



FMNP Instructor Application

Please return application by email to gallen@mail.ifas.ufl.edu
or FAX Attention Ginger Allen (941-658-3469)

Instructors must be affiliated with an organization, agency, or group that places a priority on science-based environmental education and is willing to provide support for FMNP training (e.g., classroom, A/V equipment, etc.). Please read "Thinking of becoming a Florida Master Naturalist Instructor" before applying.

Instructor's Information:

Name:

Title:

Organization Affiliation:

Organization Mailing address:

County:

(City, State, Zip Code)

Organization Website address:

Instructor Email:

Instructor Phone:

Educational requirements include a minimum of either a Bachelor's degree in a field of environmental science or education, or demonstrated comparable practical experience providing environmental education programs.

Brief description of Instructor background:

Ecosystem Module interested in teaching: _____ Wetlands _____ Coastal _____ Uplands _____ All

Organization Information:

Can your classroom facilities host 20 students? (y/n): _____

Do you have access to a laptop with Microsoft powerpoint and an LCD projector _____

Do you only have slide projector capabilities? _____

(please describe AV/class room facilities):

Name and Title of the Director of your facility:

Consent:

I understand that applying to become a FMNP Instructor is a competitive process. I further understand that my application will be determined according to (i) my qualifications, (ii) the appropriateness and sufficiency of any sponsor organization, and (iii) the mission and educational delivery needs of the FMNP.

I further understand that my application will be reviewed by appropriate FMNP staff, including certified FMNP Instructors. By submitting this application, I consent to all of the foregoing terms and procedures.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions regarding Instructor Orientation and Responsibilities:

FMNP Instructor applications will be determined according to (i) individual qualifications, (ii) the appropriateness and sufficiency of any sponsor organization, and (iii) the mission and educational delivery needs of the FMNP.

1. Instructors must be affiliated with a parent organization that will support FMNP training conceptually and physically (classroom for 20 students, AV equipment).
2. Instructor applications will be reviewed by appropriate FMNP staff, including certified FMNP Instructors.
3. Instructors are expected to schedule and provide FMNP training (40-hr module) at least once per calendar year – flexibility exists in how classes are scheduled.
4. Multiple Instructors may be trained from each organization to assist in training, but all Instructors must have minimum qualifications, attend a 2-day Instructor Orientation, and be registered as Instructors with the FMNP. Organizations are expected to provide FMNP training only once per calendar year for a given module regardless of the number of Instructors an organization has registered. This is to promote team teaching and assist organizations in providing training opportunities that best fit their schedules and needs.
5. Instructor Organizations (not individuals) will receive financial incentives for FMNP training, currently established at \$50/student.
6. FMNP Instructors from different organizations are encouraged to collaborate and assist each other in any and every way possible.
7. Instructors are encouraged to seek partnerships with local experts to assist during field trips as appropriate.
8. Additional or specialty (canoeing, boat trips, swamp buggy rides) field trips may be incorporated into training at the discretion of the Instructors, but additional trips should not be made mandatory ie: There should be no ‘extra’ charges placed upon the students.
9. FMNP Students must complete the 40 hours of training to be certified. If a student misses a class they can make special arrangements with the Instructor to: attend another FMNP class, or attend a local guided walk and make up the class work they missed with the Instructor. These arrangements are at the Instructor’s discretion and approval.
10. FMNP will assist with marketing efforts (press releases, local TV releases) and provide a marketing package (brochures, course flyers, posters, press releases) to the Instructors. FMNP Instructors have primary responsibility for promoting their classes (newsletters, mail outs, displays, hand-outs, public talks).
11. FMNP class registration is cut off 2 weeks prior to the first class date. This allows time for certificates to be made and for class materials (workbooks, record forms, patches/pins) to be mailed out to the Instructor.
12. Additional questions should be directed to FMNP support staff:

Shelby Tatlock- FMNP Conference Coordinator (Financial Registration, Course Scheduling)

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Ginger Allen- FMNP Program Coordinator (Curriculum/media, general program/Instructor questions)

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