



**Exploring the Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee
Teacher Training Workshop:
Bringing Technology into the Field
June 6, 7 & 8, 2007**

**3-DAY WORKSHOP
AGENDA**

In order to earn the 30 in-service credits and the \$150/day stipends for this workshop, participating teachers will assist with interactive lesson plan development, provide peer review and pilot the lessons with their students in the 2007-08 school-year.

Wed., June 6, 2007

- 10am** Arrive at IRCC's CALC office in Stewart
Depart for DuPuis via bus
- 10:45** Arrival at DuPuis Management Area – The Northern Everglades in western Martin County
- Welcome, introductions & overview - Loisa Kerwin, CES' Asst Director & Kim Kanter, CES' Ed Coordinator at DuPuis
- 11:15** Conduct Field Studies in Pine Flatwoods
- 12:30** Lunchtime (bring your own picnic lunch!)
- 1:00** The Oldest Pine Tree Lesson and activity
- 2:00** Lake Okeechobee – Overview and challenges
- 3:00** Depart for Lake O exploration at Port Myakka and Okeechobee Pier on the way to Riverwoods
Read *A Land Remembered* excerpt about Lake O at shore
- Travel to the Riverwoods Field Lab in Lorida, Florida. This is where you will be staying Wed – Friday. Go to: <http://riverwoods.ces.fau.edu> to see photos of the facility and to learn about Riverwoods.
- 6:00** Arrival at Riverwoods – free time to get settled!!
- 7:00** BBQ dinner provided (hamburgers and hotdogs)
- 8:00** Evening overview of Kissimmee River Restoration;
Workshop plans and expectations – intro to the *Nature of Learning* lessons

Thurs., June 7, 2007

- 6:30** Rise and shine, and Breakfast (Continental breakfast provided)
- 8:00** Depart for Construction site for Kissimmee River Restoration -Phase 4A
David Quinn, Contractor, 863/467-1924
(Wear closed toe shoes/boots, NO SANDALS!)

- 9:00** Arrive at Kissimmee River Construction Site
- 10:30** Leave for Riverwoods
- 11:00** Lunch provided at Riverwoods
- 11:30** Prepare for paddling the Kissimmee River
(Wear field clothes, sandals, sunglasses, hats, and sunscreen)
- 11:30** Conduct Field Activities:
- Learn restoration ecology
 - Conduct diversity & abundance bird survey
 - Test Water Quality
 - Identify native & exotic plants
 - Learn about aquatic invertebrates
- 4:00** Paddle back to Riverwoods (Free time)
- 5:00** Depart for evening hike on the nearby Kissimmee Prairie Preserve
- 7:30** Dinner time at Riverwoods! (Italian Lasagna dinner provided)
- 8:30** Work on the *Nature of Learning* Lessons in teams
- 10:00** Campfire and marshmallow roasting!

Fri., June 8, 2007

- 6:30** Rise and shine, and Breakfast (Continental breakfast provided)
- 8:00** Depart for Okeechobee Service Center (Bring drinking H₂O)
- 8:30** Lake Okeechobee presentation by Gary Ritter, SFWMD's
Lead Environmental Scientist
Cell: 863/634-4857
Office: 800/432-2045 ext. 3017
- 10:00** Depart for Grassy Island & Hydromentia
Stormwater Treatment Areas (STA)
- 10:30** Tour of STA's (ID wetland plants, birds and test water quality)
- 11:30** Bring picnic lunch (provided) *on the go* in Okeechobee
- 12:30** Arrive at Butler Dairy for Tour of Best Management Practices (BMP)
- 3:00** Return to Riverwoods to pack up & wrap up
- 3:30** Depart for Stewart via bus
- 5:00** Arrival in Stewart!

Thank you for your participation in this field exploration workshop!
In order to earn your stipend and in-service credits;
Please send your completed lesson updates to Craig Sprafka, CALC's Workshop Sponsor:
csprafka@ircc.edu by June30, 2007.