

Lifetime Learners Institute

Who We Are

South Florida State College's Lifetime Learners Institute (LLI) has been in existence for over 20 years. It provides non-credit, educational, short-term sessions that foster the exchange of ideas and experiences in a collegiate setting.

The LLI season begins in January and ends in March allowing for both our year-round and much-welcomed snow friends an opportunity to attend. Sessions are every Thursday with at least one field trip per month. Field trips provide a relaxed environment for adults to develop new interests and enjoy opportunities for personal growth and social interaction with like-minded people.

Governed by a committee of peers that ensure the season's schedule provides intellectually enriched sessions and cultural explorations. Our presenters volunteer from our membership, the community, and South Florida State College faculty and retirees.



Membership

Save by becoming a 2021 Lifetime Learners member for \$95 and enjoy all of our sessions (*excludes any additional field trip and/or lunch fees*). In addition, LLI members may bring one friend to one session during the 2021 program year, free of charge—*excluding field trip dates*.

Not sure about becoming a member? Not a problem, attendees may choose sessions of interest and pay as they go. Select individual sessions for \$18 each. **Field trip prices vary, please check registration form for amounts.*

To register as a member, please call registration at 863-453-6661 and provide them with the **LLI Membership CRN 21569**.

South Florida State College welcomes you!
Highlands Campus, 600 West College Drive,
Avon Park, FL 33825



FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



Jan. 21, Babcock Ranch 8502 FL-31, Punta Gorda, FL 33982

- Arrival time: 9:30 a.m. Late arrivals will miss the tour.
- Fee: \$21.85 pp group rate—includes gratuity (*Note: Fee is non-refundable. Does not include lunch.*)
- Lunch— will be at the Gator Shack; Fee: to be paid individually on-site.
- Wear appropriate attire and footwear.
- We will not be using SFSC vans— Everyone will take their own vehicle or carpool.



Feb. 25, Discover Punta Gorda:

- Lunch— location and fee to be determined and paid individually on-site. We will meet at 11 AM, feel free to arrive at 10 AM to shop.
- Fee: \$34 pp group rate—includes gratuity. (*Note: Fee is non-refundable. Does not include lunch.*)
- Wear appropriate attire and footwear.
- We will not be using SFSC vans— Everyone will take their own vehicle or carpool.



March 11, Pinecrest Golf Course/2250 Little Lake Bonnet Rd. Avon Park

- Lunch— will be at the Sandhill Grill; Fee: to be paid individually on-site.
- We will not be using SFSC vans— Everyone will take their own vehicle or carpool.

Jan 7 (Non-Member Session CRN 21744 / \$18)

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) Yaupon Berries | Yaupon Brothers**

The story of consuming Yaupon Holly tea goes back thousands of years and even predates tea consumption from Asia. Yaupon Holly is the only naturally caffeinated plant species found in North America, and it grows throughout the Southeast United States. In 2015, two brothers and a former mentor-turned-business partner formed Yaupon Brothers American Tea Company to bring this tea back to consumers. Their vision is to revive the US-grown tea industry and provide Floridian farmers with an alternative, native crop option. Come learn about the history and uniqueness of this Florida-grown tea!

- **Session B (10:45a.m.) Hemp4Water: Can Industrial Hemp save Florida's impaired waterbodies? | Steve Edmonds and Kendall Carson**

Hemp4Water is a research concept designed to prove the efficacy of using industrial hemp plants to remove excess nitrogen and phosphorus from the impaired rivers and lakes of Florida. These two nutrients are the top two contaminants of all our freshwater attributes. Hemp4Water is collaborating with South Florida State College to accomplish the first goal of research which is to quantify how much nitrogen and phosphorus a single industrial hemp plant will process on average while being situated on floating bio-islands that float directly on impaired water.

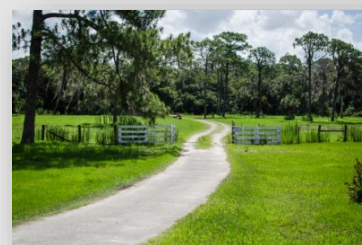
Jan 14 (Non-Member Session CRN 21776 / \$18)

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) CBD and ME: An Overview of Canna-based Products | Dr. Rodger Smith**

Learn about canna-based products that are legally available in Florida for different populations. The session will include an overview of cannabinoids and marijuana and the current science and business of canna-based products. Included will be an overview of the psychoactive and non-psychoactive components of cannabidiol and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) including the chemical differences. The presenter will allow time for questions.

- **Session B (10:45a.m.) Overview of Florida agriculture, a look at challenges and the future of Florida Agriculture | Gene McAvoy, Associate Director for Stakeholder Relations UF / IFAS SWFREC Southwest Florida Research and Education Center (SWFREC)**

Agriculture, natural resources, and food industries remain a significant force in the economy of Florida, and it is important to recognize the economic contributions of these industries. In addition to the economic contribution of agriculture and the jobs that it creates, Florida agriculture provides a number of intangible benefits including environmental services that must not be discounted.



Jan 21 (Member and Non-Member CRN 21777 / \$21.85)

Lunch is not included in the fee.

- **Session A/B: Field Trip—Babcock Ranch Swamp Buggy Eco-Tour**

Travel 90 minutes through the working cattle ranch and learn its history, wander through Florida eco-systems, all the while getting up close and personal with the local wildlife. (Wear comfortable clothes/shoes and plan for weather accordingly)

Jan 28 (Non-Member Session CRN 21778 / \$18)

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) History of DeSoto City and Highlands County | Jim Pollard**

Jim Pollard, Vice President and Director of the Sebring Historical Society will share his knowledge on the history of Highlands County and DeSoto City. Other key points will be about the Highlands County's 100th Anniversary and upcoming events.

- **Session B (10:45a.m.) | John Rousch, Director of Highlands Aviation and Aerospace Academy**

Rousch, a National speaker on developing high school aviation programs, Pilot, past President of EAA Chapter 1240, Career and Technical Educator and Administrator and teacher for over 50-years will share how he developed a community partnership in Highlands County supporting youth aviation education.

Feb. 4 (Non-Member Session CRN 21779 / \$18)

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) Overview of Nucor Steel Florida | Corey Allain, Controller**

It's no secret that Nucor Steel Florida Inc. has found a home in South Polk County but what do they do? How many employees do they have? What are their plans for the future? Nucor Controller, Corey Allain will share a business overview of Nucor Steel Florida.

- **Session B (10:45a.m.) Wet Deserts: The Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem | Tessie Offner**

The Lake Wales Ridge (LWR) is home to unique plants and animals found nowhere else! Recognized as a major geomorphological feature of peninsular Florida., "The Ridge," as it is locally known, is a relict of a shoreline and beach dune system dating to the Pleistocene epoch (2.5 million y.a. to 11,700 y.a.). The LWR is older and richer in number of endemic plants and animals associated with its characteristic dry, upland habitats than other Florida ridge networks. These uplands provide habitat for 21 federally listed plant species, many of which are found nowhere else on Earth, as well as the federally endangered Florida scrub jay, and state's only endemic mammal, the Florida mouse. Although the LWR has gained worldwide attention as a global hotspot of rare plants and biodiversity, its fame has not served to protect it from human development. Indeed, over 85% of upland plant communities on the LWR have been lost to some human land use.

Feb. 11 (Non-Member Session CRN 21780 / \$18)

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) Effects of COVID-19 in Highlands County | Sheriff Paul Blackman**

This year will definitely go down in the history books for a significant amount of reasons. Everything we hear and see is somehow related to COVID-19 and its impact to the entire world. Serving as our county's Sheriff since 2016, Blackman will share how Covid-19 has impacted our county from the perspective of law enforcement and what should we expect to see in 2021.

- **Session B (10:45a.m.) Highlands County: Income and Increased Costs during the Pandemic | C. Raymond McIntyre**

Currently serving his thirty-eighth year in office at the Highlands County Property Appraiser's office, McIntyre has seen many changes in our county throughout the years. Find out how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the county's income and what to expect with the rise of living expenses in 2021.

Feb. 18 (Non-Member Session CRN 21782 / \$18)

- **Session A/B: (9 a.m.—Noon) Florida Scrub Jays | Dr. Raoul Boughton**

This bird is noteworthy on several counts. It lives nowhere in the world except Florida, it has a complicated social system, it has been the subject of very detailed field studies, and it is threatened by loss of habitat. Formerly considered just a race of the scrub-jays found in the west, it is now classified as a full species.



Feb. 25 (Member and Non-Member CRN 21784 / \$34) *Lunch is not included in the fee.*

- **Session A: Field Trip | Discover Punta Gorda: Shop, Eat and Cruise**

The Harbor Tour is a great introduction to beautiful Charlotte Harbor. This 1 ½ hour narrated cruise tours the waterfront of Punta Gorda and Charlotte Harbor, then circles the bay looking for dolphins, seabirds, and other wildlife. You can spend an hour shopping before lunch or after the cruise at Fishermen's Village, along Charlotte Harbor in Punta Gorda. Shops are open 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Fishermen's Village merchants are famous for unusual "can't get it anywhere else" items for home, garden, and gifts. Connoisseurs, fashionistas, hobbyists, art lovers, pets, and kids of all ages find treasures that amaze and delight. *Restaurant will be decided upon closer to tour date. Lunch at 11:00 am.*

March 4 (Non-Member Session CRN 21785 / \$18)

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) Senior Safety | Chief, James Fansler of Lake Placid Police Department**

Chief Fansler will provide an informative session on senior safety. Anything can happen at any time and being prepared to protect ourselves and knowing how to help others when faced with an active shooter situation is extremely important. Learn what is the safest way to handle these types of situation.

- **Session B (10:45a.m.) What's New In Our Schools | Dr. Brenda Longshore, Highlands County Superintendent**

COVID-19 has impacted the entire world in more ways than one. Many teachers and students have had to shift quickly to on-line instruction and learning. How has this virtual option impacted our school district? Learn about the changes that have been implemented thus far and what should we expect to see in the future?



March 11 (Non-Member Session CRN 21786 / \$18) *Lunch is not included in the fee.*

- **Session A/B: (10 a.m.—1 p.m.) History of Pinecrest Golf Club | Joe Staffieri**

In 1926, Donald Ross, the nation's most respected and prolific golf course architect visited Avon Park to oversee construction of his design for Pinecrest Lakes Golf Course. Attend this session to discover some of the big names in golf and how the first televised PGA event, The World Championship of Golf was held in what is often referred to as a "hidden gem?" Joe Staffieri will provide us with the intriguing history of Pinecrest Golf Club, as well as, a question and answer session which will be followed by a delightful lunch at the Sandhill Grill located on-site. *(Lunch and gratuity is on your own to be paid directly to the restaurant)*




Please visit southflorida.edu/lifetime-learners for registration form.

Contact Deborah Gutierrez at 863.784.7032 for questions

or email communityeducation@southflorida.edu

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SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE HIGHLANDS CAMPUS



New location: Corporate and Community Education Department is now located in the University Center. Directions: take US Highway 27 to 600 West College Drive, Avon Park; turn on to College Drive; turn right at the first entrance, parking lots A1 or A2. If you have any questions regarding the directions please call 784-7033, 784- 7034 or 784-7388.

Student Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ SFSC GID: _____
(SFSC staff use only)

Registration Instructions







LLI Member—One-time fee for all sessions (*excludes price of field trips/luncheons*)

- **Option 1**—In addition to your membership registration and payment, please make your selection from the field trip/luncheons that you wish to attend. Payment is required at time of registration for any field trips/luncheons.
- **Option 2**—Register and make payment for your membership *only*. Register and pay as you go for future field trips/luncheons. Please make payment at time of registration of desired date. Registration and payment of individual field trips/luncheons are not required at the time of member registration.

Non-Member—Pick and choose individual sessions and field trips/luncheons.

(Price will include non-member individual session rate and field trip/luncheon fees if applicable)

Field trip fees are the same for LLI Members and Non-Members

Check all that apply	CRN	Date	Sessions / Field Trips	Fee Amt.
	21569	January 7 – March 11, 2021	 LLI Membership – Fee includes all classroom sessions and excludes all field trips. Select desired field trip(s) and register/pay separate from membership fee.	\$95
	21744	1/7/2021 (University Center)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yaupon Berries – Yaupon Brothers • Hemp4Water – Steve Edmonds / Kendall Carson 	\$18
	21776	1/14/2021 (University Center)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBD and ME – Dr. Rodger Smith, SFSC Professor • Future of FL Agriculture – Gene McAvoy 	\$18
	21777	1/21/2021 (Punta Gorda)	 Field Trip: Babcock Ranch Eco Tour	\$21.85
	21778	1/28/2021 (University Center)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of DeSoto City – Jim Pollard • Highlands Aviation Academy – John Rousch 	\$18
	21779	2/4/2021 (University Center)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Nucor Steel Florida • Wet Deserts: The Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem 	\$18
	21780	2/11/2021 (University Center)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 in Highlands County – Sheriff Blackman • Highlands County: Income and Increased cost during the Pandemic – Raymond McIntyre 	\$18
	21782	2/18/2021 (University Center)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida Scrub Jays – Dr. Raoul Boughton 	\$18
	21784	2/25/2021 (Punta Gorda)	 Field Trip: Discover Punta Gorda	\$34
	21785	3/4/2021 (University Center)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Safety – LPPD Chief James Fansler • What's New in Our Schools – Dr. Brenda Longshore 	\$18
	21786	3/11/2021 (Pinecrest Golf Course)	 Field Trip: History of Pinecrest Golf Club – Joe Staffieri	\$18

Payment Information

Option 1—Complete registration form and visit your nearest SFSC campus to register and make payment.

Option 2—Complete registration form and send along with a check for total amount.

Checks are payable to South Florida State College—Please send registration form and check to:

SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
CASHIER SERVICES
 600 West College Drive
 Avon Park, FL 33825

Option 3—Call to register and make payment (SFSC accepts Master Card, Visa, and Discover for payment of fees)

Registration: (863)784-7405 or 453-6661 / Cashier: (863)784-7243 or 784-7245



- Field Trip – Thursday, Jan 21, 2021
- Field Trip – Thursday, Feb 25, 2021
- Field Trip – Thursday, March 4, 2021

*Completion of this form will cover any / all of the 2021 LLI field trips.
Please complete form and submit with your registration form.*

EMERGENCY CONTACT / CONSENT FOR FIELD TRIP

I do willingly execute this release in consideration of the educational benefits to be derived by me by my participation in a College-sponsored activity. I hereby release from liability and hold the College harmless from any and all claims and causes of action which might be brought by me, my spouse and/or dependents for any claim, loss of property, personal injury or death, including court costs, attorney fees sustained by me arising out of any travel or activity conducted by or under the control of the College. It is understood that the College as used herein shall include the employees, administrators, agents and District Board of Trustees of the College.

CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

I hereby authorize the appointed representative of South Florida State College to obtain and authorize medical treatment as is necessary to protect my well-being including authorization for emergency treatment, anesthesia, and/or surgery as deemed necessary. Further, I/we do hereby release and agree to hold harmless South Florida State College and its representatives from any and all claims which may arise from said medical treatment.

Organized Activity

Program Name: Lifetime Learner Institute—2021

Participant Information

Participant's Legal Name: _____
Last Name First Name

Participant's Preferred Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street address City State Zip

Emergency Contact Information

Contact #1

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Contact #2

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Participant Signature: x _____ Date: ____/____/____