

## **Thinking of becoming a Florida Master Naturalist?**

The Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) is an adult education program developed by the University of Florida and provided by participating organizations. FMNP training will benefit persons interested in learning more about Florida's environment, seeking educational contact hours, or wishing to increase their knowledge for use in education programs as volunteers, employees, and ecotourism guides.

The FMNP includes courses in 3 subject areas – Freshwater Wetlands, Coastal Systems, and Upland Habitats.

### **Who should take the training?**

- Adults interested in learning more about Florida's unique natural and cultural history.
- Volunteers and employees at parks, nature centers, museums, historical sites, and any facility or organization that provides environmental education programs.
- Ecotour guides who wish to enhance current programs.
- Teachers who wish to acquire educational contact hours for continuing education\*.

*\*CEU credit must be obtained and approved through individual school districts*

### **How much does it cost, how long does training last, and what is included?**

- The cost is \$200 per FMNP course.
- Each course provides 40 educational contact hours. Meeting times for courses vary and may be viewed on the FMNP web site ([www.MasterNaturalist.org](http://www.MasterNaturalist.org)).
- Each course includes classroom learning, field trips, and practical experience in providing interpretive information about Florida's environment.
- Students receive detailed course manuals.
- Upon successful completion, students receive University of Florida certificates, patches, and pins that denote their accomplishment by area of expertise (e.g., Wetlands Naturalist) and are registered in the University of Florida database of Florida Master Naturalists.
- The FMNP does not provide university credit toward a degree-seeking program.

### **What are student responsibilities and how do I register?**

- Students are expected to attend classes and complete group Final Projects. There are no tests or final exams required for completion of FMNP courses.
- Registration is available through the FMNP website ([www.MasterNaturalist.org](http://www.MasterNaturalist.org)).

**For more information, visit the Florida Master Naturalist website:  
[www.MasterNaturalist.org](http://www.MasterNaturalist.org)**