# Panhandle Outdoors







orthwest Florida is considered one of the top six biodiversity hotspots in the country. The reasons why begin with our unique water features. Join us to explore these waters and learn more about the Panhandle's hidden ecological treasures!





#### **MARCH 1-2**

# Wakulla Springs Water School

Ever wanted to learn more about how Florida's springs work? What lives there? Where does the water come from, and where does it go?

This two-day trip is based out of Wakulla Springs Lodge. The basic registration (\$95) includes three meals, a riverboat tour of the Wakulla River, a hike to sinkholes and karst features at Leon Sinks Geological Area and Cherokee Sink, and presentations by expert field guides. The second day concludes with an optional paddle trip down the Wakulla River (\$15-\$35 according to boat option). Stay overnight at the historic Wakulla Springs Lodge or one of two other very nice hotels nearby.

# **DETAILS & REGISTRATION:**

Lodging information, times, and more can be found at http://pol-2016-wakulla-springshed.eventbrite.com

Contact Will Sheftall at sheftallw@leoncountyfl.gov

#### **APRIL 4-5**

# Weeks Bay Estuary Water School

Paddling, seafood and National Estuarine Research Reserve tour Contact—Rick O'Connor, roc1@ufl.edu

#### **AUGUST 11**

Econfina Creek Water School Contact—Laura Tiu, Igtiu@ufl.edu

# **SEPTEMBER 7-8**

St. Joseph Bay Coastal

Ecosystems Water School

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