



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 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-\$600 for the course and may include learning material, logo shirt, logo nametag, recognition 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 on extension website or in the list below). For general program information, contact Dr. Mike Mengak (mmengak@uga.edu) - Warnell School-UGA.

NOTE – do not contact Dr. Mengak for registration. Registration is handled at the local, class level.

Visit our website for more information (updated 27 October 2021).

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

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

Location	2022 Dates	Contact Info
Phinizy Swamp Augusta, GA		Ruth Mead Ruth.mead@phinizycenter.org
Coweta/Fayette Co. Extension		Stephanie Butcher stepahine.butcher@uga.edu
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Bibb Co. Extension Macon, GA		Karol Kelly karolk@uga.edu
Elachee Nature Center Gainesville, GA		Maranda McGaha maranda@elachee.org
Douglas County Douglas, GA		Kevin Livingston kliving@uga.edu
Cobb County Marietta, GA		Hallie Harriman Hallie.Harriman@uga.edu
Chattahoochee Nature Center Roswell, GA		Christie Hill natcoordinator@chattnaturecenter.org

Other programs may be available in your area. Contact your county cooperative extension office or Dr. Mengak for more information. Contact the site for registration – do not contact Dr. Mengak

Advanced Training for Program Graduates

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