3rd Natural Resource Extension Professionals Conference

Revolutionizing or Evolutionizing Extension Programming?

June 2-5, 2002
The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club
Naples, Florida
**Conference Theme**

The Cooperative Extension Service was established to provide a non-traditional approach of applying research knowledge to help resolve community issues. Extension has developed a strong tradition and an excellent reputation for serving the same clientele base extremely well. However, this tradition is now preventing Extension from effectively addressing many other issues that have emerged during the past century. The theme to be explored during this conference is whether another rapid (revolutionary) or a more gradual (evolutionary) rate of change should occur to make Extension more relevant in today’s communities and the role of natural resource extension programming in this revision.

**Who Should Attend**

Natural resource extension professionals and those who work with or would like to partner with these educators in environmental education, fisheries, wildlife, range, forestry, forest products, toxicology, ecotourism, water conservation and quality, sea grant, public policy, nature interpretation, watershed planning, ecological economics, rural development and other related disciplines. The primary audience consists of three groups: 1) Extension personnel at state 1862, 1890 and 1994 Land Grant Institutions (county faculty, county directors, district directors, specialists, department chairs, state program leaders and state directors); 2) National program leaders, and other staff with the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; 3) Natural resource educators from other governmental agencies and private not-for-profit organizations.

**Conference Purpose**

The purpose is to discuss the rate at which Extension is moving toward becoming recognized as a leading organization in natural resource education and to facilitate communication, cooperation and networking among natural resource educators. This interaction will strengthen innovative and contemporary natural resource educational programs by improving needs assessment, development, delivery and impact evaluation skills, thus empowering participants to better address emerging issues important to a diverse clientele. The format of sharing information and experiences will also foster multi-state, multi-institutional and global collaborations. Other important outcomes include building a cohesive, structured, multi-disciplinary support base for Extension natural resource programs in the future, and enhancing the visibility, credibility, and relevance of natural resource programs in the context of Extension’s overall mission.
Call for Abstracts

Natural resource educators (broadly defined) are invited and encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration as an oral or poster presentation. Abstract submissions will be used to select final presentations. Accepted oral and poster abstracts will be included in the final program provided to all conference registrants. Authors will be eligible for an award based on the quality of the abstract and presentation of materials. If you wish to make an oral or poster presentation, please submit abstracts by Friday, September 21, 2001. Abstracts must be submitted electronically as explained on the conference web site: conference.ifas.ufl.edu/nrep

Preliminary Agenda

Sunday, June 2, 2002
4:00pm – 7:00pm Registration Open
7:00pm – 9:00pm Welcome Reception

Monday, June 3, 2002
7:00am – 8:00am Morning Refreshments
7:00am – 5:00pm Registration Open
8:00am – 12:00pm Plenary Session
12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch on Your Own
1:30pm – 5:00pm Concurrent Sessions
5:00pm – 7:00pm Reception and Formal Poster Session I
7:00pm – 9:00pm Poster presenters to remove poster presentation

Tuesday, June 4, 2002
7:00am – 8:00am Morning Refreshments
7:00am – 5:00pm Registration Open and Poster Session II set-up
8:00am – 12:30pm Field Trip – Revised (boxed lunch provided)
1:30pm – 6:00pm Concurrent Sessions
6:00pm – 8:00pm Reception and Formal Poster Session II
8:00pm – 10:00pm Poster presenters to remove poster presentation

Wednesday, June 5, 2002
7:00am – 8:00am Morning Refreshments
8:00am – 10:00am Concurrent Sessions
10:30am – 12:00pm Closing Plenary Session

Conference Structure

The initial plenary session will include invited speakers to address the conference theme. A meeting of the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP) will follow. Concurrent sessions will include presentations that address programmatic themes. The closing session will offer opportunities to discuss how we can apply the conference outcomes to guide the future of natural resource Extension programming. Oral and poster awards will be announced on Wednesday. Field trips will offer the opportunity to experience natural resource management and education in a unique southwest Florida ecosystem.
Programmatic Themes

The following categories are not meant to be exclusive. While recognizing overlaps, hopefully this listing will provide some direction. Presentations with holistic, interdisciplinary, multi-state, and other collaborative approaches are encouraged. Final concurrent session titles will be based on abstracts received.

- **Exotic Species** (plants and animals)
- **Fish & Wildlife Management** (e.g., wildlife management, pond management, genetic management, endangered species management, wildlife damage/nuisance management, aquaculture)
- **Forest Management** (e.g., forest stewardship, forest products, phytoremediation, co-firing with biomass at utility operations, carbon sequestration, fertilizing with biosolids, urban forestry)
- **Growth Management/Land Use Planning** (e.g., habitat connectivity, wetlands protection, planning at different spatial scales, ecological economics)
- **Home Environment** (e.g., drinking water, air quality, green construction, sustainable living and consumerism, recycling, landscaping with native plants, water conservation)
- **Innovative Delivery Technologies**
- **Integrating Research, Extension and Instruction**
- **International/Multi-cultural Projects**
- **Natural Resource Industries and Businesses** (e.g., nature-based tourism, commercial fishing, fee hunting and fishing, community development; socioeconomic valuation)
- **Professional Development** (e.g., leadership training)
- **Program Development and Evaluation** (e.g., needs assessment, identifying target audiences, establishing meaningful objectives, curriculum development, evaluating environmental and behavioral impacts)
- **Public Policy/Issues Education**
- **Range Management**
- **Recreation** (e.g., wildlife, fish, and insect watching; consumptive uses; nature interpretation)
- **Rural/Urban Interface** (e.g., wildfire fuel load management)
- **Sea Grant** (e.g., seafood quality and safety, aquaculture, coastal ecosystems, coastal processes)
- **Volunteer Programs** (e.g., recruitment, management, retention, evaluation, environmental impacts)
- **Water Quality & Quantity** (e.g., TMDLs, minimum flows and levels, vegetation buffers, irrigation, water conservation, watershed management, BMPs, ecological risk assessment/toxicology)
- **Youth Education**
Field Trip Options — UPDATED

Tuesday field trip times and locations have been revised. If you registered for either the originally offered Sawgrass Marsh (Everglades, Shark Valley) or Costal Mangrove (Ding Darling) field trip and do not wish to participate due to the change of location, please contact us immediately and we will be happy to accommodate your request. Contact Kim Brand, Email: KHBrand@mail.ifas.ufl.edu, PHONE: 352-392-5930, FAX: 352-392-9734. The deadline to cancel your field trip registration is May 10, 2002. No refunds will be honored after May 10, 2002.

Three half-day field trips are available Tuesday morning, June 4. This is a great opportunity to obtain a first-hand view of natural resource management and educational programs that address issues in three unique and internationally renowned ecosystems. These impressive systems located in southwest Florida are: Old Growth Cypress Swamp, Coastal Mangrove and Sawgrass Marsh. — Space is limited and registration will be on a first-come, first served basis.

Corkscew Swamp Sanctuary near Naples – Old Growth Cypress Swamp

Established in 1954, the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary is a magnificent natural attraction. With its cathedral-like old growth cypress forest and abundant resident wildlife, it offers some of the best nature viewing and photographic experiences in the world. A 2.25-mile raised boardwalk takes visitors through several distinct habitats, including the largest remaining stand of ancient bald cypress in North America. Some of these are approaching 600 years in age and reach heights of 130 feet. This system is managed by the National Audubon Society to preserve the natural processes that have been occurring here for thousands of years. Visit their website to learn more: www.audubon.org/local/sanctuary/corkscrew/

REVISED: Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) – Sawgrass Marsh
(This will replace the Everglades National Park, Shark Valley tour, which has been cancelled due to travel time constraints.)

Spanning Lee and Collier Counties, CREW is the largest undisturbed watershed in Southwest Florida. Water from the surrounding area flows into a 5,000-acre freshwater marsh, which contains sawgrass and wetland plants similar to the Everglades. This marsh forms the headwaters of the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW). Mowed hiking trails provide views of an expansive sawgrass marsh. An observation deck also overlooks the marsh. This area provides habitat for deer, raccoon, turkey, bobcats, the endangered Florida panther, and the threatened Florida black bear. Birdwatchers may spot hawks, egrets, swallow-tailed kites, or herons. Other habitats include pine flatwoods, hardwood hammocks, ephemeral ponds (isolated marsh habitat), and palmetto scrub. The trails are designed for pedestrians, and there is no running water, so you may want to bring along something to drink. (There is a port-o-let along the trail). (CREW Land & Water Trust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the water resources and natural communities in and around the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed in Southwest Florida) Visit their website to learn more: http://www.crewtrust.org/

REVISED: Everglades National Park Boat Tour out of Everglades City – Costal Mangrove
(The J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge has been cancelled due to travel time constraints)

The TEN THOUSAND ISLAND CRUISE navigates curving waterways through the heart of the Ten Thousand Island before reaching the outer islands that boarder the Gulf of Mexico. These islands covered with mangroves make excellent feeding grounds for a wide assortment of birds. Frequent sightings include ospreys, snowy egrets, ibis, roseate spoonbills, pelicans, frigate birds, and majestic Southern bald eagles. Endangered manatees are also often seen in these warm, shallow waters.
Registration Information

How to Register:

Online: Conveniently register on-line using a credit card via the conference website located: conference.ifas.ufl.edu/nrep

Fax: Complete and FAX your registration as instructed on the form

Mail: Complete the enclosed registration form, and return it along with payment

Note: To qualify for the reduced registration fee, payment must accompany your registration on or before the specified deadline.

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ANREP membership information can be found at: www.anrep.org

The registration fee, combined with sponsorship funds, includes conference participation and materials, Monday morning, mid-morning and afternoon refreshments, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and mid-morning refreshments, the Sunday welcome reception, and the Monday and Tuesday poster reception.

The field trip fee includes transportation and participation for one of the available field trips, a boxed lunch and afternoon refreshments. Space is limited and registration is on a first come, first served basis.

The guest fee is available should your guest wish to attend the welcome reception. Guests are welcome to register for the field trips.

Refunds:

Requests for registration, field trip and guest refunds will be honored if the Office of Conferences and Institutes (OCI) receives written notification of cancellation on or before May 10, 2002. A $40.00 processing fee will be deducted from all registration refunds. A $10.00 processing fee will be deducted from all guest refunds. No refunds will be honored after May 10, 2002.
Conference Site and Hotel Accommodations

This conference will be held at The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club, one of southwest Florida’s most prestigious conference facilities with 34,000 square feet of total function space and breakout rooms that will comfortably accommodate our plenary and concurrent sessions and poster displays. The city of Naples is situated on the edge of the Florida Everglades, 110 miles west of Miami and Ft. Lauderdale and 150 miles south of Tampa. The city is easily reached by air or by automobile. Most major domestic carriers and international airlines provide frequent service into Southwest Florida International Airport at Fort Myers, just 40 minutes from the hotel.

Reservations: The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club is offering participants of the Natural Resource Extension Professionals conference (NREP) a very special guest room rate of $105.00 (plus nine percent tax) with one or two people in a room. The group rate will be honored three days prior and three days following the conference, based on availability. Contact the hotel directly at 1-800-237-7600 or 1-941-261-2222 and be sure to specify you are attending NREP to receive the reduced rate. The deadline to make your reservation and still receive the discounted group rate is Friday, May 3, 2002. After this date, guestrooms and the group rate may no longer be available. As this is a discounted group rate, it is not commissionable to travel agents. Check-in time is after 4:00 PM, and checkout time is prior to 12:00 Noon.

Special Instructions:

- A first night’s room deposit must be made with a credit card to ensure confirmation of your hotel reservation. For any reservations that “no show”, this deposit will be forfeited. Room deposits will be considered non-refundable if canceled within four (4) days of your arrival date.

- Florida participants only: To receive tax exempt status, payment must be made in the form of a government issued check, credit card or purchase order, and, be accompanied by a Florida sales tax exemption certificate presented at check-in.

- Visit the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club web site to learn more about some of the hotel’s special features including golfing, complimentary valet parking, the complimentary “Beach Klub for Kids” and much more!

www.naplesbeachhotel.com

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The Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP) was created in 1996 to:

- Bring together forest, wildlife, fisheries, water, range, and recreation resource extension professionals to discuss natural resource issues, needs and opportunities of mutual interest; and to facilitate information sharing.

- Promote cooperation on natural resource issues and educational and training efforts between the various states and regions, as well as between governmental agencies, private natural resources groups, related industries and other natural resource professionals.

- Discuss, develop, sponsor, and promote educational and training programs and activities, which will advance the practice of natural resource management.

- Provide support and promote activities and programs at the national level that advance natural resource management, education, training, and diversity in the work force.

- Advance the professional status of natural resource extension professionals (NREPs) by encouraging professional self-improvement.

- Strengthen communication with Extension Administration.

For more information about ANREP contacts:

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Leisure Activities and Attractions

Guests may enjoy the tennis, golfing, swimming, snorkeling, windsurfing, parasailing, deep-sea fishing, and seafood dining or visit some of the many natural resource preserves and parks in the nearby vicinity. To learn more about what to see and do in the Naples area, click on “Area Information” on the conference website: conference.ifas.ufl.edu/nrep

Door Prize Exchange

Back by popular demand!! We encourage every participant to bring a memento from your state to give to another participant. Donate your memento at the conference registration desk and a random process will be used to select a recipient. Donors can pick up their mementos at the registration desk on Wednesday. Only participants who donate a memento will be eligible for the door prize exchange.

Visit the Conference Website

classroom.ifas.ufl.edu/nrep

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What is Your Primary Discipline? (Check One)

☐ Environmental Education  ☐ Home Environment  ☐ Recreation  ☐ Water
☐ Fisheries  ☐ Public Policy  ☐ Resource Economics  ☐ Wildlife
☐ Forest Products  ☐ Range Management  ☐ Sea Grant  ☐ Youth
☐ Forest Management  ☐ Other: _____________________________________________________________________

Are you a member of the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP)?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Would you like to receive information about becoming a member of ANREP?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

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