

# PLANT CAMP

June 12 - 16, 2011

for teachers only



See what an invaded forest looks like, first-hand.



Brush up on your plant morphology knowledge.



Sharpen your plant ID skills.

- Learn about native, non-native and invasive plants and animals.
- Expand your knowledge and field experience with aquatic and upland plant biology.
- Study the ecology of native, non-native and invasive plants and animals in Florida's natural areas.
- Practice plant identification techniques.
- Discover the impacts of invasive plants and animals on Florida's ecology and economy.
- Earn professional development credits.
- Lodging and most meals provided.

**Workshop limited to 24 teachers** (upper elem, middle and high school). Participants chosen by a committee of science teachers and UF/IFAS CAIP staff.

**Applications accepted January 12 to February 25, 2011.**

## Why learn about invasive plants?

When a non-native plant species is able to spread on its own, causing environmental and/or economic harm, it is considered invasive. In Florida, more than 100 invasive plant species are causing problems by blocking navigation on lakes and rivers; blocking flood control devices and bridges; harboring mosquitos; creating fire pathways to tree tops; tangling electrical lines; and covering valuable fish and wildlife habitat. Aside from being a nuisance, invasive plants can even be dangerous for boaters, swimmers, hikers and homeowners. Managing invasive plants is also expensive, costing Florida taxpayers more than 80 million dollars a year.

This is why we need to capture the attention of the next generation in a pro-active education effort. Please help us bring this important topic to your classroom. Join us this summer and learn about the numerous invasive plant (and animal) species silently invading Florida's natural areas. Along the way, learn about the wild and wonderful native flora and fauna that make Florida a unique place to live and a world-famous travel destination. For more information: <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/education>

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Learn from the experts.



Experience a REAL Florida lake.



Dig into freshwater pond ecology.

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