

**Generating Understanding and Support for Prescribed Fire:
Fire in Florida's Ecosystems
Provides Free Training, Materials for Educators**

*1,850+ Florida educators receive free materials and free training
to better teach students about Fire in Florida's Ecosystems.*

Thanks to the Florida Division of Forestry, educators have a new way to teach students about fire in Florida. The *Fire in Florida's Ecosystems* program is providing free instructional materials to educators who attend one of the free training workshops offered through 2006.

Student benefit from the program by learning about:

- The historical and natural role of fire in Florida's ecosystems
- The need for prescribed burning as the best way to prevent wildfire
- The benefits of prescribed burning for people and nature
- Ways to prevent wildfire

The *Fire in Florida's Ecosystems* package includes an activity and information-filled notebook, three fire education videos, four posters, the "Burning Issues" interactive CD-ROM, and a number of supplemental materials. The hands-on activities are designed to provide 3rd- 12th -grade students with science, reading, math, social studies, and visual arts learning experiences that also prepare students for standardized testing. **Activities are correlated with Florida's Sunshine State Standards and include FCAT study prompts.**

A typical 6-hour *Fire in Florida's Ecosystems* training session includes:

- Background information on fire's natural role in Florida's ecosystems
- An educational video about fire ecology and prescribed burning
- Discussion of prescribed fire with a Division of Forestry representative
- A close-up look at some fire management tools and technology
- A field trip to a landscape managed with prescribed fire
- A tour of the instructional materials
- Practice with several hands-on activities from the educators guide

We give educators the tools and the training to put the Fire in Florida's Ecosystems package to use in their classroom or education center. A Florida Division of Forestry representative is present at every training session to make a presentation and to connect with educators in their district.

Workshops are currently being booked throughout the state!

All workshops and materials are FREE.

Please contact us to attend a workshop or schedule a workshop near you.

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