

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Invasive Exotic Plant Management Volunteer
LOCATION: Chinsegut Nature Center & Wildlife Environmental Area
SUPERVISOR: Chinsegut Nature Center Director

Background:

The Chinsegut Wildlife and Environmental Area and Nature Center (CWEA) is unique in the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) wildlife management system, for its strong focus on providing conservation education programs to the public.

The CWEA is composed of two tracts. The 408-acre Nature Center Tract contains rolling sandhills and scenic Mays Prairie, hiking trails and boardwalks, and a 49-person capacity Nature Center. The 420-acre Big Pine Tract has the distinction of being one of the largest contiguous (and the southern-most) tracts of old-growth longleaf pine in Florida and also has a system of hiking trails.

The diverse natural communities of the CWEA provide habitats for many wildlife species (including several that are endangered or species of special concern).

Among the management goals of Chinsegut is to control and manage the introduction and spread of invasive non-native plants and animals.

Position Responsibilities:

The invasive exotic plant management volunteer's principle responsibilities are to lead volunteer crews to remove invasive exotic pest plants that occur at CWEA including Chinese tallow, cogon grass, camphor, air potato, bamboo, coral ardesia, skunk vine, tropical soda apple, and rosary pea. The successful candidate should have a strong background and experience in plant identification and/or gardening and working with volunteers.

Assigned Tasks:

- Become knowledgeable of all exotic invasive species found at CWEA
- Identify and delineate areas of CWEA that have especially difficult exotic invasive problems
- Assist in delivering educational workshops or presentations and/or develop a very simple interpretative program about invasive non-native plant identification and control
- Complete daily operations tasks as assigned by The Nature Center Director

Skills/Previous Experience/Qualifications:

- Working knowledge of native and exotic plant botany, and /or gardening.

