

# Greetings from Surfing's Evolution & Preservation Foundation!

Surf & Beach Preservation



**SURFING'S EVOLUTION & PRESERVATION FOUNDATION**

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## Upcoming Events

Surfing's Evolution & Preservation Foundation is already scheduling some events for 2019. Here is where you can catch us, so far:

- Beach N' Boards Fest – March 15, 16 and 17 at Shepard Park in Cocoa Beach
- SharkCon – July 13 and 14 at the Florida State Fairgrounds Expo Hall in Tampa Bay
- NKF Surf Fest – August 31, September 1 and 2 at the Cocoa Beach Pier in Cocoa Beach

*These events are great for the whole family. Be sure to stop by and say hi.*

## SPOTLIGHT ON:

### Keep Lee County Beautiful Hydration Stations – Replacing Single Use Plastic Bottles

One simple and environmentally friendly change organizations can put in place is to begin using hydration stations as often as possible rather than distributing bottled water. These hydration stations are simply water coolers that you fill with ice and then add water to them from large jugs of water, rather than using coolers filled with individual bottled water. Five-gallon sized bottled water works best to fill these water coolers; as these are not added back into the waste stream, instead they can be refilled and used again at a later date. The same is true with the water coolers; once your organization has them, you will be able to use them for years to come.

This year, Keep Lee County Beautiful (KLCB) held their International Coastal Cleanup on October 13 and this was their first-time setting up hydration stations. They had 16 sites and 7 of them were switched over to these stations using 5-gallon and 3-gallon water coolers and paper cone cups. By the end of the event, it was estimated that over 800 plastic bottles were kept from being used. Going forward, KLCB is committed to using these hydration stations; as the benefits were easily seen after their implementation. The largest benefit to making this change is to reduce the amount of plastic entering the waste stream. Often these plastic items do not get placed in a recycle bin so they end up getting mixed in with the regular trash and debris. If this is going to a landfill then these plastic bottles will eventually break down into plastic microfibers and they will find their way into the environment. There is also the intangible feel good reward of knowing you are making a difference just by doing something the right way. It was even noted by many volunteers during KLCB's International Coastal Cleanup that this was a nice change, and they were happy to see the plastic bottles not being distributed.

Now you can join us in making a difference and helping to protect our environment by using hydration stations whenever possible! A big Thank You to Mike Thomas with KLCB for contributing this article and photos!



## The Great American Cleanup 2019

The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program, which takes place annually, in the spring, in an estimated 20,000 communities nationwide. This wonderful event engages more than 5 million volunteers and participants. To get involved in your community, please check [www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org) for the Keep America Beautiful affiliate in your area.



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### Recycling... What You May Not Know

This past year we attended quite a few events and one of the common subjects we received questions about is recycling. We learned that, while people want to do the right thing when it comes to recycling, there are many questions on what is and is not recyclable. Since recycling facilities are not all the same, please do a little homework and find out what is acceptable in your area. You may think you are doing a great job but you may be including items that wreak havoc with the machinery.

Contact your local recycling company if you have questions regarding what you can and can't recycle in your area. A little education goes a long way!



### Surf Facts... Did you know?

1. The first account of surfing was given in 1778 in Hawaii.
2. The first official surf contest took place in Corona del Mar, CA in 1928.
3. There has been a degree course in Surf Science and Technology at Plymouth University since 1999.
4. The biggest wave ever recorded was 1,738 feet in 1958 in southern Alaska!
5. The most people to ever stand on one surfboard is 47. It was a pretty big board!
6. The first recorded use of "surfing" as a mode of using the internet was in 1992.
7. The term "channel surfing" referring to the television dates back to 1986.



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