



# CENTRAL FLORIDA HABITATS

Friday, February 20, 2026

Creation Adventures by Science Partners



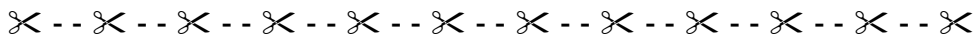
**O LORD, how many are Thy works! In wisdom Thou hast made them all.  
The earth is full of Thy creatures. Psalm 104:24**

Join Bill and Merilee Clifton - creationists, authors, Florida Master Naturalists, and science educators - as we explore Central Florida Habitats, observing plants and animals that were specifically designed to live in them. Our day begins at **Blue Spring State Park** (Orange City), home to several habitats including hammock, marsh, swamp, flatwoods, and sand pine scrub. We will **cruise the St. Johns River aboard a hands-on, floating science laboratory!** We'll test the river water for temperature, salinity, and turbidity. We'll dip, collect, and identify marine specimens. And, we'll enjoy our captain's narrated introduction to the wildlife and vegetation of this fragile ecosystem. We'll keep a look out for manatees, alligators, otters, snakes, deer, turtles, birds, and more. Students will have the opportunity to **earn a Birding Certificate** in the "Wings over Florida" program of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. After our cruise, we'll **hike** the boardwalk through the lush hammock along Blue Spring Run as we **look for threatened manatees** near the head of the springs. Back at the picnic pavilion, we'll **see a manatee skull and rib**, as Mr. Clifton teaches us about manatees from a creationist perspective. Then, we're off to **Lyonia Preserve** in Deltona where we will take a short hike into a scrub habitat looking for one of Florida's rarest and most threatened birds, the **Florida scrub-jay**. We'll learn about plants and animals created for the scrub habitat and contrast them with plants and animals of other habitats. We'll also visit **Lyonia Environmental Center** and learn much from its educational displays and exhibits.

**We will meet at 8:00 AM at Blue Spring State Park, 2100 W. French Ave., Orange City, FL 32763.** PLEASE NOTE: There is a \$6 per vehicle (for 2-8 people) park entrance fee to be paid at BSSP. Driving directions for the rest of the day will be provided upon your arrival. **Be sure to bring a picnic lunch. Our habitat survey will end at Lyonia Preserve at 2:30 PM.** If you have questions, call or text the Cliftons at 407-808-4458 or email them at [sciencepartners@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sciencepartners@cfl.rr.com). Minimum number is 30. Maximum number is 45 (pontoon boat capacity). A responsible adult must accompany all children. **Minimum age: 3 years (Coast Guard / life vest regulations).** **Deadline for minimum number is January 23, 2026.** **Late registrations may be accepted, space permitting.**

**You may register two ways:**

1. Mail your **check or money order** payable to **Science Partners** along with your registration form below to **343 Allison Ave., Longwood, FL 32750**. Checks are held until minimum number is reached.
2. Make your **Zelle payment** to **Science Partners** at **407-808-4458**. Also email the information requested on the registration form below to Science Partners at [sciencepartners@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sciencepartners@cfl.rr.com).



**Registration Form: CENTRAL FLORIDA HABITATS – Friday, February 20, 2026**

Family's Last Name:		Cell Number:		
Homeschool Group:		Email:		
<b>Adult Names:</b>	<b>Children's Names and Ages:</b>		<b>Children's Names and Ages:</b>	
1.	1.	1.	4.	4.
2.	2.	2.	5.	5.
3.	3.	3.	6.	6.
<b>Cost:</b>				
# Students 3-18 years = _____ @ \$33 = \$ _____		# Adults 19 years+ = _____ @ \$35 = \$ _____		
<b>Total: \$</b>	<b>Payment Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Zelle			