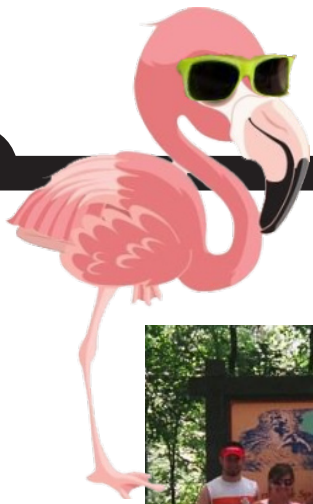


# Tau Chapter Times

Since you've been gone...

Summer Update



## Let's Go Down to the River



*Yurtle the Turtle with the gang right before our plunge into cool waters*

On Memorial Day a group of Brothers- Matt Martin, Christy Collins, Alexis Martin, Lindsey Webber, Ashley Jarek, Ashley Dougherty and me drove up to Fort White, FL and visited Ichetucknee Springs State Park.

The river flows six miles through shaded hammocks and wetlands, giving us a taste for nature. We saw several turtles, a large school of fish, and some brown water snakes (Eek!). And in keeping with Tau Tradition, our president spent her entire birthday "ponded."

Floating down the river takes up to three hours (four if you opted for a turtle-like raft instead of a tube!). It was a great way to hang out in a relaxed setting and everyone agreed we should do it again this fall.

The cost is \$5/person and it's about 20 min N on I-75.

July 28, 2009

Dear Alpha Phi Omega,

On behalf of the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County, Jessica and I want to send a huge **THANK-YOU** to Alpha Phi Omega for the invaluable service provided in assisting us with playground construction. Not just once, but three times you came out to different child care programs. Twice you traveled the 20 miles out to High Springs from Gainesville, braving scorching summer sun and heat, and even torrential rain—working straight through it!

Always you brought exceptionally willing attitudes, cheerful spirits, enthusiasm, and expertise! Now, where there were no appropriate outdoor play areas for these children, there are now stimulating and exciting playgrounds!

Please know how much we, the child care providers, and the children appreciate you and the significant difference you've helped make in our community!

With warm regards,

Lynn Blakeslee, Quality Program Coordinator



Epsilon Iota's pledge class service project made it into the Gainesville Sun!

Did you know that flamingos live an average of 20 to 30 years, which makes Fred the oldest flamingo on the planet!

# O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Jen Cowie: Spent a week at UNC Chapel Hill in sales training for her summer internship with Student Media Group.



Kim Barbeitos went to Gandoca, Costa Rica to help out WIDECAS with research through a program called International Student Volunteers.

WIDECAS is an organization that teaches the locals about wildlife conservation and sea turtle populations. She learned a lot about sea turtles and how their existence is being threatened. Historically, sea turtles were hunted for their meat and eggs. (These practices continue today, but at a much slower rate.)



Alex Harding went on an African safari!



Salam, Egypt!

Krissie Shutt spent fifteen days in Egypt!

After a 13 hour flight, she and her sister started our Journey with GAP tours (Great Adventure People) in Cairo. They visited Luxor, Aswan, Alexandria, Sinai, St. Katherine, and Dehab. It was a vacation of many firsts: seeing the Sahara desert, floating down the Nile on a feluca (an Egyptian sail boat), touching the Red Seas, climb-rockin' out to Ming!

They rode camels alongside the Pyramids of Giza, the tomb of Tut, and walked through Karnak Temple, the largest temple in the world! Did you know that Egypt is one of three countries that are in two different continents? Not only was Krissie in Africa, but she also crossed the border into Asia. She even got to ride a very hungry donkey, which tried to ride off with her in the middle of the Valley of the Kings.

Throughout her vacation, she learned a little Arabic, ate lots of bread and rice, and got proposed to by an elevator man. But the best part was that she got to meet amazing people from all over the world and live in a different culture that is completely misunderstood by our country. Krissie highly recommends for every person to visit Egypt. It is the trip of a lifetime!



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# APO Goes Eco-friendly...

## Ways you can be a GREEN Brother

Did you know that flamingoes are the some of the only creatures designed to survive in the caustic environment of a volcanic lake.



Hey Brothers!

I recently came across the One Less Car program on the UF website, and I thought that it might be a good idea if APhiO got involved on it with a team.

It's a quite simple program; you log onto the group Alpha Phi Omega on the website <http://uf.greenride.com/en-US/default.aspx> and sign up, and we get points as a group that could win us prizes.

Not only is this great program, it shows that our organization is trying to be "green" and sustainable.

Thanks everyone in advance who signs up!

Alexis

1. **Recycle** everything, especially paper!
2. Use your printer wisely. UF says **"Think before you Ink."**
3. Limit the use of disposable cups and plates. **Say no to solo**; bring your own cup parties?
4. Limit the use of paper napkins and paper towels. Use sponges and dishtowels instead.
5. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs- the cool spirally ones. They'll cost more up front, but you won't have to replace them as often and they save energy!
6. **Walk, bike**, and limit your use of a car. (See One Less Car). Utilize the RTS bus- we pay for it!
7. **Buy green**. Try local produce shops like the Farmer's Market or Wards.
8. Carry a water bottle- **nalgene bottles** are available for sale everywhere now.
9. Use **refillable** binders instead of notebooks or go electronic and take notes on your laptop.
10. **Buy used** clothing.- hit up Goodwill and Salvation Army for stuff other than costumes!

Read more: [http://collegeuniversity.suite101.com/article.cfm/green\\_tips\\_for\\_college\\_students#ixzz0PgVnQYQw](http://collegeuniversity.suite101.com/article.cfm/green_tips_for_college_students#ixzz0PgVnQYQw)

### What's Hot & What's NOT

#### WHAT'S HOT

Ginnie Springs  
Blue Highway Pizzeria  
Mochi  
Karma Cream  
Rain Boots  
Nike running shorts  
The Booth

#### WHAT'S NOT

Lake Wauberg  
D'Lites  
Umbrellas  
Cheerleading shorts  
The HUB



Green thought: Read the Tau Chapter Times online by downloading it for our webpage [apotau.org](http://apotau.org). Pass along our print copies to another Brother; recycle copies by leaving them in the booth.

Did you know that Ancient Romans considered flamingo tongue to be a delicacy.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009  SCHEDULE		
SEPTEMBER 5		CHARLESTON SOUTHERN
SEPTEMBER 10		TROY
SEPTEMBER 19		TENNESSEE
SEPTEMBER 26	@ 	KENTUCKY
OCTOBER 10	@ 	L.S.U
OCTOBER 17		ARKANSAS
OCTOBER 24	@ 	MISSISSIPPI STATE
OCTOBER 31*		GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 7		VANDERBILT
NOVEMBER 14	@ 	SOUTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 21		FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL
NOVEMBER 28		FLORIDA STATE

ALL TIMES EASTERN  
\* GAME PLAYED AT A NEUTRAL LOCATION

**Family/Alumni Weekend** will be Friday, Nov. 6 - Sunday, Nov. 8, the weekend of the Florida-Vanderbilt football game. There will be food, service, and fun for everybody, be you alumni, current student, or family member. Make sure to mark your calendars and inform your parents of the date so we can all enjoy the togetherness of our one, massive family. Email Patrick at [pflanag@ufl.edu](mailto:pflanag@ufl.edu) with your expected attendance soon!



Welcome Everyone,

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*I am very excited that you decided to learn more about Alpha Phi Omega. Alpha Phi Omega is a national, co-ed service fraternity that has set the standard for college campus-based volunteerism since 1925. We have active chapters on over 350 campuses, and we strive to help each individual member develop leadership skills, experience friendship on many levels, and provide service to others. We are a service-based organization that allows you to broaden your college experience by enabling you to help not only yourself but also those around you.*

*This organization is truly life changing. I have grown as a person and have met people who have become more than friends to me but family. I wish you all the luck in your rushing process and I hope to meet you all.*

*If you have any questions, or concerns please feel free to e-mail me at [ganki@ufl.edu](mailto:ganki@ufl.edu)*

*Ashley Dougherty  
Tau Chapter President*

