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Watermelon Pond Spring 2009 Workshop

Date: Saturday, May 16th, 2009

Time: 9am-1pm (optional birding trip begins at 8am)

Location: Watermelon Pond WEA (Formerly Barry's Ranch)

From Newberry: travel south on SR 45, turn right (west) on 46th Ave., turn left (south) on 250th St, travel approximately 2 miles. The WEA is on the right side of the road. Park at the northeast corner of the property.

Lunch will be provided free of charge, but please register early for planning purposes.

If you would like to attend the workshop, **please call Tonya Brown at 386-754-1051 ext. 216 to register** so we can provide enough lunch for all. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions. We hope to see you there.

Schedule:

- Introductions
- Watermelon Pond WEA: history, management plans/goals for the property – Norberto Fernandez, FWC Biological Scientist, Terrestrial Habitat Conservation and Restoration
- Grassland and native groundcover restoration: Stefanie Nagid; Natural Resources Management Interim-Program Coordinator, Nature Operations Division, City of Gainesville
- Xeric hammock restoration and management; herbicide information and demonstration: Erick Smith, Kestrel Ecological Services, LLC
- Longleaf pine restoration and management: Dave Conser, DOF Alachua County Forester
- Ephemeral pond ecology and management: Anna Farmer, FWC Legacy Biologist
- **Lunch** (Box lunches provided along with soda/water. Please bring a camp chair or something else to sit on.)
- Watermelon Pond Conservation Cooperative (WPCC) –what it is, updates: WPCC Steering Committee Members
- Questions / Answers

In the case of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled