

Invasive Grass Workshop

Heartland CISMA

Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

October 19, 2011; 8:45 am – 3:00 pm ET
Polk's Nature Discovery Center @
Circle B Bar Reserve, Polk County
4399 Winter Lake Road (SR 540), Lakeland, FL 33803

"Knowing Your Grasses" is critical to land management and can be one of the biggest plant identification challenges. Invasive exotic grasses can displace native plants and associated wildlife, and can affect fire and water flow. This workshop consists of an intensive, hands-on approach that blends classroom work with field study and use of technical identification keys. Participants will learn some of the more troublesome invasive exotic grasses in this area, current methods being used to control them and partnership opportunities.



Agenda:



8:45 am	Sign-in, meet & greet
9:00	Heartland Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) Welcome, Tabitha Biehl-Gabbard, Polk County Environmental Lands Program.
9:10	Field ID, part I <i>Beginner/ Intermediate, Steven Green, Project Ecologist/Botanist, Mitigation Resources LLC</i> <i>Advanced, Nancy Bissett, Restoration Ecologist/Botanist/Horticulturist, The Natives Nursery</i>
10:25	Break
10:40	Identification characteristics review
11:30	Lunch (bring your own)
12:00 pm	Research on Invasive Grass Management, Dr. Steve Richardson, Research Director- Reclamation, Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute, University of South Florida Polytechnic
12:50	ID Quiz, Heartland CISMA members
1:15	Break
1:30	Field ID, part II <i>Beginner/ Intermediate, Steven Green, Project Ecologist/Botanist, Mitigation Resources LLC</i> <i>Advanced, Nancy Bissett, Restoration Ecologist/Botanist/Horticulturist, The Natives Nursery</i>
3:00	Evaluation and Adjourn

Register: Please register on-line at <http://hcisma-grass-workshop101911.eventbrite.com/>. Those without Internet access can reserve a space by contacting the Polk County Extension Office at (863) 519-8677. DOACS Continuing Education Units pending. *Space is limited so please register early.* Please share this announcement with others who may be interested.



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