

Day 1	Tues. September 16 th , 2025 - American Beach Community Center
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome, introductions, course overview, pretest
9:15 – 12:15 APM	Introduction to Invasive Plants Presentation, videos, and discussion
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Lunch on your own. Reconvene at Am. Beach. Community Center
1:15 – 2:15 PM	FIELD TRIP 1: Invasive Plants Tour. Bring a hat/sunscreen. Not a removal event, just viewing.
2:15 – 3:15 PM	“Invasive Plants Terminology” Group activity
3:15– 3:30 PM	Explain student projects
ON YOUR OWN (1-2 hours)	<u>How Invasive Plants Negatively Affect the Ecosystem:</u> Make a slide-show presentation, factsheet, painting, song, video, 3-D exhibit, or speech to convey the importance of gopher tortoises (<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>) to the ecosystem, how and why their mounds are utilized by insects/animals for survival, and specific examples of how one or multiple invasive plants negatively impact them.

Day 2	Wed. September 17 th , 2025 - American Beach Community Center
8:30 – 11:30 AM	Plant Morphology Presentation
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Lunch on your own, then meet Field Trip 2 location
12:00 – 12:30 PM	FIELD TRIP 2: 1110 N 15 th St. Pond: Identify native and invasive plants
12:30 – 1:00 PM	FIELD TRIP 3: 1385 Amelia Plaza: Identify native and invasive plants
1:30 – 4:30 PM	Aquatic Invasive Plants Presentation

Day 3	Thursday, September 18 th , 2025 - American Beach Community Center
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Invasive Plants in Northeast Florida
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Beekeeping and Invasive Woody Perennials (Chinese tallow and Brazilian pepper)
11:30 – 12:30 PM	Ecological Effects of Invasive Plants on Wildlife
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch on your own and reconvene at Jacksonville Arboretum.
1:30 – 4:30 PM	FIELD TRIP 4: Jacksonville Arboretum (1445 Millcoe Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32225)

Day 4	Friday, September 19 th , 2025 – Class at American Beach Community Center
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Upland Invasive Plants Presentation
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch & Learn (Lunch provided) Presentation on <i>Arundo donax</i>
1:00 – 2:00 PM	EDD Maps and iNaturalist for Environmental Observations
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Homework Assignment Student Projects Exhibition/Presentations
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Post-test/Evaluation, Hand out Course Certifications, Adjourn