

20th Annual Meeting
Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
28 March to 30 March, 2000
Withlacoochee Training Center
Brooksville, Florida

The Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will hold its 20th annual meeting from 28 March to 30 March, 2000 at the Withlacoochee Training Center near Brooksville, Florida. The Florida Chapter was organized in 1980 to promote the wise use of Florida's aquatic resources. Membership in the Chapter and participation in the annual meeting is open to anyone with an interest in the fish and aquatic resources of Florida.

Meeting: The theme of this year's meeting is "Impacts of Harmful Organisms on Florida Fisheries--Your Choice of Colors: Blue-Green Algae, Red Tides, Black Grubs..." Harmful algal blooms (HABs) and diseases threaten Florida fisheries and have made statewide headlines during the past year with the public and politicians alike looking at horrific pictures of fish lesions on the nightly news. Coming directly on the heels of the World HAB Meeting in Tasmania, Australia, the timing could not be better for the Florida Chapter to hear about this issue within our state. Speakers will cover the topic from streams to reefs.

In addition to invited speakers, there will be a contributed paper session dealing with traditional fisheries topics. Organizers are looking for papers and posters. Papers will be 15-minutes long, preferably with slides or Power-Point, and have an additional 5-minutes for introductions and questions. Posters will be approximately 3' x 4'.

The Chapter's annual business meeting will also be held during this time period. This is an opportunity to help decide the future of the Chapter and to get updated on happenings at the Division and International level.

There will be bonfire socials Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and the Florida Chapter raffle Wednesday night. The meeting provides an excellent opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet other individuals who are interested in Florida's fisheries and exchange information. Come on out and enjoy the best camaraderie our profession and avocation has to offer.

Location: The 600-acre Withlacoochee Training Center is approximately 10 miles north of Brooksville on US Highway 41. The Training Center has heated and air conditioned, dormitory-style accommodations for 96. There are motels available in Brooksville and Floral City in case of overflow. The Training Center kitchen will be closed for remodeling; therefore, meals will be catered this year. The caterer will make every effort to accommodate special diets, so if you have a preference for vegetarian meals or require some other diet, please indicate it on the registration form.

The Training Center has a recreation building available for use after the meeting. McKethan Lake recreational area is within walking distance and features boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, and self-guided nature trails.

Student Travel Grants: The Florida Chapter has a limited number of student travel grants available to assist students attending the meeting. These grants cover the cost of room and board. The student is responsible for the registration fee. The Florida Chapter gives preference to students who are presenting papers or posters at the meeting, but a presentation is not required. Apply to **Chuck Cichra, University of Florida, 7922 NW 71st St., Gainesville, FL 352/392-9617**. Email cichra@nervm.nerdc.ufl.edu

More Information: Contact **Doug Haymans**, President Elect Florida Chapter AFS, if you need more

information. He can be reached at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399; phone: 850/488-6058; email: haymand@gfc.state.fl.us

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Tentative Meeting Agenda

28 March 2000 (Tuesday)

1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1700	Registration
1300-1315	Welcome by President Wattendorf and Introductory Comments
1315-1400	
1400-1700	Technical Session (Contributed Papers)
1715-1830	Dinner
1900-????	Bonfire Social, and Poster Set-Up

29 March 2000 (Wednesday)

0700-0730	Breakfast
0800-1700	Registration
0800-1000	HAB Symposium Speakers
1000-1020	Break
1020-1200	HAB Symposium Speakers
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	HAB Symposium Speakers
1500-1520	Break
1520-1700	Technical Session (Contributed Papers)
1715-1830	Dinner
1900-2030	Business Meeting
2030-????	Florida Chapter Raffle, Bonfire Social

30 March 2000 (Thursday)

0700-0730	Breakfast
0800-1200	Registration
0800-1000	Technical Session
1000-1020	Break
1020-1200	Technical Session (Contributed Papers)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-????	Technical Session (if necessary), Florida Chapter Awards, Poster Take Down

Motels and Other Accommodations in the Brooksville Area

These facilities are located in the general area and can be used in case of overflow at the Withlacoochee Training Center. Inverness is approximately 13 miles from the training center, Brooksville approximately 10 miles, and I-75 and SR50 approximately 18 miles. The quality of the small local motels is unknown.

Motels (Brooksville)

Days Inn
I-75 And SR50
796-9486

Hampton Inn of Brooksville
I-75 and SR50
796-1000

Holiday Inn of Brooksville
I-75 and SR50
796-9481

Jefferson Motel
1030 W Jefferson Street
796-3257

M J W Ranch Cottages
3257 Neff Rd
796-9623

Oaks Motel
630 S Broad St.
796-4807

Olde Oak Inn Motel
1795 Jefferson St.
796-4546

Sunrise Motel
250 N Broad St.
796-8634

Sunset Motel
301 S Broad St.
796-3494

Verona Bed and Breakfast
201 S Main St.
796-4001

Motels (Inverness)

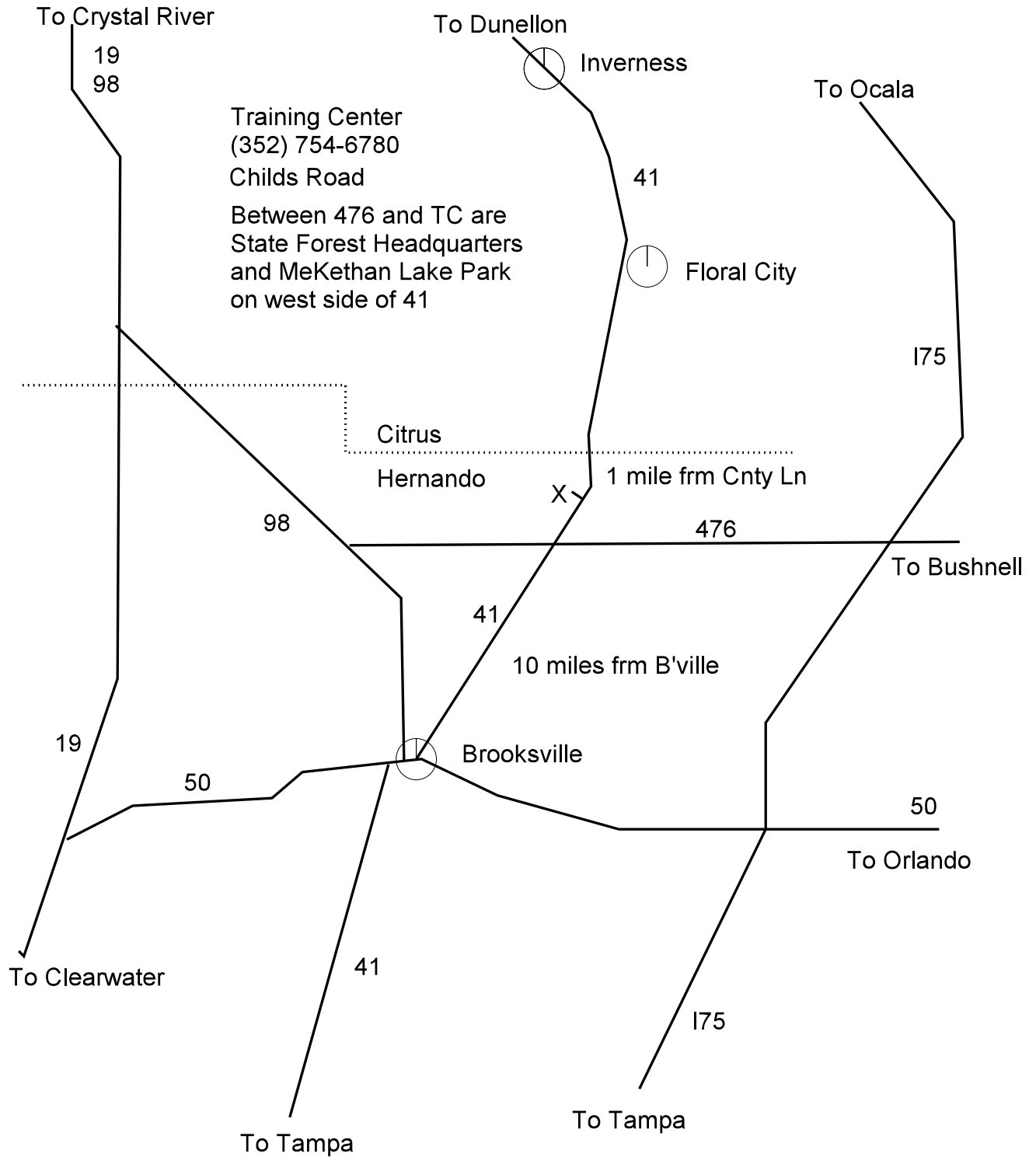
Central Motel & CM-Restaurant
721 S US Highway 41
726-4515

Florida Motel
1301 N US Highway 41
726-2631

Campgrounds

There are no public campgrounds associated with state parks, forests, recreational areas, etc. in the general area. There are a number of private campgrounds/RV parks in the area. Most of these appear to cater to the residential RV crowd. One possibility is Brentwood Lake Camping (796-5760) located approximately 6 miles south of the Training Center.

Florida Chapter American Fisheries Society Withlacoochee State Forest Training Center



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2000 Annual Meeting Registration

NAME _____
ADDRESS* _____

DAY TIME PHONE _____ E MAIL _____
AFFILIATION _____
ARRIVAL DATE/TIME _____

*The address will be used in our mailing list and should be the one where you want to receive you newsletters and other materials.

Please select one of the following Registration Fees:

Member One-day Registration. If you have already **Paid**
2000 FL Chapter dues, your registration fee is: (\$17.00) _____

Non-member One-day Registration. If you **have not Paid**
2000 FL Chapter dues, your registration fee is: (\$27.00) _____

Member Full Registration. If you have already **Paid**
2000 FL Chapter dues your registration fee is: (\$25.00) _____

Non-member Full Registration. If you **have not Paid**
your 2000 Chapter dues your registration fee is: (\$35.00) _____

Partial Meals and Lodging

Tuesday: 28 March 2000	Lunch	(\$6.00)	_____
	Dinner	(\$8.00)	_____
	Lodging	(\$21.00)	_____
Wednesday: 29 March 2000	Breakfast	(\$4.00)	_____
	Lunch	(\$6.00)	_____
	Dinner	(\$8.00)	_____
Thursday: 30 March 2000	Lodging	(\$21.00)	_____
	Breakfast	(\$4.00)	_____
	Lunch	(\$6.00)	_____

Full Meals and Lodging: (\$84.00) _____

Total Amount: (Registration & Meals) _____

Total Enclosed: (Minimum \$10.00 Deposit) _____

Balance Due: _____

Dietary Needs: (vegetarian, low fat, etc.) _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: **Florida Chapter, AFS**

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