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Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge to Offer Project WILD and Project Learning Tree Educator Workshops

Folkston, GA.....Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge will be offering a series of Project WILD and Project Learning Tree (PLT) environmental education workshops March 10-12, 2015. The workshops will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., each day and will be conducted at the Suwannee Canal Recreation Area, 11 miles southwest of Folkston, GA off Hwy 121/23.

Projects WILD and PLT are programs designed to help educators teach about the environment through stimulating, hands-on instructional activities. Teachers, naturalists, and both formal and non-formal educators will benefit from training during these three days of workshops. Participants will gain formal training to introduce students Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade to environmental education topics and issues that are correlated to the Georgia Performance Standards and are research based and field tested. The activities are designed by educators and are classroom friendly and appropriate for both indoor and outdoor use.

Participants will receive Project WILD, Project Aquatic WILD, Growing up WILD, Flying WILD, and Project Learning Tree activity guides as well as supplementary materials and additional information to further use with students once the full workshop is complete.

Registration is required and the workshop is limited to 20 participants. Please register before March 4, 2015 to ensure there are enough resources available for all participants. Lunch is not provided during training; however options include bringing a sack lunch or dining on-site at Okefenokee Adventures.

Cost: Registration for all 3-days of workshops is \$80. Participants are also able to do a partial registration in which they choose any combination of the following: Project WILD (March 10), \$25; Growing Up WILD (March 11), \$20; Flying WILD (March 11), \$15; or Project Learning Tree (March 12), \$20. Checks must be made payable to Okefenokee Wildlife League, or payments can be made via credit card by calling 912-496-7836. Registration forms can be found at the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center or online at www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee. Registrations may be returned by email to sarah_wyatt@fws.gov, fax at 912-496-7991, or mail to Sarah Wyatt, Okefenokee NWR, 2700 Suwannee Canal Road, Folkston, GA 31537.

For more information or to register for the educator workshops, contact the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center at 912-496-7836. The workshops are sponsored by Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and the Okefenokee Wildlife League.

The Suwannee Canal Recreation Area (East Entrance) to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is the primary entrance managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is located 11 miles southwest of Folkston, GA off Hwy 121/23. The refuge is open daily and offers a variety of opportunities for the visiting public. Call 912-496-7836 or visit the refuge website at www.fws.gov/okefenokee for hours of operation, upcoming events, and entrance fee information.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to our events for all participants. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in our events should contact Susan Heisey at (912) 496-7366 ext. 233 or Susan_Heisey@fws.gov. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please contact us for assistance at least five business days before the event.

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