

# Invasive Aquatic Plant Training

July 7-10, 2009

CSI Osceola- Creative Science  
Investigations at the Waterfront

for teachers only



Learn about activities for students



Experience local wetland ecosystems



Explore aquatic plant ecology in the field

- Receive over \$300 in free educational materials
- Learn about native, non-native and invasive plants in Florida
- Expand your knowledge and field experience with aquatic plant biology
- Study the ecology of native, non-native and invasive plants and animals in Florida's natural areas
- Practice plant identification
- Discover the impacts invasive plants are having on Florida's ecology and economy
- Earn professional development credits
- Lunches provided

## Why learn about invasive plants?

They are interfering with navigation on Florida's lakes and rivers. They're blocking flood control devices and bridges; harboring mosquitoes; covering valuable fish and wildlife habitat; and generally being a nuisance or even dangerous for boaters, swimmers, and homeowners. Invasive plants are also costing Florida taxpayers more than 80 million dollars a year as land and water managers struggle to keep them under control. That's why we're striving to capture the attention of the next generation in a pro-active public education effort. We're asking for your assistance in bringing this important topic to your classroom. Join us this summer and learn about the invasive aquatic plant species that are silently invading Osceola County's natural areas. Along the way, learn about the wild and wonderful NATIVE plants that made Florida such a unique place to live and a world-famous travel destination.

**Workshop limited to 15 teachers!** (upper elem, middle and high school) **REGISTER SOON!**

For more information on invasive plants:  
<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/guide/invplant.html>

**TO REGISTER** or for **MORE INFORMATION** about the training or invasive plants in our area: Contact Stacia Hetrick at (321) 697-3000 or [shet@osceola.org](mailto:shet@osceola.org)



To see a video clip from a previous workshop:  
[http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/osceola/CSI\\_2009/csi\\_osceola.html](http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/osceola/CSI_2009/csi_osceola.html)

For information about exotic plants in Osceola County : <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/osceola/>

