

Pre Day 1	Prior to Wednesday, February 18, 2026
ON YOUR OWN	<i>Instructions and links provided by instructor via email. Complete it before next live meeting.</i>
1.5 hours	1. Complete Pre-test via online link provided. 2. Explore assigned websites to prepare for field trip activity.
Day 1	Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – AM Class at Hernando Co. Extension Office, and PM Field Activity
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Welcome to the FMNP and Wildlife Monitoring Special Topic; Introductions & Host Site; Paperwork, Student Roster.
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	“Mammal Monitoring” presentation; horseshoe crab skill stations (Brittany)
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own and travel to field location.
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Field Trip Activity: Alfred McKethan Pine Island for horseshoe crab monitoring
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1.5 hours	1. Explore assigned websites. 2. Design mammal monitoring survey plan based on guidelines provided by instructor.
Day 2	Thursday, February 19, 2026– AM Field Activity, and PM Class at Hernando Co. Extension Office
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Meet at field trip location. Field Trip Activity: Location TBD in the Withlacoochee Forest. - Red cockaded woodpecker monitoring Guest Speaker: John Hoch
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own and travel to the Hernando Extension Office.
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	“Bird monitoring” presentation and discussion - Guest Speaker: John Hoch
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Wildlife monitoring activity, share mammal monitoring plans, and review
ON YOUR OWN	<i>Instructions and links provided by instructor via email. Complete before next live meeting</i>
1.5 hours	1. Scat activity. 2. Animal profile.
Day 3	Friday. February 20, 2026 – AM Field Activity, and PM Class at Hernando Co. Extension Office
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Meet at field trip location. Field Trip Activity: Location TBD for gopher tortoise and wildlife tracking.
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own and travel to the Hernando Extension Office.
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	“Herpetofauna monitoring” presentation (Brittany); Scat assignment show and tell; Learning about gopher tortoise relocation program (Guest Presenter)
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Post-test, evaluation, and graduation! A device with data connection will be needed.