



Volunteer + Citizen Science Handout

Pasco can lead through steady education, cleanup work, outreach staffing, and community observation. This handout helps volunteers see where they fit.

Outreach roles

- Hand out sorter cards and public sheets.
- Staff tables at marinas, parks, and festivals.
- Explain the connection between scallops, seagrass, and clean water.
- Direct people to current FWC rules and the Foundation site.

Cleanup roles

- Join shoreline and neighborhood cleanups.
- Track problem areas for trash or shell dumping.
- Help adopt a launch site or shoreline segment.
- Document before/after progress with photos.

Observation roles

- Record general water clarity or algae observations from public areas.
- Encourage use of official surveys when available.
- Share local notes to help shape education priorities and pre-season messaging.

Best partners

- Schools and youth clubs.
- Marinas, bait shops, and boat clubs.
- HOAs and civic organizations.
- Businesses that want to sponsor outreach or cleanup materials.

Volunteer message

This initiative is not just about harvest. It is about stewardship, habitat protection, youth education, local pride, and creating a positive scalloping culture in Pasco County.

