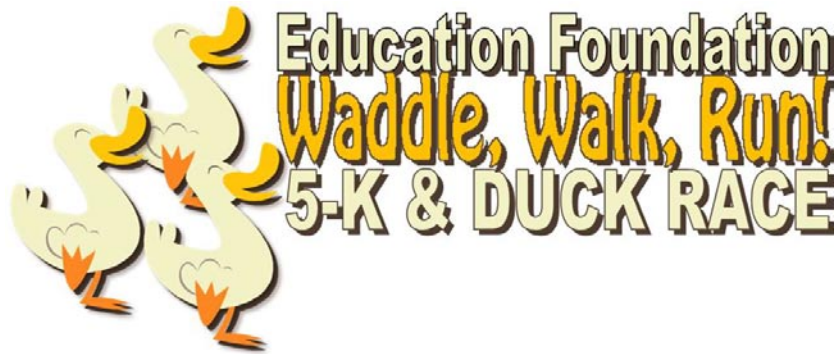


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WADDLE, WALK, RUN FOR EDUCATION! JOIN OUR 5K & DUCK RACE!

July 22, 2009—Kissimmee, FL: Waddle, walk, or run to the first annual Education Foundation~Osceola County 5K and Duck Race on Saturday, September 19, 2009. The event will take place in the Town of Harmony. Check in and registration for the 5K starts at 7:00 AM at Harmony Community School located at 3365 Schoolhouse Road, Harmony, FL 34773. The 5K course goes through the natural paved pathways of the Town of Harmony and begins at 8:00 AM. Entry fee for adults is \$15 and \$10 for students in grades K–12. Awards for the 5K will be presented to the top three overall male, female, and walkers. Funds raised by this event will be applied to enhance education in Osceola County.

After the 5K, approximately 700 numbered rubber ducks will be released into the race pond across from the school. The first duck to cross downstream to the finish line wins a cash prize of \$500.00 for the person who adopted it. Duck adoption tickets cost \$5.00 each. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Tickets will be sold until day of event or when all the ducks are adopted, whichever comes first.

The winners of both the 5K and the Duck Race will be announced at the conclusion of the Duck Race. Forms for 5K registration and event rules and regulations may be downloaded from the Education Foundation website, www.foundationosceola.org. You may purchase Duck Race Adoption Tickets or receive further information by contacting Heather DeCarlo of the Education Foundation at phone number 407-870-4855.

The **Education Foundation-Osceola County** is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting public education, teachers, and students. Led by a 44-member volunteer board of directors, the Foundation currently awards scholarships each year to Osceola County graduates. Other important accomplishments include matching children with mentors through the Take Stock in Children and Bookmark Buddies programs, providing classroom supplies to needy students and eligible teachers at no cost through a teacher free store, as well as providing classroom project grants and hosting special appreciation events for Osceola County educators and students. Visit our Web site at **www.foundationosceola.org** for more information about A Gift For Teaching of Osceola County or the Education Foundation~Osceola County.

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