



2019 S.E.E.K

Environmental Conference Sponsored by
The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

Where: Chinsegut Retreat and Conservation Camp

When: June 17 – 20, 2019

Cost: \$300 Inclusive

Lodging: Chinsegut Retreat

Meals: Planned for Healthy Options

Who Can Attend S.E.E.K?
Students Entering Grades 10 – 12

Online Registration Begins January 1, 2019
www.ffgc.org/youth/seek

How to Get Connected With The S.E.E.K Team

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What's New for 2019?

The mission of SEEK is to increase student environmental literacy through hands on and field based educational experiences. To inspire student interest and involvement in environmental conservation and protection; and to promote student development of environmental stewardship ethics as well as environmental career opportunities.

The field excursions focus on basic impacts at the local, regional and global level. Special emphasis is directed towards instilling a higher level of scientific literacy and an environmental stewardship that can be spread to the students communities.

Facilities: Nestled in the central Florida sand hills the retreat is just five miles northeast of Brooksville. It is an United States historical site which houses an 1850 manor house and cabins. Air-conditioned, cabins have four twin bed rooms complete with their own private bathroom. Each cabin has its own shared living area complete with a kitchenette, refrigerator, microwave and coffee pot. There is a dining hall with a full kitchen where all meals will be served, and a classroom facility. Recreational areas with hiking trails for bird watching. A fire pit with treats will be enjoyed each night. Please visit the chinseguthillretreat.com for pictures of the facility. This year's program will cover our inland lakes and rivers, a visit to one of the only native long leaf pine forest. State Forest Rangers will review the importance of control burns in our forest along with demonstrations. Bird watching with camera's installed in secluded woodpecker nest. And a visit to a mining site to find fossils, are just a few topics we will cover. We are excited to take our students this year into the old Florida sandhills and show them what Florida was before man claimed the land and how important it is to preserve our environment.