

*Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve Announces:*



**FLORIDA MASTER NATURALIST  
UPLAND HABITATS COURSE  
October 24 to December 13, 2008**

This course consists of 40 contact hours, including classroom videos and presentations, field trips, interpretive speaking practice and completion of group projects. Topics include general ecology, habitats, plants, wildlife, and conservation issues. The program also addresses society's role in natural upland areas, develops naturalist interpretation skills, and discusses environmental ethics. Classes will be on Friday evenings and Saturdays at locations in Franklin, Gulf and Liberty Counties.

Participants receive a comprehensive FMNP Student Workbook and, upon completion of the class, Upland Habitats certificates, patches, pins and inclusion in the database of Florida Master Naturalists.



**Tentative Schedule**



Fri, Oct 24	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Apalachicola NERR
Sat, Oct 25	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Apalachicola NERR
		Field Trip: Eastpoint & Tate's Hell State Forest
Fri, Nov 14	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Apalachicola NERR
Sat, Nov 15	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Apalachicola NERR
		Field Trip – Apalachicola Nat'l Forest
Fri, Nov 21	6:00 PM-8:30 PM	St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve
Sat, Nov 22	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	St. Joseph Buffer Preserve
		Field Trip: Buffer Preserve
Fri, Dec 5	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Apalachicola NERR
Sat, Dec 6	9:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Nature Conservancy Apalachicola Bluffs & Ravines Preserve
		Field trip: TNC Garden of Eden Trail & Torreya State Park
Sat, Dec 13	9:00 AM - 2:30 PM	St. Joseph State Buffer Preserve
		<i>Fri Dec 12 will be a Class/field trip makeup day if needed</i>

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED~DEADLINE OCT 13, 2008**

**COURSE FEE: \$225**

Register at <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/upland.htm>.

For more about FMNP see [www.masternaturalist.org](http://www.masternaturalist.org)



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**Upland Systems 2008  
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**Fri. Oct. 24/6:00 PM – 8:30 PM/Apalachicola NERR**

**Topics: Welcome, Intros, Course Overview, Pre-Test, Ecology Presentation,  
Video: Florida's Scrub, Dry Prairie and Rangeland Habitats**

**Sat. Oct. 25/9:00 AM - 4:00 PM/Apalachicola NERR**

**Topics: Birds I and Scrub, Prairie, Rangelands Presentations; Scrub Field Trip:  
Reserve/FWC Property in Eastpoint & Tate's Hell State Forest Coastal Bluff Trail**

**Fri. Nov. 14/6:00 PM - 8:30 PM/Apalachicola NERR**

**Topics: Project planning, Interpretation and Pineland Communities Presentations,  
Video- Florida's Pine Habitats**

**Sat. Nov. 15/9:00 AM – 4:00 PM /Apalachicola NERR**

**Topics: Project Planning, Invertebrates I & II Presentation, Pine Habitats and  
"Prairie" Field Trip – Apalachicola Nat'l Forest**

**Fri. Nov. 21/6:00 PM-8:30 PM/ St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve Center**

**Topics: Reptiles & Amphibians & Environmental Ethics Presentations, GROUP  
PROJECT PROPOSALS DUE**

**Sat. Nov. 22/9:00 AM-4:00 PM/ St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve Center**

**Topics: Guest Presentation - Fire Management & Buffer Upland Habitats,  
Upland Habitats Field Trip: St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve, Birds II  
Presentation, Video - Florida's Hardwood Forests**

**Fri. Dec. 5/6:00 PM-8:30 PM/Apalachicola NERR**

**Topics: Upland Hardwood Forest and Mammals Presentations, Video – Upland  
Habitats and Modern Society**

**Sat. Dec. 6/9:00 AM–4:30 PM/Nature Conservancy Apalachicola Bluffs & Ravines  
Preserve.**

**Topics: Guest presentation – TNC Preserve and Restoration Programs,  
Hardwood Slope Forest and Pinelands Field trip: TNC Garden of Eden Trail and  
Upland Hardwood Habitats Field trip - Torreya State Park**

**Sat. Dec. 13/9:00-2:30/St. Joe Bay Buffer Preserve**

**Topics: Project Presentations, Evaluations. Post Tests, Luncheon & Graduation**

***Fri. Dec. 12 will be a Class/field trip makeup day if needed.***

**NOTE:** Field trips will include walking, some possibly in steep or wet areas. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes appropriate for the field trip sites and weather. Bring lunch (Saturdays only), water, insect repellent, sunscreen, closed-toe shoes that can get wet, towel, water, rain poncho and necessary personal items. Optional – small daypack, field glasses, field guides, hat, and camera. Be prepared to have fun and to get dirty on field trips.