

UGA Extension – Cobb and Douglas Counties Present:

Fall 2021 Georgia Master Naturalist Training

The Georgia Master Naturalist Program is a 10-week adult environmental education series. This hands-on program allows participants to gain a deeper understanding of Georgia ecosystems and human interactions/impacts. Please review the tentative schedule for 2021 topics and speakers.

Dates:

September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

October 7, 14, 21, and 28

November 4

Time: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Class size: 15

Cost: \$300

The registration fee covers class materials, field trips, speakers, name badge, Georgia Master Naturalist polo, graduation luncheon, and a certificate of completion. Following the program, additional state-wide continuing education opportunities are often available to participants.

Deadline to register: Friday, July 30

For more information or to register, please call (770) 528-4070 or email

Daniel.Price@cobbcounty.org

All registration forms and fees must be received by the deadline. First come, first serve.

FAQs:

Will transportation be provided? Presently, transportation will not be provided by the county, so plan accordingly. Please note that class time does not include drive time.

Will lunch be provided? Lunch **will not** be provided, and you should bring a bagged lunch. However, Extension will provide drinks and snacks throughout the day.

Will there be a lot of physical activity? This program is designed to be as interactive and hands-on as possible. Outdoor activities, such as walks and hikes, will occur most days. This means you will need to dress appropriately for the terrain and weather. Bug spray and sunscreen are strongly encouraged.

What if I am unable to attend a training session? We have allocated one flex day for participants. This means you must attend 8 out the 9 sessions offered. The November 4 date is the graduation luncheon, and everyone is expected to attend.

What are the current COVID19 guidelines per UGA Extension (5/26/2021)? "Effective immediately, **fully vaccinated** individuals can resume ... activities without physically distancing or wearing a mask. Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to continue socially distancing from others when possible and wearing a face covering while inside ... facilities. Everyone is strongly encouraged to be vaccinated."

Will I be required to complete volunteer hours? Currently, volunteer hours are not required for completion of this program. However, we do strongly encourage that all participants share the knowledge they will acquire throughout this series with family, friends, and organizations they may belong to.

UGA Extension is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Veteran, Disability Institution

Tentative Master Naturalist Training Schedule – Fall 2021

September 2 – Entomology

Facilitator – Hallie Harriman

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM, Check-in and welcome

9:45 AM – 11:45 AM, Basic insect biology with Melissa Mattee and James Murphy

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Lunch

12:15 PM – 12:45 PM, Travel to Hyde Farm

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM, Field sweeping and insect ID with Melissa Mattee and James Murphy

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Bee box building with Melissa Mattee and James Murphy

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Bluebird trail presentation with Jim Beard

Locations:

- AM Session - Cobb PARKS Training Room | 1792 County Services Pkwy, Marietta, GA 30008
- PM Session – Hyde Farm | 721 Hyde Rd. Marietta, GA 30068

Speakers:

- Melissa Mattee, Fulton County ANR Agent | UGA Extension
- James Murphy, Rockdale County ANR Agent | UGA Extension
- Jim Bearden, Master Gardener Volunteer of Cobb County

September 9 – Wetlands

Facilitator – Daniel Price

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM, Check-in

9:45 AM – 11:30 AM, Snakes of Georgia with Daniel Sollenberger

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Interpretive wetland hike and macroinvertebrates with Danielle Bunch

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM, Lunch

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, Tour of constructed wetlands with Daniel Bunch

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, TBD

Location:

- AM and PM Sessions: Newman Wetland Center | 2755 Freeman Rd. Hampton, GA 30228

Speaker:

- Daniel Sollenberger, Senior Wildlife Biologist | GA DNR
- Danielle Bunch, Lead conservationist | Clayton County Water Authority

September 16 – Human impacts

Facilitator – Kevin Livingston

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, South Central Waste Water Treatment Plant tour

11:30 AM – Noon, Storm water damage

Noon – 1:00 PM, Lunch @ Dog River Reservoir/Park

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM, Dog River Dam tour

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM, Travel to Douglas County Extension Office

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Erosion presentation by Gary Hawkins

Locations:

- AM Session - Douglasville Water and Sewer Authority (WSA) | 8763 Hospital Drive Douglasville, GA 30134
- PM Session - Dog River Reservoir | River Rd. Douglasville, GA 30135
- PM Session - Douglas County Extension Office | 6279 Fairburn Rd. Douglasville, GA 30134

September 23 – Trees

Facilitator – Hallie Harriman

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, Tree biology and ID with Holly Campbell (Virtual)

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Arboriculture and urban trees with Skip Kincaid (Virtual)

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM, Lunch

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM, Travel to McFarlane Nature Preserve

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM, Tree walk and ID with Hallie Harriman

Location:

- AM Session - Cobb PARKS Training Room | 1792 County Services Pkwy, Marietta, GA 30008
- PM Session - McFarlane Nature Park | 280 Farm Rd. SE Marietta, GA 30067

Speakers:

- Holly Campbell, Public Service Assistant | UGA Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources
- Skip Kincaid, Executive Director | ISA Southern Chapter
- Hallie Harriman, Cobb County ANR Agent | UGA Extension
- Georgia Forestry Commission representative

September 30 - Ecology

Facilitator – Kevin Livingston

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM, Check-in and welcome

10:00 AM – Noon, Roman Holiday Cruise on the Oostanaula and Coosa Rivers with Dennis Nordeman

12:15 PM – 12:45 PM, Lunch

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM, ECO Center History, Purpose, and Native Animals with Ben Winkelman

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM, Aquatic Biodiversity and Conservation in the Upper Coosa Drainage with Ani Escobar

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM, Discussion and closing remarks with Kevin Livingston

Location:

- AM and PM Sessions: Rome-Floyd ECO Center | 393 Riverside Pkwy. NE Rome, GA 30161

Speakers:

- Dennis Nordeman, Historian | Volunteer w/ ECO Center
- Ben Winkelman, Director | ECO Center
- Ani Escobar | GA DNR Wildlife Conservation Biologist

October 7 - Geology and mammalogy

Facilitator – Daniel Price

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM, Check-in

9:45 AM – 12:30 PM, Geology and historical hike with John Johnston

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM, Lunch

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Ecology and mammalogy with Dr. Mike Mengak

Location:

- AM and PM Sessions: Sweetwater Creek State Park | 1750 Mt Vernon Rd. Lithia Springs, GA 30122

Speakers:

- John Johnston, President | Friends of Sweetwater Creek State Park
- Dr. Michael Mengak, Professor and Wildlife Specialist | UGA Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources

October 14 – Invasive species

Facilitator – Kevin Livingston

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, Invasive plants with Hallie Harriman

11:00 AM – Noon, West Georgia Beekeepers Association with Russ King **(Confirm)**

Noon – 12:30 PM, Lunch

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM, Invasive animals with Dr. Michel Kohl

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Invasive plant walk on the Red Oak Loop (2.4 miles) with Carol Hight **(Confirm)**

Location:

- AM and PM Sessions: Boundary Waters Aquatic Center | 5000 Hwy. 92 Douglasville, GA 30135

Speakers:

- Hallie Harriman, Cobb County ANR Agent | UGA Extension
- Russ King | West Georgia Beekeepers Association
- Dr. Michel Kohl, Wildlife Extension Specialist | UGA Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources
- Carol Hight | West Georgia Native Plant Society

Activities:

- Invasive plant ID; Georgia Beekeepers Association; Invasive animals; Invasive plant walk on the Red Oak Loop (2.4 miles)

October 21 - Conservation history and urban wildlife conflict

Facilitator – Hallie Harriman

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, U.S. environmental history with Hallie Harriman

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, History of hunting and conservation with Mike Worley

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM, Lunch

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM, Hunting and fishing regulations in Georgia; Urban wildlife and human conflict with Kaitlin Goode

Location:

- AM & PM Sessions – Alcovy Conservation Center | 11600 Hazelbrand Rd. NE Covington, GA 30014

Speakers:

- Hallie Harriman, Cobb County ANR Agent | UGA Extension
- Mike Worley, President and CEO | Georgia Wildlife Federation
- Kaitlin Goode, Urban Wildlife Program Manager | Georgia Department of Natural Resources

October 28 - Interpretive nature hike (FLEX class)

Facilitator – Daniel Price

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM, Check-in

9:45 AM – 12:30 PM, Interpretive hike at Arabia Mountain with Ranger Robby

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM, Lunch

1:15 PM – 1:45 PM, Travel to AWARE Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM, Tour at the AWARE Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Locations:

- AM Session: Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve | 3350 Klondike Rd. Stonecrest, GA 30038
- PM Session: AWARE Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Speakers:

- Robby Astrove, Interpretative Ranger | Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve
- AWARE Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Tour

November 4 - Graduation celebration!

Facilitator – Kevin Livingston

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Certificate

11:30 AM – Noon, Boxed lunch from Bagel Meister

Noon – 1:30ish, *Reptile Wrangler* show with Ken Panse

Location:

- Douglas County Extension Office | 6972 Fairburn Rd. Douglasville, GA 30134



REGISTRATION FORM

2021 GEORGIA MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

Please print this form. Complete all information.

Make check payable to **Cobb Extension/4-H**

Send completed form with a check for registration fee to:

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:

July 30, 2021

Attn: Daniel Price – Master Naturalist Program
Cooperative Extension Cobb County
678 South Cobb Drive | Marietta, GA 30068

Phone: (770) 528-4070
Email: Daniel.Price@cobbcounty.org

FULL NAME: _____

TITLE (if any): _____

AFFILIATION (if any): _____

NAME FOR NAME TAG: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$300.00 PER person

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ENTER AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Make check payable to **Cobb Extension/4-H**

Master Naturalist Shirt – Each participant will receive a short-sleeve “polo” style shirt with the program logo embroidered on the upper left chest. Please indicate your shirt size.

SHIRT SIZE:

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

X-Large _____

XX-Large _____

XXX-Large _____

SHIRT STYLE:

Men’s Style _____

Women’s Style _____

REFUND POLICY: The registration fee is partially refundable if you notify Daniel Price in writing by August 19, 2021. Please see our refund schedule below. **NO REFUNDS** after August 26, 2021.

Date:	Percentage of registration fee returned:
August 12, 2021	90%
August 19, 2021	75%
August 26, 2021	NO REFUND