



GEORGIA MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

**AN ADULT ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

of the

WARNELL SCHOOL OF FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES

and

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Overview – The Georgia Master Naturalist Program is a series of programs (usually weekly) with specific environmental topics. The program is a combination of classroom lectures and outside hands-on learning. Total program time is 48 hours of instruction. Class size is generally limited to 24 people. Programs are usually offered on weekdays ONLY but some programs may be offered at other times. Contact the program in your area for details.

Topics – Topics could include - Introduction to Naturalist Programs, Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, Insects, Water, Human Impact, Geology, Tree ID, Animal ID, Urban Ecology, Environmental Issue, and Agriculture. The topics are designed to teach participants about natural resource management, use, and conservation. We emphasize human use of natural resources through sound management.

Cost – Cost varies by host but is approximately \$300-\$500 for the course and may include learning material, logo shirt, logo nametag, certificate of completion, and refreshments. Students are responsible for their own transportation and lunch. Discounts may be available for members of the same family.

Information – For information on local classes, **contact** your local county extension agent (number in the phone book or in the list below). For general program information, contact Dr. Michael Mengak, Warnell School-UGA; Email: mmengak@uga.edu

Visit our website for more information (updated 5 November 2020).

<http://www.warnell.uga.edu/outreach/georgia-master-naturalist.php>

Tentative Classes for 2021 – ALL CLASSES are tentative pending COVID-19

| Location | 2021 Dates | Contact Info |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Phinizy Swamp Augusta, GA | 4 Mar – 13 May | Ruth Mead Ruth.mead@phinizycenter.org |
| Coweta/Fayette Co. Extension Helen, GA | Sep – Nov | Stephanie Butcher stepahine.butcher@uga.edu |
| Smithgall Woods Helen, GA | June-July | Angel Cain smithgall.naturalist@dnr.ga.gov |
| Gwinnett Co. Extension Lawrenceville, GA | Sep – Oct | Timothy Daly tdaly@uga.edu |
| Union Co. Extension Blairsville, GA | Aug – Sep | Jacob Williams jacob.williams@uga.edu |

Other programs may be available in your area. Contact your county cooperative extension office or Dr. Mengak for more information.

Advanced Training for Program Graduates

Advanced Training for program graduates are not scheduled at this time. We update this page as information becomes available. We will contact graduates directly.

