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PROGRAM

Friday, September 23, 2016

8:30-9:00-- Registration, Welcome, and Announcements

9:00-10:00 **Environmental Issues** – Tonya Bonitatibus

10:00 – 10:15 5 exam questions/break

10:15-11:15 **Networking & Outreach** – Tonya Bonitatibus

11:15- 11:30 5 exam questions/break

11:30 – 12:30 **Plants-Biodiversity** – Dr. Stacy Bennetts

12:30-12:45 5 exam questions/break

12:45 – 1:30 LUNCH

1:30-2:30 **Backyard Wildlife Habitat** – Terry W. Johnson

2:30-2:45 7 exam questions/break

2:45-3:45 **Historical Environmental Actions and Leaders** – Dr. G. Franklin Carl

3:45 – 4:00 5 exam questions

Saturday, September 24, 2016

8:30-9:00 Registration, Welcome, and Announcements

9:00 – 10:00 **Ecology Overview** – Dr. Donna Wear

10:00-10:15 5 exam questions/break

10:15 – 11:15 **Environmental Science** -- Dr. Donna Wear

11:15-11:30 5 exam questions/break

11:30-12:30 **Sustainability** – Dr. Donna Wear

12:30-12:45 5 exam questions/break

12:45-1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 4:00 **Wastewater Treatment Plant Field Trip**
– Ruth Mead

READING ASSIGNMENT for Course I

The required reading for Course I of Environmental Studies is "**The National Gardener**", *Bringing Nature Home*, by Douglas W. Tallamay and selected chapters from *Living in the Environment* by G. Tyler Miller, Jr. (Reading requirements for this book vary by edition. Registrants will be sent a list of required reading chapters for each edition.)

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is aimed at producing a citizenry that is knowledgeable concerning the biophysical environment and its associated problems, aware of how to help solve these problems, and motivated to work toward their solution.

The courses do not have to be taken in order. NGC affiliated garden club members successfully completing all four courses and passing the exams will receive a certificate and the status of Accredited Environmental Consultant. The general public may take the courses and may attain Consultant status by joining a garden club during the course series or shortly after completion. Certificates must be renewed within five years according to NGC procedures. Upon renewing for the fourth time, a Master Status is granted.

Course I Location

Phinizy Swamp Nature Park
1858 Lock & Dam Rd.
Augusta, GA 30906

Bring a notebook or folder for handouts.

Future Courses

II, November 18-19, 2016

III, January 20-21, 2017

IV, March 10-11, 2017

Overnight Accommodations

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
2651 Perimeter Parkway
706-855-9364

Contact Susan Glenn
for reduced rate – \$129 standard room
with a 2-night minimum stay

Sheraton Augusta
1069 Stevens Creek Rd.
1-706-396-1000

Contact Opal Blanding (Sales)
for reduced rate - \$139 standard room

Jameson Inn
1062 Claussen Rd.
706-733-4656

Code: Augusta Council of Garden Clubs
For reduced rates - \$104 (22nd), \$144 (23rd)

Hotel rooms must be secured as quickly as possible. Most hotels are already filled due to the Ironman 70.3 in town this same weekend.

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Name _____ Phone # _____

Full Address _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Name of Garden Club _____

Circle one: Full course with exam Refreshing (Environmental Consultant) Non-credit

Course Fee \$90.00 Make check payable to: Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. DEADLINE: Sept 15, 2016

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