



## GCREC Nematologists Attend Annual Meeting

Tristan Watson and Homan Regmi with Dr. Johan Desaegeer's program, both won \$500 travel awards to attend the Annual Society of Nematologists meeting in Albuquerque, NM last month. Homan presented a research poster and Tristan gave an excellent talk. Joahn also gave a talk about our hops nematode work at the station. The three of them along with Tristan's old advisor from Canada, Tom Forge (third from the left) are pictured here.

## School May be Out, but the Learning Continues with the Help of GCREC Staff



Thanks to all the great faculty and staff who gave brief presentations of our research to two different school groups recently. FFA with Leonard H.S. and Wimauma Ag Development Council Interns. Pictured above is Jim Mertely in the Plant Clinic, Drew McLean in our Urban Landscape Lab and Saroj Parajuli in the greenhouse showing the group hop seedlings. Most of the students with the FFA group raise cattle, but at least three of them expressed a new interest in plant science at the end of their tour!



## Welcome Back!

A familiar face has returned to GCREC. Jose Hernandez is back as a new UF grad student under the guidance of Dr. Shinsuke Agehara. Jose is one of our former interns, who is now a grad student, which is often the case with many of our interns. Jose will be working on a Masters Degree in Horticultural Sciences. Best of luck Jose!

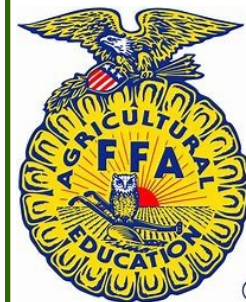


## Plant City News Corner



### Welcome Tea Luncheon

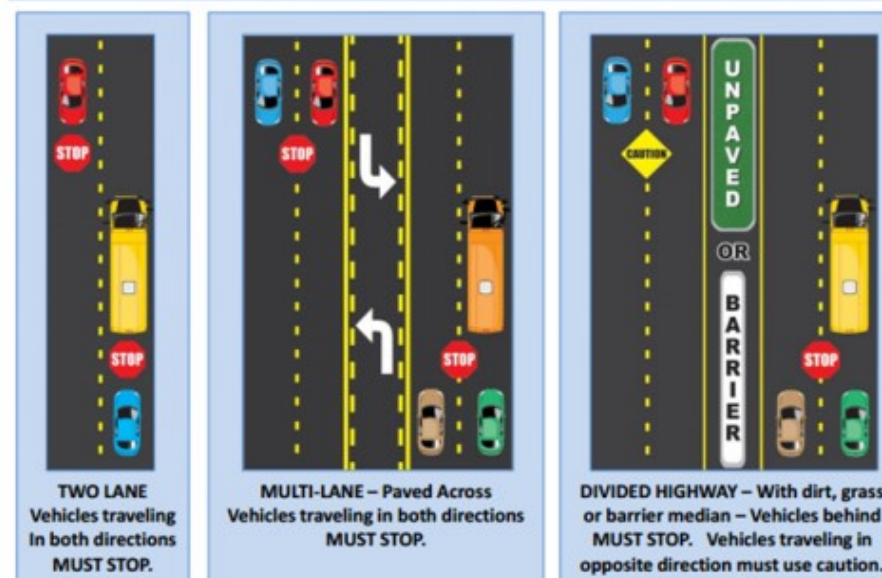
The GCREC at Plant City welcomed two new folks to the PEPC Building in July: Ashley McLeod, Public Relations Specialist for UF/IFAS Center for Public Issues Education and Michelle Middleton-Philpot, Administrative Assistant, GCREC Plant City. Plant City faculty and staff had a tea lunch to welcome Ashley and Michelle to their new home base. We are excited to have these talented ladies join the team!



### National Winning Collegiate FFA Alumni!

The Gator Collegiate FFA Alumni Chapter was just honored as the 2018 National FFA Alumni and Supporters Outstanding Collegiate Chapter Award Winner. The award presentation will be held in October at the 91st National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is a great honor, and we are very proud of the work that the students have been accomplishing!

## What is the Law?



## School Back in Session in August

Roadways are going to be a little more crowded the next few weeks as the new school year begins. See the graphic to the left in regards to bus safety and Florida Law on when you can or cannot pass a bus. Confused? Then just stop. If you are busted for not stopping, **you can get fined \$258 and a possible court appearance.** Be safe and keep our kids safe as well. When in doubt, stop.



# BACK TO SCHOOL - BACK TO NATURE

## CAMP BAYOU OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT US AT 813-641-8545

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018

9:00 A.M.—NOON

Teacher Resource Exchange table!

FREE

Hands-on nature stations:

- water insects
- ant lion Safari
- fossil fun
- reptiles & amphibians
- fire IQ
- and more...

Participating organizations:

- Nature Center EE Youth Programs
- Paleo Preserve Fossil Museum
- Gulf Coast Research & Education Center
- Little Manatee River State Park
- Florida Aquarium
- Florida Forest Service
- Girl Scout Troop #30349
- TECO Manatee Viewing Center
- HC Environmental Protection Commission
- HC Conservation & Enviro Lands Mgmt
- Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful
- Florida Master Naturalist Grads
- LEEF (League of EE in FL)

FREE

School supplies at activity stations:

- pencils, pens
- spiral notebook
- crayons, glue
- folders, index cards
- PLUS- raffle for backpacks, water bottles, journals, etc.

Registration is required but free- click the online link located at [www.campbayou.org](http://www.campbayou.org).

Camp Bayou is located 3 miles south of SR 674 at the end of 24th St SE in Ruskin. Visitor's Center: 813-641-8545

For general information, visit us online at [www.campbayou.org](http://www.campbayou.org).

Camp Bayou is a project of BOLD, Bayou Outdoor Learning and Discovery, Inc. in partnership with HC Conservation and Environmental Lands Management Department



### Be Grateful

We often forget how lucky we are to live in a country with so many conveniences and opportunities. This young girl is brushing her teeth outside the shanty she lives in as water rises from a recent flood.

Take a minute to be thankful for your life.

Tell someone you appreciate them.

Talk about gratitude with family.

Don't take what you have for granted.



# GCREC Employee News

August 2018

## Mandatory Safety Training August 17th in the Auditorium



**Tractor Safety 9 am**  
(OSHA Federal and UF policy, required annually)  
Who should attend: Employees operating tractors.

**For all Center Personnel - Mandatory training  
Hazardous Waste Training 1 pm**  
(OSHA Federal requirement and UF policy required initially or process change)  
Who should attend: (Everyone) should be able to identify and properly dispose of hazardous wastes which include electronic materials (computers), used oil, batteries, lamp bulbs, cleaning chemicals, lab chemicals, etc. Proper hazardous waste disposal is what EPA would look at were there to be an inspection at your facility.

**Chemical Hygiene Plan/Lab Safety 1:30 pm**  
(OSHA Federal requirement and UF policy required initially or process change)  
Who should attend: PIs and lab employees who work in labs with chemicals.

**How to set up your Chemical Hygiene Plan  
Heat Stress 1:45 pm**  
(OSHA Federal and UF policy, required annually)  
Who should attend: Employees working outdoors or in unconditioned spaces.

**Also on August 17th, Melissa Crowder will be coming to the Center to complete the Respirator Fit and Hearing Tests. She will be in the Conference Room from 9 a.m. until noon for the fit test and hearing test.** Some of our procedures have changed for the annual occupational medical programs, please see below. A few of the forms need to be submitted directly online now.

Please complete the online requirements before we meet on August 17. Check your email for the links to the online requirements.



### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Todd Test
- 1 Reza Shekaste Band
- 1 Michelle Souza Olivera
- 4 Kshitij Khatri
- 5 Trish Todd
- 5 Saroj Parajuli
- 7 Evangelon James
- 9 Keevan Mackenzie
- 14 Christopher Delcastillo
- 14 Ravneet Sandhu
- 18 Daryl Taylor
- 24 Mary Lusk
- 26 Israel Cepeda

### Eat well in August

- National Catfish Month 
- National Dippin' Dots Month 
- Get Acquainted with Kiwifruit Month 
- National Goat Cheese Month 
- National Panini Month 
- Peach Month 



### Me-WOW!

Is your family needing some unconditional love? Then you need a new kitten. These two are ready for their forever homes. On the left is the male and the beauty on the right is female. 3 months old, neutered, shots all up to date and so purrty! See Becky Willis in the Vallad Lab if you are interested in adopting one of these adorable felines.



**Benefits from owning a cat from Future Medica.com:**  
Lower risk of heart disease.  
Improve immune function.  
Prevent childhood asthma.  
Reduce blood pressure.  
Lower triglycerides.  
Lower cholesterol.  
Reduce risk of stroke.  
Reduce stress.  
Reduce anxiety.  
Improve your mood.  
Help with depression.