

2008 Master Wildlifer Course Announcement

Sarasota County Extension is offering an encore of the Master Wildlifer Regional Satellite course that was broadcast in 2005 from Clemson University. The Master Wildlifer Certification Course is designed for landowners, land managers, and outdoors recreationists who are interested in including wildlife considerations into their current land management activities. Practicing land managers will find the course valuable in highlighting alternative management approaches for wildlife in forest and farm settings. Special emphasis is placed on wildlife species (game species) that currently offer landowners additional sources of income through recreational access fees and new types of activities such as agri-tourism.

The course is a combination of presentations and field tours by wildlife and natural resource experts that present the seven (7) course sessions in the management of different wildlife species, such as eastern wild turkey, white tailed deer, pond fish, waterfowl and bobwhite quail. A final session will involve a class Master Wildlifer project.

The location of the course will be the Crowley Museum and Nature Center in Sarasota, Florida. This environmental center offers natural areas for wildlife and habitat management on a heritage farm. The schedule of classes is from 2:00 to 5:00 pm on the following Saturdays: June 14, 21 and 28; July 5 and 12, and August 9, 16 and 23.

For registration, see instructions on the education calendar of the Sarasota County Extension at <http://sarasota.extension.ufl.edu/> or call Amy Marrero at (941) 232-5318. The cost of the course is \$ 150.00 and upon completion, Master Wildlife Certifications will be presented. Enrollment limited to 25 people. Registration and full payment must be received on or before May 30, 2008. You may mail your payment to: UF/IFAS Sarasota County Extension, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota, FL 34241, Attn: Master Wildlifer Course. Make check payable to: Agriculture/Natural Resources Extension Advisory Committee.