



Deer Steward Module: *Habitat Enhancement* **Eden, NC – August 11-13, 2017**

Certification Course Confirmation

Your registration has been accepted and confirmed for the *Deer Steward Module: Habitat Enhancement* in Eden, North Carolina on **August 11-13, 2017**. The course will be held at Willow Oaks Plantation, owned by QDMA Life Member Arthur Dick; located at 432 Willow Oaks Drive, Eden, NC 27288 (336-937-4568).



Reservations –

Please make your reservations as soon as possible. For your convenience, QDMA has blocked rooms at a discounted rate for you at the Baymont Inn & Suites (about 15 minutes from the property); you can contact them here:

Baymont Inn & Suites, 716 Linden Dr., Eden, NC; (336) 627-0472; \$71.10 + tax/night

Please be sure to reference the “QDMA2” when making your reservations. Remember lodging and travel expenses are not included in the price of your registration. **Room rates are only good until July 28th, 2017.**

Registration –

The course will begin promptly at 1:00 pm on Friday, August 11; please check in at registration at 12:30 p.m. The course will end by 12:00 pm on Sunday, August 13.

Meals –

Three meals (dinner on Friday and lunch and dinner on Saturday) are provided during the course and are included in your registration fees. Please note that breakfast each

morning is “on your own”. However, the above listed accommodation (and other chain hotels) may have an on-site continental breakfast available for you.

Supplies –

QDMA will provide classroom, laboratory and field-session materials, including a 3-ring course guide that you will take home which includes a final agenda, speaker bios, note pages and a CD with Adobe Acrobat copies of all PowerPoint session talks. However, you may want to bring your own chair, clipboard, a personal laptop (for those that want to view the inside session talks up close), pens, pencils, highlighters, notebooks, camera, etc. Also, please be sure to dress appropriately for the field sessions (hat/cap, sunglasses, boots, coat, sunscreen, etc.).

Content of Program –

- To provide students a foundation of skills involving the management of ground-level vegetation to meet wildlife management goals.
- To expose and have students gain the knowledge to answer the questions, concerns, and needs of landowners.
- In-depth mechanical and chemical vegetation management and control will be covered.

Course Instructors (tentative) –

Dr. Craig Harper, Professor and Extension Wildlife Specialist, University of TN
Kip Adams, Wildlife Biologist, QDMA Director of Education and Outreach

Agenda (tentative) –

Day 1 - Friday

- 1:00 pm Welcome and introductions, overview of weekend – K. Adams
- 1:15 – 2:15 Intro to Habitat Enhancement PowerPoint (in-class) - C. Harper
- What is habitat?
 - Identifying objectives and limiting factors (includes property evaluation)
 - Adjusting habitat components according to objectives (broad overview of adjusting food, cover, water, and arrangement)
 - Discuss plant succession and management
- 2:15 – 2:45 Plant ID PowerPoint (in-class) - C. Harper
- 2:45 – 3:00 BREAK

***Session 1* Forest Enhancement**

- 3:00 – 6:00 Forest management (outside)

- Review forest management systems, methods, and Forest Stand Improvement
- Chainsaw overview – operating safely, testing and adjusting carburetor, sharpening, and properly felling a tree

4:30 – 4:45 BREAK

6:00 Dinner

Day 2 – Saturday

8:15 – 9:30 Herbicides for wildlife management PowerPoint (in-class) – C. Harper

9:30 – 9:45 BREAK

Session 2 Field Enhancement

9:45 – 12:00 Early succession management (outside)

- Sprayer calibration and operation – K. Adams
- Identifying plants in the field and discussing what needs to be done to influence plant composition and structure – C. Harper

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:15 – 3:45 Early succession management (cont'd)

3:45 – 4:15 BREAK

Session 3 Food Plot Enhancement

4:15 – 6:00 Food plot management (in-class) – C. Harper

- Identifying need for food plots and setting objectives
- Timing of planting
- Importance of seedbed preparation and soil amendments
- How to collect soil samples and read a soil test
- Creating food plot mixtures
- Feeding plots vs. Hunting plots (location and design)

6:00 Dinner

Optional Evening property tour

Day 3 – Sunday

8:00 – 11:00 Food plots management (cont'd; outside) – C. Harper/K. Adams

- Discuss inoculating seed, types available and what not to do
- Calculating pure live seed (PLS) and the importance of doing so
- Methods of measuring plot size
- Top-sowing correctly
- Calibrating a drill
- Walk through the steps to plant a small food plot, both conventional and no-till methods

11:30 Wrap-up discussion (in-class)

12:00 Conclude

Travel Contacts (in case of emergency) –

Matt Ross – QDMA Certification Programs Manager; cell number: (518) 391-8414

Tommy Kirby – Willow Oaks Plantation Manager; (336) 707-7814

Kip Adams – QDMA Director of Education & Outreach; cell number: (570) 439-5696

Cancellation –

Applicants shall be entitled to a full refund of course fees if the QDMA National Office is notified within fourteen (14) business days of the course date. Cancellations made less than fourteen (14) business days from the course date shall entitle the applicant to a fifty percent (50%) refund of course fees. No refunds shall be made for cancellations less than two (2) business days before the course date.

Carpooling, Reservations and Special Needs –

If you would like to have your name placed on a list regarding potential carpooling and/or room sharing opportunities with other attendees, please contact Matt Ross at **mross@qdma.com**.

If you have any special dietary or physical needs, please inform Matt Ross (see above) well in advance of the course.

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