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Polk County Water School is a legacy of former Polk County Extension Director and Natural Resources agent John Brenneman. The biennial program educates the county’s decision makers and citizens about local and regional water issues. John also oversaw the LakeWATCH water quality program and Living at the Lake residential education series. He passed away after a battle with pancreatic cancer on June 22, 2009, at the age of 57.

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A Water School for Polk County Decision-Makers

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Spring 2010
April 22 and 29,
May 6, 13, 20, 27
and June 3
Polk County Utilities Training Room
1011 Jim Keene Blvd., Winter Haven, FL

Circle B Bar Reserve
Polk’s Nature Discovery Center
4399 Winter Lake Rd., Lakeland, FL

Polk County Extension Office
W. H. Stuart Conference Center
1710 U.S. Hwy. 17 South, Bartow, FL
Objectives of Water School

- To provide decision makers, community leaders and private citizens with factual information about Polk County’s water resources.
- To encourage improved public policy decisions relative to water issues in Polk County.

Who Should Attend
Public officials (both elected and appointed), community leaders, media representatives, and private citizens with an interest in water issues.

Registration
To register, return the registration form to:
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Attn: Karen Anderson
P.O. Box 9005, Drawer HS03
Bartow, FL 33831-9005
To facilitate preparation of materials, registration is requested by Friday, April 16, 2010. For more information, call Karen at (863)519-8677.

Session I
Thursday, April 22, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Polk County Utilities Training Room
Moderator: Mr. John Dame

Introduction and Overview
- Introduction to the Hydrologic Cycle & Local Geology, Ms. Tamara McBride, SWFWMD
- Water Supply and Demand; The “Big Picture,” Ms. Alison Ramoy, SWFWMD
- Polk County Water Supply and Demand

Questions for Presenters

Session II – Watershed Tour – In-County
Thursday, April 29, 2010, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Moderator: Ms. Cindy Hill
Meet at Circle B Bar Reserve. Tour stops include: Circle B Bar Reserve, Lakeland’s Glendale Wastewater Plant, City of Lakeland Wetlands Area, and TECO Power Plant.

Session III
Thursday, May 6, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Circle B Bar Reserve
Moderator: Ms. Johanna Martinez

Water Resource Sustainability
- Central Florida Coordination Area (CFCA), Mr. Chris Sweazy, SWFWMD
- STOPR, Mr. Gary Fries, Polk County Utilities
- City of Winter Haven Resource Sustainability Plan, Mr. Mike Britt, City of Winter Haven/Mr. Tom Singleton, PBS&J

Questions for Presenters

Session IV
Thursday, May 13, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Circle B Bar Reserve
Moderator: Ms. Rachelle Selser

Water Quality
- Water Quality/Total Maximum Daily Loads
- EPA’s Proposed New Standards, Mr. David Tomasko, PBS&J
- Fishing Trends in Polk County as Related to Economics, Mr. Paul Thomas, FWC

Questions for Presenters

Session V
Thursday, May 20, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Circle B Bar Reserve
Moderator: Ms. Jacqueline Hollister

Conservation and Environmental Lands
- Countywide Conservation Efforts, Ms. Gaye Sharpe, Polk County Natural Resources

Questions for Presenters

Session VI – Watershed Tour – Out-of-County
Thursday, May 27, 2010, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Moderators: Johanna Martinez/ Nicole Walker
Tour begins at the Polk County Extension Office. Stops include Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, Charlotte Harbor, and Punta Gorda.

Session VII
Thursday, June 3, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Polk County Extension Office, W. H. Stuart Conference Center
Moderator: Mr. Danny Kushmer

The Future of Water Supply
- Future of Water Supply, Mr. Dave Moore, Executive Director, SWFWMD (Invited)
- Legislative Updates, Honorable Paula Dockery, Florida Senate (Invited); Honorable Kelli Stargell, Florida House Representative (Invited)

Questions for Presenters
Post-Program Survey, Ms. Nicole Walker

Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
Graduation – Board of County Commissioners, Neil Combee Polk County Administration Building, 330 West Church Street, Bartow, FL

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Address: ___________________________
City: _____________________________
State:_________ ZIP: ___________
Email: _____________________________
Phone: _____________________________

Yes, I plan to participate in the 2010 Water School:

_________ Classroom Sessions
_________ In-County Tour, April 29 (All day)
_________ Out-County Tour, May 27 (All day, this trip is focused on the Peace River and Charlotte Harbor and coordinated in collaboration with the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program)

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