IST for NR, Ag, 4H, and Hort Agents on Forest Health Education

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- How many generations of mimosa trees can reproduce during the lifespan of one magnolia tree?
- Underground or airborne travel—How do fungus spread in a forest? Should we care?
- How many different strategies do cane toads and air potato use to invade Florida?
- How would a personal ad read if Spanish moss were looking for a place to hang out?

These answers and more are available at an upcoming IST on Forest Health in Florida.

Please join us for a one-day IST near Brooksville FL to explore engaging strategies to teach youth about forest health. Two new curriculum resources and other supplements are now available for Florida educators:

- A supplement to Project Learning Tree targets 5th and 7th grade teachers with 18 activities.
- A 6-activity high school unit designed for Agriculture Education teachers
- A set of color flashcards on insects and diseases
- 2 videos and slide presentations

The Healthy Forest Education Kit is being produced by a team from the School of Forest Resources and Conservation and the Florida Division of Forestry. The resources provide FFA clubs, teachers, and 4H youth with interesting project ideas and important skills as they better understand management strategies that help create healthy forest ecosystems.

This IST is co-sponsored by IFAS and Florida Project Learning Tree and will include Ag Ed teachers and PLT educators. IFAS will reimburse agents for travel, lodging, and food expenses for the Nov 5 IST. Agents are welcome to join the PLT educators for sessions on Saturday covering the high school module "Forests of the World" or the new Early Childhood Activity Guide. For more information, please contact Martha Monroe, mcmonroe@ufl.edu or Jason Smith, jasons@ufl.edu.

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