fundraisers have already begun in order to raise money for AWRA to fund special events helping bring awareness of Florida's most valuable resource. The AWRA National Conference was held in Portland, Oregon in the beginning of November where a few of UF's students were sponsored to attend.

Meetings

Monthly meetings have been held on campus where influential speakers who play a significant role in the water resources field have come to give presentations to our organization. Speakers such as Dr. Bob Knight who is a Florida springs expert, gave an interesting lecture on Florida's springs degradation and over pumping of the Floridian Aquifer, as well as Michael DelCharco from Taylor Engineering, who gave a compelling presentation on hurricane modeling. State wide meetings have been held bi-monthly, where professionals in the

water resources field from all over the state would come together and give presentations and share each other's work and ideas. This month's meeting delved in the issue of Florida's springs problems.

Fundraising

Taylor Engineering sponsored the UF AWRA chapter this year and donated specially made beer glasses with the logo "Drink Beer, Save Water". These glasses have been very successful being sold at state wide meetings and will be sold next semester at planned fundraising events.

Give Springs a Break

This Spring semester AWRA is hosting a first time ever fundraiser and educational event "Give Springs a Break". This event will be hosted at Ginnie Springs April 4-6th where students from all over Florida can camp and have fun! Dr. Bob Knight will also be giving educational lectures April 5th talking about the many problems Florida's springs face today. Come join for free food, fun camping, and much more!

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Monthly Meetings



AWRA State Meetings

National Conference

This school year's AWRA National Conference was held in Portland, Oregon where professionals from all over the country in the water resources field came together to give presentations of their specific work they are doing in their city. The Florida AWRA section sponsored a few UF students which was an amazing experience. These students were able to learn a great deal of all the diverse aspects and projects in the water resources field as well as networking with future employers and professionals.