TOUR DESCRIPTIONS / THURSDAY

7:00 am–1:00 pm
Tour 1: Playing on Common Ground - Where Recreation Meets Ecology (Golf Tournament)  (2 CEC, DBPR Pending)

Adam McCollister, PLA, ASLA
Jeremy Craft, PGA
Todd Walsworth, GCSAA

Grand Cypress Golf Resort sits amongst a wide variety of ecosystems, and is bound on its eastern edge by Cypress Creek and a series of surrounding wetlands and lakes. Through a combination of professional introductions prior to the round, on-course educational signage, and an informational flora and fauna guide/yardage book handout, participants will be taken on a self-guided tour of a truly unique golf experience that is truly rooted in our community and environment.

1:30 pm–4:30 pm
Tour 2: Oviedo on the Park - The Value of a High Quality Public Realm (3 CEC, DBPR Pending)

Greg Bryla, PLA, ASLA
Christina Hite, PLA, ASLA

The City of Oviedo, Florida, entered into a public private partnership with a unified vision to create a walkable, mixed-use Town Center. Oviedo on the Park includes Center Park Lake, an amphitheater, dog park, play area, concessions, boardwalk, splash pad, and Veterans Memorial. The landscape architects of the project will guide a tour through the site and reveal its unique design solutions and details, the challenges associated, and examples of the site's community success. It's an excellent example of the public realm acting as an economic driver, social hub, and community identity.
9:45 am–11:45 am

Tour 3: Accessibility - A Sensitivity Training Field Trip
(2 CEC, ABC, DBPR Pending)

Emily O’Mahoney, FASLA, PLA, LEED AP, BD & C
David F. Milligan, FASLA, LEED®AP ID+C, CPSI

As designers of outdoor environments such as parks, river walks, urban plazas and campuses – and as participants on interdisciplinary design teams on projects involving architecture and engineering – it is imperative that landscape architects be knowledgeable of ADA Standards and their application. Attendees will receive a guide to navigating the accessibility requirements in the State of Florida along with a quick review of criteria. Using wheelchairs and sight reducing glasses, the course attendees will go on a field trip on the grounds of the resort to emphasize the effects of built design to those with accessibility challenges.

6:30 am–9:30 am

Tour 4: Theme Park Evolution - The Role of Landscape Architecture in Volcano Bay and Multi-Modal Transportation at Universal Studios
(3 CEC, DBPR Pending)

Michael Miller, ASLA

Creating the perfect vacation experience is no easy task. For theme parks, it is particularly challenging as they must keep up with evolving consumer preferences and needs; balancing the nostalgia of the past with the excitement of the future; and ensuring that the encounter is unique, safe, accessible, and hassle-free. Landscape architects play a central role in this process from start to finish, bringing these elements together in a way that makes sense and is consistent with the theme. Join ASLA Florida Past President Mike Miller as he takes you on a behind-the-scenes journey at Volcano Bay™ Water Theme Park, which he helped to create as the
newest attraction at Universal Orlando™, and learn first-hand how they conjured this experience, as well as how they are adapting to the new ride-sharing world in their expansive multi-modal transportation network.

9:00 am–12:00 pm
Tour 5: Victory Pointe Park — Not Your Typical Stormwater Pond
(3 CEC, DBPR Pending)

Frank Bellomo, PLA
A. Blake Drovy, AICP
Donald Wishart, PLA
Keith S Haugdahl, P.E.

As part of the City of Clermont’s Downtown Master Plan process, GAI’s Community Solutions Group identified Victory Pointe Park as a key catalyst project, based on the City’s need for a new stormwater facility on the west side. The Victory Pointe Park project re-envisioned the typical stormwater pond approach by creating a community amenity that provides recreation, a wildlife habitat, and a signature address for adjacent future development.