

PRESCRIBED FIRE FOR WILDLIFE March 23-26, 2020
South Florida Water Management District
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***Everglades Youth Conservation Camp
West Palm Beach, Florida***

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Your sponsors are pleased to once again host “PRESCRIBED FIRE FOR WILDLIFE” March 23-26, 2020 at the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp located in West Palm Beach, Florida. Attendees are **encouraged** to register and **stay onsite with meals and ‘dormitory style’ lodging provided**. This training is designed to provide land managers and wildlife stewards with basic information on wildlife habitat management opportunities associated with prescribed fires in Florida. It includes sections addressing how ignition plans can be developed and implemented to meet specific wildlife objectives while minimizing risk. Classroom activities will be held at the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, 12100 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33412. This training combines classroom lectures, panel discussions, and field exercises covering a variety of wildlife and habitats. Field exercises will be held at nearby south Florida wildlands focusing on how prescribed fire can improve and maintain valuable wildlife habitats.

The Florida Chapter of the Wildlife Society is handling registration and, since class size is limited, **early registration is encouraged**. Basic Registration is \$175.00 and full registration with all meals and lodging is \$375.00. Registration deadline March 12, 2020. Late registration may be allowed if slots are still available. **Preferred registration: online via <http://fltws.org/>** (state or federal pcards accepted) **or mail the attached form to the listed address.**

For additional information about this class please contact: Jim Schortemeyer

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 12 March 2020

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

PRESCRIBED FIRE/WILDLIFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT TECHNIQUES

1. Review and understand basic habitat management principles as they relate to fire.
2. Review standard habitat management and prescribed fire practices for selected wildlife species.
3. Prescribed fire recommendations for panther and bear in Florida.
4. Prescribed fire recommendations for quail and other small game.
5. Prescribed fire recommendations for turkey.
6. Prescribed fire recommendations for the bald eagle and red cockaded woodpecker.
7. Case studies of specific habitat management programs emphasizing prescribed fire in Florida.

IGNITION PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION

1. Review and understand fire intensity and its relationship to wildlife impacts.
2. Explore methods to regulate intensity.
3. Discuss specific ignition techniques for a variety of habitats and fire return intervals.
4. Techniques and special considerations for re-establishment of short return intervals in fire deprived habitats.
5. Review specific examples of problems and solutions associated with prescribed fires for wildlife in Florida.

Rx Fire Techniques for Wildlife, March 23-26, 2020, Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, West Palm Beach, Florida

MONDAY March 23

- 12:00-13:00** Check in and Orientation
- 13:00-13:30** Introduction
- 13:30-14:00** J W Corbett WMA: Opportunities and Challenges for Rx Fire
- 14:00-14:30** Palm Beach County Natural Areas and Wildlife, More Opportunities
- 14:30-15:00** Basic Habitat Management Principles
- 15:00-17:30** Field Exercise and Orientation South Florida Wildlands
- 17:30-19:00** Welcome to the Youth Camp and South Florida Wildlands

TUESDAY March 24

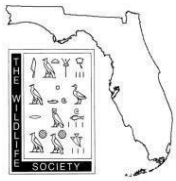
- 08:00-08:30** Prescribed Fire for Wildlife on South Florida State Parks
- 08:30-09:30** Ecological Functions and the Fire Environment
- 09:30-10:00** Planning and Implementation; Keys to Success
- 10:00-10:45** Using Prescribed Fire for Restoration and Management of Bobwhite Quail
- 10:45-11:15** FWC Programs Supporting Rx Fire
- 11:15-12:00** Prescribed Fire for Reptiles and Amphibians
- LUNCH** (PROVIDED)
- 13:00-13:45** Prescribed Fire Considerations for Panther and Bear
- 13:45-14:30** Prescribed Fire Recommendations for Turkey
- 14:30-15:30** Panel Discussion: Ignition Techniques for Wildlife and Student Topics
- 15:30-17:30+** Field Exercise: Incorporating Wildlife Benefits in Rx Fire Programs

WEDNESDAY March 25

- 08:00-08:30** Deer Management and Rx Fire
- 08:30-09:15** Rx Fire for Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers, Caracara and Bald Eagles
- 09:15-10:00** Fire in Wetlands
- 10:00-10:30** Fire Management on the Babcock\Webb WMA
- 10:30-11:00** Fire on Private Lands; Challenges and Opportunities
- 11:00-11:30** Integrating Prescribed Fire & Mechanical Treatments
- 11:30-12:00** Scrub Jay Management on Merritt Island NWR
- LUNCH** (PROVIDED)
- 13:00-13:30** Specific Techniques for Scrub Habitat and Wildlife
- 13:30-14:00** Dry Prairies and Grasshopper Sparrows
- 14:00-15:00** Panel Discussion: Evaluating Prescribed Fires & Wildlife Responses
- 15:00-18:00+** Field Exercise: (Continued)

THURSDAY March 26

- 08:00-08:30** Field Exercise: (Continued)
- 08:30-09:30** Panel Discussion: Topics Submitted by Participants
- 09:30-11:00** Student Presentations on Field Exercise
- 11:00-12:00** Final Exam



Prescribed Fire Techniques for Wildlife

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 March 23-26, 2020

Register online via <http://fltws.org/> or mail this form to address below:

REGISTRATION FORM			
First Name:		Last Name:	
Street Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Email:		Daytime Phone: ()	
Company or Affiliation:			
Registration Fees			Cost
<u>Full Registration</u> <i>'Bunk house' lodging, meals and training materials. Bring a towel and sleeping bag</i>			<u>\$375.00</u>
<u>Basic Registration (Commuters Only)</u>			<u>\$175.00</u>
<i>Includes training materials and lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday</i>			

METHOD OF PAYMENT and AMOUNT Select: _____ 1)\$375.00 includes Lodging and Meals or _____ 2)\$175.00 Commuter

Check, Money Order, or Purchase Order: payable to **Florida Chapter TWS**. Check or P.O. # _____

Credit Card <Register online via fltws.org OR mail this form to address below>

Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Card Number _____ C V V _____ Exp. Date (mm/yy) ____/____

Printed Name on Card _____

Billing Address _____

Signature _____

Send registration form and payment information to:

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