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Master Naturalist Special Topics: Wildlife Monitoring Course

The UF/IFAS Okaloosa/Walton County Extension, Florida Sea Grant, and participating organizations throughout the state are offering Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) Special Topics modules. The FMNP Special Topics classes are designed to provide detailed information and/or hands-on skills in specific subject areas. As such, the objectives of these courses are to provide participants with additional knowledge and skills to make them more effective educators, citizen scientists, and informed participants when engaging in conservation issues. The knowledge and skills each participant gains from these Special Topics courses will ultimately improve their ability to contribute to environmental education, scientific data collection, and conservation planning efforts.

The Wildlife Monitoring Special Topics Course is being offered locally in April. This course is 24 contact hours, which includes presentations, class discussions and daily field trips. This course is \$150 and includes detailed course manuals, hands-on experience, and registration in an online database that can be used for verification purposes such as might be required for obtaining CEUs, in-service credits, or resumé checks. This program is designed as an environmental education extension program to inform and prepare individuals to share information about Florida's natural world and environmental history.

The Wildlife Monitoring Special Topics Course:

Date: April 7-9, 2014

Location: TBA - Crestview or Niceville

Registration: now open, http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/wildlife.html

Fee: \$150, no previous Master Naturalist Courses required.

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