



Volunteer Voice

Volunteering Facts on Florida

- 2.8 million volunteers
- 19.6% of residents volunteer
- 430 million hours of service
- 29.7 hours per resident
- \$8.7 billion of service contributed

Local Events

- Outstanding Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award in October 17th
- International Volunteers Manager Day on November 5th
- The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend will host the 17th Annual Kids Soiree Oct. 20, 2009
- Leon County Volunteer Managers Day on November 18th, 2009

Volunteer Firefighters Event

County residents are encouraged to have some fun and to thank their Leon County Volunteer Firefighters at the 12th Annual Fire Truck Roundup on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sun Trust Bank, 3522 Thomasville Road.

The Leon County Volunteer Firefighter of the Year will be announced at 11 a.m., and the winner will be presented with a resolution on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners along with a trophy from the Earl Bacon Insurance Agency.

There will also be demonstrations of the Jaws-of-Life, fire-truck equipment for children to explore, free hot dogs and soda and drawings for toys and fire-safety goodies.

For more information, call VolunteerLEON at (850) 606-1970 or visit www.VolunteerLEON.org

Disney's Give a Day, Get a Day Program in Leon County

Time to move Disney's promotion from the commercials to reality. Start preparing for a free trip to Disney World, and remember, volunteering as a family, get a day as a family.

Beginning January 1, 2010, when you sign up here to volunteer a day of service with a participating organization (and your service is completed and verified) you'll get one day admission to a Walt Disney World or Disneyland theme park, FREE! Disney wants to inspire one million people to volunteer a day of service. Please visit [Disney's volunteering website](#) for offer details, and call (850) 606-1970 for volunteering

Florida Volunteerism

Even with the economic crisis, the national volunteer rate remained relatively constant, from 26.2% in 2007 to 26.4% in 2008. In 2008, 61.8 million volunteers donated approximately 8 billion hours of service in communities across the country. 21.4% of adults volunteered in Florida in 2008, contributing 431.5 million hours of service.

In addition to the 3.1 million adults in Florida volunteering in 2008, an extra 460,119 individuals worked with their neighbors to fix a problem or improve a condition in their community but did not serve through an organization.

Facts taken from:
www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/

United Way Big Bend Kickoff Breakfast

On Thursday, October 8th, VolunteerLEON and the Leon County Public Information Office cooked and flipped over eight hundred pancakes for courthouse employees. Proceeds were donated to the United Way Big Bend to support their continued community action. Arriving at six o'clock in the morning, volunteers from Keiser University and other county offices worked to setup tables in the humid morning air. Thanks to Jon Brown, Public Information Officer, his intern Chris Holley, Mike Edwards and Jeri Bush from VolunteerLEON, and many, many others. Some of the speakers in attendance included Vince Long, Deputy County Administrator, Bryan Desloge, County Commissioner, Karen Campbell, Office of Public Guardians, and Ken Armstrong, President of United Way Big Bend.

After Thursday's event concluded, the event coordinators made one thing clear: Leon County is dedicated to volunteer action, even if that means eating truckloads of pancakes.