

Register Now for Florida Master Naturalist Program on Coastal Shoreline Restoration

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The Coastal Shoreline Restoration module is a 4-day course filled with knowledge of marine ecology and restoration principles regarding our Panhandle shores. Some of the topics that will be discussed are living shorelines, coastal processes & sea level rise, mangroves and their impact on our bays and oyster restoration efforts. The class dates for the course are July 12th in Bay County, August 9th & 10th in Gulf County and September 20th in Franklin County. Classroom presentations will be accompanied by field trips. For tentative course agenda, see registration link below.

The Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) is an adult education program developed by the University of Florida and provided by many UF/IFAS Extension Agents and participating organizations throughout the State of Florida. This course focuses on living shoreline restoration and is intended to improve participants' understanding of the science and application of living shorelines. It includes foundational training on the ecology, benefits, methods, and monitoring techniques for restoring oyster reefs, mangroves, and salt marsh. Graduates of this course will be better prepared to promote and assist with restoration projects.

You will receive 24 hours of in-person classroom learning, field trips, and hands-on experience. The registration fee is \$155 - \$175 (depending on materials) and includes a detailed course manual, FMNP certificate, and entry into the online FMNP Database for verification as required for obtaining CEUs or in-service credits. We welcome anyone interested in shoreline restoration (homeowners, contractors, concerned citizens, politicians, managers, or naturalists).

To see the tentative course agenda and register, navigate to <http://www.masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu/>. Then select the "current course offerings" tab and view current courses under coastal shoreline restoration.

***Registration closes at 10:00 AM on July 6, 2018.**

Special Instructions:

- Field trip locations & times may change due to unforeseen circumstances. It is the student's responsibility to verify field information.
- Course time schedule does not include travel time, except between AM & PM classes.
- Transportation and lunches are not included.
- Students need to bring lunch and water bottle to all classes.
- Field activities can take up to 2 to 4 hours and may involve wading, walking, or paddling.
- An extra change of clothes and shoes is suggested.
- Hat, sunscreen, and insect repellent is also recommended.

For more information contact Gulf County Extension at 639-3200.

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