

The Warnell Continuing Education Program

Daniel B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Recreational Pond Management

August 3 - 4, 2009

Kris M. Irwin and Jay Shelton

Flinchum's Phoenix, Whitehall Forest, Athens, Georgia



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About this Course

There are over 100,000 acres of private ponds in Georgia being managed for sportfish production. Sportfish ponds and small impoundments provide significant opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and enhance property value. Properly managed ponds can provide an abundant supply of fish for food and recreation, attract wildlife, add aesthetics and increase value of both urban and rural lands. A combination of classroom presentations and hands-on field activities will provide participants the opportunity to develop new knowledge and basic skills associated with pond management in Georgia.

Objectives

The primary objective of this course is to provide participants with the opportunity to develop basic knowledge and skills about pond management that produce sustainable, high quality fishing. At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe the basic tenets of pond construction, renovation, and maintenance;
- Explain activities associated with pond stocking and management strategies;
- Identify common aquatic plants in Georgia ponds; and
- Conduct a pond evaluation (fish and water quality).

Who Should Attend?

Landowners, managers, consultants, or any person desiring to learn more about the management of ponds to produce high quality fishing should attend this course. The benefit participants receive will be directly related to their participation. This course is designed to be interactive; open discussions and questions are encouraged. Also, participants must be willing to get wet and muddy along with the instructors.

Location and Equipment Required

This course will be held at Flinchum's Phoenix building located in the Whitehall Forest (See map for directions). The course will require each participant to be prepared to get wet and muddy. Bring appropriate footwear for wading in a muddy pond. Also, bring a brimmed hat, sunglasses, sun screen, extra change of clothes, and a towel.

Instructors

Jay Shelton has a Ph.D. in aquaculture and fisheries from Auburn University, and is a fisheries biologist with the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. For over 20 years he has developed publications and taught outreach programs on the subjects of sportfish pond management, aquatic plant management, and water quality.

Kris M. Irwin is a member of UGA's Warnell School and specializes in forestry and natural resources outreach education. His work focuses on the design and development of educational materials and products for forest landowners and natural resource managers. In addition, Kris is an avid angler and will help participants develop a deeper understanding of the content and experience.

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Registration Fee

The fee for this course is \$300, which includes lunch, refreshment breaks, and instructional materials. There is a \$50 discount for fees paid and postmarked by July 13, 2009. We accept credit cards and personal or company checks for payment. If you are paying by a check it must be accompanied by your registration form to guarantee your place in the course.

Continuing Education Credits

- 13 Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) Hours–Category 1
- Continuing Logger Education Hours (CLE) – Applied for.
- Pesticide Applicator Credits – Applied for.

Full Attendance is Mandatory to Receive Credit.

To Register go to: www.conted.warnell.uga.edu/courses/pond-management

Course Itinerary

Monday, August 3, 2009

Time	Event
8:30	Registration
9:00	Welcome, Introductions and Course Overview/ Expectations
9:15	Pond construction practices critical to quality fishing
9:30	Renovation options for existing ponds
9:45	Routine Pond Maintenance Monitoring vital signs to assure pond health Preventing little problems from becoming big ones
10:30	Break
10:45	Pond Stocking Stocking to achieve specific objectives -Options for growing bigger bass -Options for optimizing productivity
11:15	Pond Management
Noon.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Field Activities (Getting wet & muddy) Fish population and water quality assessment Water quality management methods
5:00	Adjourn

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Course Itinerary Continued

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

Time	Event
8:30	Liming, fertilization and nutrient management
9:00	Principles of aquatic plant management
9:15	Aquatic plant identification
9:45	Break
10:00	Aquatic weed control
11:00	Troubleshooting pond problems
Noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Field Activities (Getting wed & muddy) Aquatic weed management and troubleshooting problems
4:30	Wrap up
5:00	Adjourn

Registration Form

Name - please print _____

Preferred name for badge _____

Birth-date (for credit hour records) _____

Business mailing address or Home address (please check one)

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

County, if Georgia _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

Fax _____

Email address _____

Please send me e-mails about Warnell Continuing Education programs.

position _____

organization/employer _____

By registering for this event I agree to comply with all event and lodging cancellation policies.

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Early registration by July 13, 2009: \$250.00

Regular registration: \$300.00

Enclosed is a check # _____

(payable to Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources)

Your registration will not be processed until payment is received.

Cancellations:

Notice must be received by 5:00 p.m. July. 20, 2009 to receive a refund.

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Parking and Directions

Parking at Flinchum's Phoenix at Whitehall Forest is free of charge.

For a map and directions to Flinchum's Phoenix click [here](#)

Special Needs

If you require special services or dietary considerations, contact Reena Berwal at 706-542-7602 or e-mail her at rberwal@warnell.uga.edu prior to July 20, 2009.

Mail payment to :

Attn: Reena Berwal

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