

Make it a Summer for Volunteering

Summer is the perfect time to volunteer some of your time to help local organizations. Start with one close to our hearts—Camp Bayou. They are recruiting people to help out at one of their nature stations during their Back to School Event—details.



For the sports enthusiast - local YMCAs

For animal lovers—Humane Society

Wild about Nature? Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful can use your help

Mentor minded: Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Tampa Bay

For book lovers: Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County

In the park: Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation

Supporting the arts: The Carrollwood Cultural Center

Hope and Healing: Crisis Center of Tampa Bay

Just Google any of these for more info.

BACK TO SCHOOL -  
BACK TO NATURE

**CAMP BAYOU OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER**  
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT DOLLY AT 813-363-5438 OR CAMPBAYOU@GMAIL.COM

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017**  
**9:00 A.M.—NOON**

Teacher Resource Exchange table!

<b>FREE</b> Hands-on nature stations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• water insects</li><li>• ant lion Safari</li><li>• fossil fun</li><li>• reptiles &amp; amphibians</li><li>• fire IQ</li><li>• and more...</li></ul>	<b>Participating organizations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nature Center Environmental Ed</li><li>• Paleo Preserve Fossil Museum</li><li>• Hillsborough County Conservation &amp; Environmental Lands Mgmt Dept</li><li>• Little Manatee River State Park</li><li>• Suncoast Youth Conservation Center</li><li>• Florida Forest Service</li><li>• Girl Scout Troop 349</li><li>• Florida Master Naturalist Grads</li><li>• LEEF (League of Enviro Ed in FL)</li></ul>	<b>FREE</b> School supplies at activity stations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pencils, pens</li><li>• spiral notebook</li><li>• crayons, glue</li><li>• folders, index cards</li><li>• PLUS— raffle for backpacks, water bottles, journals, etc.</li></ul>
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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).

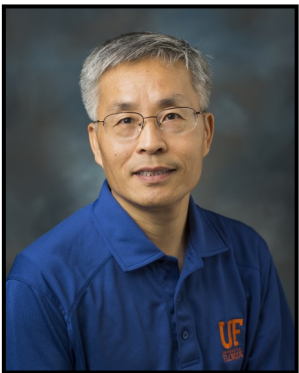
Camp Bayou is a project of BOLD, Bayou Outdoor Learning and Discovery, Inc. in partnership with HC Parks, Recreation and Conservation.



GCREC Employee News

July 2017

Research Matter Seminar Series  
Continues Friday, July 21  
Presentation by Dr. Zhanao Deng  
Professor, Environmental Horticulture



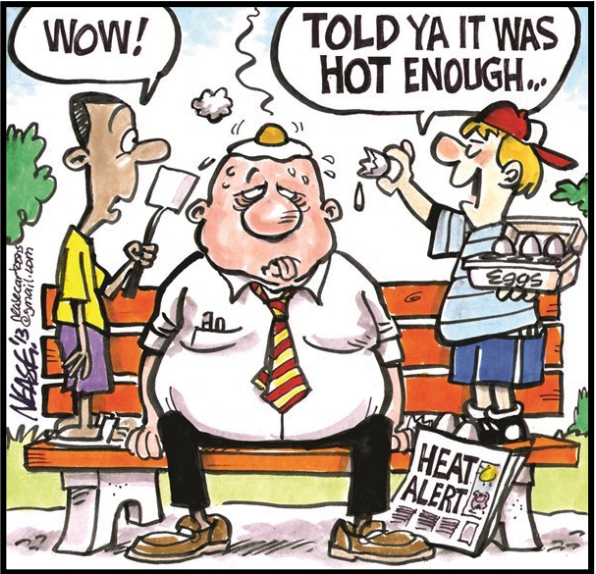
Dr. Zhanao Deng has been recognized internationally as a pioneer in breeding ornamental plants for disease resistance. His speeches on this subject have attracted wide audience at national and international meetings. More recently, he is striving to integrate classic, cytological and molecular approaches, including cell fusion, ploidy manipulation, mutagenesis, transgenetics, and gene mapping, for increased effectiveness in improving plant disease resistance.

July Birthdays

- 3...Berdikul Qushim
- 4 ..Katherine Britt
- 17...Seonghee Lee
- 26...Chad Alger
- 28...Yi-Tien Lu
- 29....Natalia Peres



Join faculty and staff on Thursday July 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the Auditorium to wish a fond farewell to Joyce Jones who will be retiring after 27 years of service at UF!

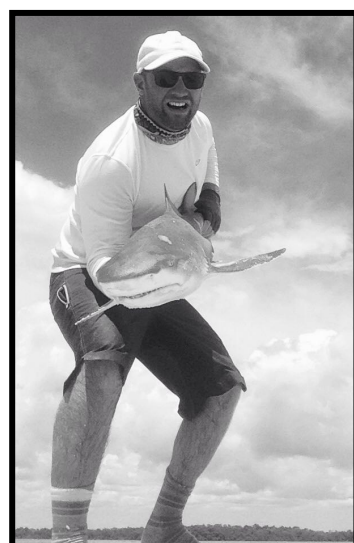


How to say goodbye to what we had?  
The good times that made us laugh and outweigh the bad.





The word doppelganger is German and literally means double walker — as in a ghost or shadow of yourself. An easy way to remember it is that doppelganger sounds like double, as in "That movie star is my double. We look so much alike." These days, most people don't refer to the ghost meaning when talking about doppelgangers: they just mean someone who looks a lot like you or could be your twin. Still, that is pretty spooky.



### How Braden Evans spent his weekend

Taking his kayak on an overnight camping trip in the 10,000 islands, in Everglades NP. After an 8-mile paddle, he set his tent up on a mangrove island. He caught a few small fish and put a hound fish on his larger rod for bait. Within a minute the line took off and he spent a half hour running up and down the beach fighting this thing. It turned out to be a 50 inch blacktip shark. Amazing experience. Reporting that the heat and biting flies were absolutely brutal, but that shark made it all worth it.

*FUN FACTS*—The blacktip shark is common to coastal tropical and subtropical waters around the world, including brackish habitats. The blacktip shark has a stout, fusiform body with a pointed snout, long gill slits, and no ridge between the dorsal fins. Most individuals have black tips or edges on the pectoral, dorsal, pelvic, and caudal fins, thus the name blacktip shark. Swift and energetic blacktip sharks are known to make spinning leaps out of the water while attacking schools of small fish.



### Welcome Upinder Gill, New PostDoc in Hutton Lab

Dr. Gill is the newest addition to the Hutton Lab. He will be working with our tomato breeding program conducting and publishing research in tomato genetics, particularly the discovery and characterization of genetic loci controlling important traits and the development of molecular markers for use in breeding. Dr. Gill received his PhD from Washington State University in the field of crop science. Welcome to our newest Gator!

## FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS—DON'T RISK LOSING ANY PHALANGES

Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks. Know your fireworks, read all labels and descriptions before lighting. Never give fireworks to children. Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Drink after the show. Light one firework at a time and move away quickly. Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from buildings and vehicles. Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water. BE SMART—BE SAFE!

## SAFETY FIRST

To assist GCREC employees meet required annual training, we will be offering the following courses in a live session on Friday, July 7 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium. You will be registered for the classes below based on your job duties and you will receive an email if you have been registered for a course. If you have completed the course online within the last year you do not need to attend.

**9:30 a.m. Hazardous Waste Training** (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.

**10:00 a.m. Heat Stress** (OSHA Federal and UF policy, required annually) Who should attend: Employees working outdoors or in unconditioned spaces.

**10:15 a.m. Tractor Safety** (OSHA Federal and UF policy, required annually) Who should attend: Employees operating tractors (same employees in hearing conservation).

**10:45 a.m. Hearing Conservation** (OSHA Federal and UF policy required annually) Who should attend: Employees currently in the hearing conservation program.

**11:00 a.m. Respiratory Protection Training** (OSHA Federal and UF policy, required annually) Who should attend: Employees who are in the respiratory protection program.

## Plant City Campus Corner

On June 29, 2017 UF Plant City Academic Advisor Jason Steward (photo right) presents opportunities available through CALS and the UF Plant City Campus during a recruitment event at the UF|IFAS Range Cattle REC in Ona, FL at their Prospective Student Workshop and Expo. UF Plant City also had a student Jennifer Peters (not pictured) set up a table to talk to prospective students at the UF|IFAS Range Cattle REC.

Seven UF Plant City students worked with Mrs. Deb Barry & Mr. Jason Steward at the State FFA Convention Career Expo and sold t-shirts at the AEC t-shirt booth June 13-17, 2017. Pictured is Kendrick Slay sitting in the classroom portion of the Expo booth with Gainesville AEC advisor Ms. Becky Trammell collecting student information from her laptop and Animal Science Advisor Amie Imler in the background. Also pictured is FFA members playing Jenga for prizes in the tailgating portion of the Expo booth.

