

THE BIOLOGY, MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF NORTH AMERICAN SALAMANDERS — A TRAINING COURSE

Amphibian Ark, Atlanta Botanical Garden and Zoo Atlanta are pleased to announce the Biology, Management and Conservation of North American Salamanders training course.

The planned course will consist of five days of intensive training, including lectures, hands-on practical exercises, and fieldwork. Topics covered during the course will include: salamander biology, conservation and management; enclosure design and construction; captive breeding techniques; biosecurity and disease control; monitoring and surveys of wild and captive populations; education and scientific engagement. Globally recognized amphibian biologists, veterinarians, and conservationists will comprise course's faculty. A field trip is arranged at Wharton Center, GA.

The course is limited to 20 students.

**Target audience**: Zookeepers, field biologists, grad students, and academics working in salamander conservation and research, especially in captive settings.

**Location**: The course will be held in joint venues at Zoo Atlanta and Atlanta Botanical Garden, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dates: April 11th - 15th, 2016

Instructors: Joe Mendelson - Zoo Atlanta, Robert Hill - Zoo Atlanta, Mark Mandica - Atlanta Botanical Garden, Brad Wilson - Atlanta Botanical Garden, Linda Greene - GA Tech, Tim Herman - Indoor Ecosystems, Mark Beshel - Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, Scott Pfaff - Riverbanks Zoo, Sam Rivera - Zoo Atlanta, Todd Pierson - University of Tennessee, John Maerz - University of Georgia, Sarah Horsley - Zoo Atlanta, Jake Hutton - Kennesaw State University, Crystal Ruble - Conservation Fisheries, inc.

**Tuition**: \$700. Covers icebreaker, tuition and materials, lunches and coffee breaks and cookout dinner at Wharton Center

**Accommodations**: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 590 West Peachtree Street NW Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Group rate of \$99/night (includes breakfast)

**Information**: For further information please contact Luis Carrillo, Training Officer - luis@amphibianark.org