

Florida Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Training

2026-27

A Course on the Basics of Prescribed Fire

This 24-hour course is designed to train individuals in public and private agencies and organizations that are charged with the responsibility of performing prescribed burns.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The course objectives are stated in broad terms and define what the trainee will be able to do upon successful completion of this course.

1. Identify those factors of fire intensity which have an effect on local resources.
2. Identify the requirements and components for developing proper burn prescriptions and operational plans.
3. Identify burn techniques that need to be applied to meet burn plan requirements.
4. Develop a burn prescription and an operational plan for given fire types, provide land management objectives, fire behavior, weather data and fuel loading.

COST

Cost for all classes is **\$175.00** – This includes tuition and course materials.
Some locations offer lodging and meal plans at additional cost (see next pages for details)

REQUIREMENTS

While not required it is recommended the student has taken S-130, S-190, or has hands-on fire experience. Check with the local Florida Forest Service (FFS) office for these classes.

Questions? Contact: **John Saddler, Prescribed Fire Manager**
(850) 681-5928 John.Saddler@FDACS.gov

SESSION DATES AND LOCATIONS

Where

Withlacoochee Training Center – Brooksville**
Deseret Ranch – St. Cloud
Bear Creek Education Center -Havana
Jacksonville District Office - Bryceville
Welaka Training Center - Welaka*
Pensacola State College- Milton
Wekiwa Springs State Park - Apopka*
Corbett Wildlife Management Area - West Palm Beach*

* Lodging available

** Meals and lodging available

When

October 27-30, 2026
October 28-30, 2026
November 3-5, 2026
December 1-3, 2026
December 1-4, 2026
December 2-4, 2026
January 20-22, 2027
January 25-27, 2027

SESSION DETAILS

Withlacoochee Training Center - Brooksville

Dates: October 27-30, 2026***

Registration Deadline: September 23, 2026

Location: 24059 Childs Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601

Coordinator: Shaun Stewart, (352) 797-4172 Shaun.Stewart@FDACS.gov

Course Info: Course Starts at 1:00 p.m. on October 27th

Meals and lodging are available for an additional fee. Various options are available.

Pricing: Lodging \$45/night, Breakfast - \$6, Lunch-\$11, Dinner-\$19.

Deseret Ranch Admin Office – St. Cloud

Dates: October 28-30, 2026

Registration Deadline: September 23, 2026

Location: 13754 Deseret Ln, St Cloud, FL 34733

Coordinator: Cameron Greenlund, (386) 384-5255 Cameron.Greenlund@FDACS.gov

Course Info: Course Starts at 8:00 a.m. on October 28th

Meals and lodging are on your own.

Bear Creek Educational Center - Quincy

Dates: November 3-5, 2026

Registration Deadline: September 25, 2026

Location: 8125 Pat Thomas Pkwy, Quincy, FL 32351

Coordinator: Jody Carrol, (850) 421-3103 Joseph.Carroll@FDACS.gov

Course Info: Course Starts at 8:00 a.m. on November 3rd

Meals and lodging are on your own.

Jacksonville District Office - Bryceville

Dates: December 1-3, 2026

Registration Deadline: October 16, 2026

Location: 7247 Big Oaks Road, Bryceville, FL 32009

Coordinator: Mike Work, (904) 266-8368 Mike.Work@FDACS.gov

Course Info: Course Starts at 8:00 a.m. on December 1st

Meals and lodging are on your own.

Welaka Training Center - Welaka

Dates: December 1-4, 2026***

Registration Deadline: October 16, 2026

Location: 794 CR 309, Welaka, FL 32193

Coordinator: Ben Beauchamp (352) 395-4936 Benjamin.Beauchamp@FDACS.gov

Course Info: Course Starts at 1:00 p.m. on December 1st

Meals are on your own, lodging is available for \$30/night.

Pensacola State College - Milton

Dates: December 2-4, 2026

Registration Deadline: October 16, 2026

Location: 5988 Hwy 90, Milton, FL 32538

Coordinator: Ashley Baxley, (850) 957-5733 Ashley.Baxley@FDACS.gov

Course Info: Course Starts at 8:00 a.m. on December 2nd

Meals and Lodging are on your own.

Wekiwa Springs State Park – Apopka

Dates: January 20-22, 2027***

Registration Deadline: December 11, 2026

Location: 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka, FL 32712

Coordinator: Cameron Greenlund, (386) 384-5255 Cameron.Greenlund@FDACS.gov

Course Info: Course Starts at 1:00 p.m. on January 20th

Meals are on your own - Lodging is available free of charge in the youth camp cabins. Things to bring: linens/sleeping bag, pillow, towel and flashlight.

Corbett Wildlife Management Area – West Palm Beach

Dates: January 25-27, 2027

Registration Deadline: December 11, 2026

Location: 12100 Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33412

Coordinator: Kevin Macewen, (954) 453-2803 Kevin.Macewen@FDACS.gov

Course Info: Course Starts at 8:00 a.m. on January 25th

Lodging is available for \$50/night (charged separately from tuition, contact course coordinator for details). Accommodations will be in cabins. Things to bring: linens/sleeping bag, pillow, towel and flashlight.

*** The Welaka, Wekiwa and Withlacoochee Courses are held over 4-days. Class starts the afternoon of the first day and ends at Noon on the 4th day. All other classes are 3 full days.

You are strongly encouraged to stay on-site where lodging is provided.

All sessions are filled on a first come first served basis.

Please complete and return the enclosed registration sheet, to the Withlacoochee Training Center.

The Registration Deadline is approximately 5-6 Weeks before the course. This allows time for printed materials to be sent out and for students to complete the pre-work assignment, which must be completed before class.

Submit Registration to:

Shaun Stewart, Resource Training Officer

Shaun.Stewart@FDACS.gov

Phone: (352) 797-4172

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Florida Forest Service
2026-2027
CERTIFIED PRESCRIBED BURN MANAGER COURSE APPLICATION

Contact Information¹

Last Name*:	First Name*:	MI:
Agency or Business:		
Mailing Address*:		
City*:	State*:	Zip Code*:
E-mail*:		Date Submitted*:
Personal Telephone with Area Code:		Business Telephone with Area Code*:

Course Selection (please mark x near course of choice)

	Start Date	Course Location	If lodging is available, please fill out
—	10/27/2026	Withlacoochee Training Center - Brooksville (lodging and meals available)	Lodging: Y__ or N__ Gender: F__ or M__ Meals: None __ Lunch only __ All __
—	10/28/2026	Deseret Admin Office – St. Cloud	
—	11/3/2026	Bear Creek Education Center - Havana	
—	12/1/2026	Jacksonville District Office - Bryceville	
—	12/1/2026	Welaka Training Center - Welaka (lodging available)	Lodging: Y__ or N__ Gender: F__ or M__
—	12/2/2026	Pensacola State College - Milton	
—	1/20/2027	Wekiwa Springs State Park - Apopka (lodging available)	Lodging: Y__ or N__ Gender: F__ or M__
—	1/25/2027	Corbett Wildlife Management Area - West Palm Beach (lodging available)	Lodging: Y__ or N__ Gender: F__ or M__

Please fill out this form and email it to Shaun.Stewart@FDACS.gov or Fax: (352) 754-6829

Once this form has been received and processed, a confirmation email will be sent.

A package with course materials will be shipped to the address above approximately one month prior to the class.

You will be invoiced on the first day of class.

*Required Fields

1 - Contact Information - Please provide your legal name. The mailing address must be able to receive shipment from USPS.