

The 2012 St. Johns River Celebration - Clay County



FAST FACTS

When: The 2012 Celebration is March 17, 2012, from 8 a.m. to noon with lunch immediately following at Camp Chowenwaw.

Who: In the past fifteen years over 8,625 volunteers have removed more than 271,281 pounds of trash & debris from Clay County waterways and roadways.

How: You can be a part of the Celebration by calling Tania Jolley, county coordinator, at (904) 269-6374 or 284-6374.

What to bring: A rake or trash stick, dip nets, sunscreen, work gloves and your boat or canoe. Wear old clothes and protective footwear. We'll supply the trash bags.

Volunteers less than 16 years of age *must* be accompanied by an adult; those under 18 *should* be accompanied by an adult.

What is the St. Johns River Celebration?

The St. Johns River Celebration is a one-day volunteer cleanup of the St. Johns River and its major tributaries.

The cleanup efforts go beyond the shoreline of the river, spanning the river's entire watershed. The Celebration helps people to understand how the river system is interconnected. What each of us does in one part of the watershed, which is the 12,400 square-mile area from which water drains into the river and its surrounding ecosystems, affects the entire river.

Throughout its watershed and all along the St. Johns River, people work at cleanup sites and help raise awareness of river issues to foster a year-round appreciation of this precious resource - Florida's longest river.

The Celebration is co-sponsored by Keep Clay Beautiful and the Clay County Board of County Commissioners. This is Clay County's kickoff event for the Great American Cleanup.

What is Clay County's river connection?

The St. Johns River runs northward through Clay County east of U.S. 17. Black Creek, Ates Creek, Greens Creek, Bull Creek, Peters Creek and Governor Creek all drain into the river. Doctors Inlet also flows into the river south of Orange Park.



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Cleanup Sites:

1. **Knights Boat Ramp:** U.S. Highway 17 at the Black Creek Bridge
2. **Lakeshore Boat Ramp:** Lakeshore Drive U.S. Highway 17 to County Road 220 (Doctor's Inlet Exit near Eagle Harbor). Turn at Lakeshore Drive; follow to the end to Doctor's Inlet
3. **Main Street Boat Ramp:** 3788 Main St., SR 21 (Blanding Blvd.) north or south to Middleburg. Turn at Main Street; follow to boat ramp in Middleburg.

*Volunteers must check in at one of the sites listed to sign in and receive materials.
Volunteers under 18 years of age should be accompanied by an adult.*