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## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

- WHAT** The Teachers' Institute for Conservation Biology is a five-day research based summer institute sponsored and conducted by the Lemur Conservation Foundation (LCF) in Myakka City, FL. The goal of the Institute is to provide current biological information and research experience in the field of conservation biology to **high school teachers**. The participants work with leading national scientists who provide hands-on activities designed to excite young science students. They will also practice living day-to-day science through a field-training program where they learn fieldwork techniques utilizing the lemur colony. Teachers will develop modules on conservation biology for their classes.
- WHY** The crisis in loss of global biological diversity is a critical concept to communicate to the young who will inherit the responsibility for husbanding the earth's resources. The LCF Institute addresses these issues by utilizing its lemur colony **but the program is not specifically about lemurs**. It is a program that will assist teachers in motivating students to get interested in the scientific process, field work, conservation biology and careers in science.
- WHERE** Lemur Conservation Foundation's Mianatra Center for Lemur Studies located on the Myakka City Lemur Reserve, in Myakka City, FL - [www.lemurreserve.org](http://www.lemurreserve.org) – 941-322-8494. **Out-of-town professors and participants will be housed in the reserve's two guesthouses.**
- WHEN** **1<sup>st</sup> Session June 23-27, 2008; 2<sup>nd</sup> Session August 11-15, 2008.** The daily schedule Monday-Friday, is 9:00AM-4:30PM including a lunch break provided on site.
- WHO** The Institute is conducted by teacher/professors who are experienced in teaching education professionals methods of communicating science to students. There will also be at least one guest lecturer. Past professors have included: **Dr. George Amato** (American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, Director, Sackler Institute for Comparative Genomics, AMNH, New York), **Dr. Joseph Levine** (author of AP Science textbooks - Prentice Hall) **Dr. Eleanor Sterling** (AMNH Director, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation); **Dr. Robert Sussman** (Professor, Washington University at St. Louis, Dept. of Anthropology), **Dr. Linda Taylor** (Professor, University of Miami, Dept. of Anthropology)
- DETAILS** There is **no fee to apply**. For all high school teachers accepted to the program there is a **nonrefundable \$100 registration fee** with **full scholarships** for the workshop, materials and housing.
- TO APPLY** **Deadline to apply is March 15, 2008.** Application form available on the LCF web site: <http://www.lemurreserve.org/programs.html>

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