Longleaf Academy: Groundcover Restoration

November 12-13, 2026

Little Ocmulgee State Park, McRae-Helena, GA
and
The Orianne Indigo Snake Preserve, Lumber City, GA

Thursday November 12, 2026 – Little Ocmulgee State Park

8:30 am – 9:00 am	*Classroom open, coffee and refreshments*
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Welcome and Introductions
9:30 am – 10:20 am	Determining Restoration Needs *– Joan Walker, US Forest Service (Ret.)*
10:20 am—10:30 am	**Break**
10:30 am – 11:10 am	Longleaf Pine Communities *– Carol Denhof, The Longleaf Alliance*
11:10 am – 12:00 pm	Seed Sources for Longleaf Ecosystem Restoration *– Joan Walker, US Forest Service (Ret.)*
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	**Lunch provided**
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Native Seed Collection and Storage – Blake Adams, The Orianne Society
2:00 pm – 2:50 pm	Project Spotlight: Coastal Groundcover Native Seed Nursery *– Amaya Bragg, GA DNR*
2:50 pm – 3:10 pm	**Break**
3:10 pm – 3:40 pm	Pollinator Conservation *– Issac Park, Georgia Southern University*
3:40 pm – 4:30 pm	Management and Monitoring of Groundcover *– Carol Denhof, The Longleaf Alliance*
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Wrap up and brief for field day

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8:30 am - 9:00 am	*Gates open, gather at the Barn*
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Facility overview and plans for the day
9:30 am – 10:30 am	**Donor Field** - discussion on yearly timing a site for seed collection
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	**Seed Collection Demo** with Seed Cleaning Station
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch at the Barn
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	**Planting Demo** – Grasslander demonstration, calibration functions, seed rates
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	**Restoration Area** – conversed site to native longleaf ecosystem
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Wrap up Academy
	Travel home safely!

November 13: 5.0 Category 1 CFEs