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As a volunteer for the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, I have developed an educational presentation on the ***Springs and Aquifer System of Florida***, and I would be happy to make this presentation to your group or gathering. The purpose of the presentation is to educate and increase the public's awareness of Florida's springs and the Floridan Aquifer. The presentation includes the following:

1. Photos of various springs that illustrate ways in which people enjoy springs (swimming, kayaking, diving) and the wildlife (manatees, fish) that use springs.
2. A description of the elements that ensure a healthy spring – abundant clean water.
3. A brief description of the Floridan Aquifer System, which is the source of water for springs.
4. A discussion of the threats that are affecting springs – reduced water flow and declining water quality.
5. Steps needed to protect the Floridan Aquifer and Florida's springs.
6. Encourages the audience to adopt a Water Ethic.

I recently gave this presentation to several high school science classes in Alachua County, and I am happy to schedule the presentation for one of your future gatherings. The presentation is an approximately 50 minutes-long power point presentation, and was developed to encourage audience interaction and engagement. I can bring my own computer and projector if needed, but I will need a projector screen. Please feel free to contact me if you would be interested in this presentation.

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