



Leon County Extension and The Tallahassee Museum Announce

Florida Master Naturalist Course COASTAL SYSTEMS August 14 – November 6, 2015

This course provides instruction on the natural Coastal Systems in Florida – coastal uplands, estuarine and near shore marine environments, the plants and animals that depend upon those systems, and the role of humans. Topics include general ecology, habitats, vegetation types, wildlife, and conservation issues. The program also addresses society's role in coastal areas, develops naturalist interpretation skills, and discusses environmental ethics.



Taught by experienced FMNP Instructors Will Sheftall and Rosalyn Kilcollins and expert guests, the training consists of 40 contact hours, including classroom learning through 4 instructional videos and 12 presentations, field trips to coastal ecosystems, interpretive speaking practice and completion of group projects. Students receive a Certificate of Completion, embroidered patch, coastal lapel pin, and comprehensive FMNP Coastal Systems Student Workbook.

Tentative Course Schedule (all times are Eastern)

Fri 8/14	8:45 - 3:00	Leon County Extension Center
Fri 8/28	8:45 - 4:00	St. Joe Peninsula State Park & St. Joe Bay (snorkel)
Fri 9/11	9:00 - 4:00	Gulf Specimen Marine Lab & Goose Creek Bay (paddle)
Fri 9/18	8:45 - 3:00	Leon County Extension Center
Fri 10/2	9:00 - 4:00	FSU Coastal & Marine Lab (including field trip on boats)
Fri 10/23	8:45 - 3:00	Leon County Extension Center
Fri 10/30	10:30 - 5:00	St. Marks River Estuary (tidal cycle field trip on boats)
Fri 11/6	9:00 - 2:30	Student Project Presentations & Lunch (location TBA)

(Rain dates if needed for cancelled field trips: Fri 8/21, Fri 10/9, Sat 10/, Sat 11/7, Mon 11/9)

COURSE FEE: \$225 Registration Deadline August 10, 2015

For more information about the course and to register go to:

<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/> (Click on **Coastal Systems** then **Leon County**)

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