



# 2018 PRESCRIBED FIRE CERTIFICATION CLASSES

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**JUNE 18-19 - UGA CAMPUS, GRIFFIN, GA**

**OCTOBER 24-25 - SANDY CREEK NATURE CENTER, ATHENS, GA** *(Limited to 40 participants)*

**DECEMBER 4-5 - UGA CONFERENCE CENTER, TIFTON, GA**

*For information on specific classes and registration, please visit  
[GaTrees.org/forest-management/prescribed-fire/prescribed-fire-certification/](http://GaTrees.org/forest-management/prescribed-fire/prescribed-fire-certification/)*

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## CLASS DESCRIPTION:

Prescribed fire is defined as fire applied in a knowledgeable manner to forest fuels on a specific land area under selected weather conditions to accomplish predetermined, well-defined management objectives. This course is designed for prescribed burning managers. The 1992 Georgia Legislature passed the Prescribed Burning Act which allowed the Georgia Forestry Commission to promulgate a Prescribed Burn Manager Certification Program. Although certification is not required to practice prescribed burning in Georgia, the program is offered in the interest of higher learning and achievement for qualified prescribed burn practitioners and landowners.

Course includes self-study of materials provided by mail prior to the program, a two-day training session and a written state exam. Applicants for certification must pass this exam with a score of 70 or higher, have two years of experience and meet a prerequisite of having been the person in charge of five prescribed burns before becoming a certified prescribed burner in Georgia. Registered foresters needing continuing education credits will be awarded 11.5 hours of CFE's.

*\*An affidavit is not required to attend class, but must be submitted to become certified.*

## COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Participants will become familiar with Georgia laws and regulations regarding prescribed burning.
- Participants will become familiar with fire weather, how it relates to prescribed burning, and how to obtain weather information.
- Participants will become familiar with firing techniques and smoke management as it applies to prescribed burning.
- Participants will become familiar with air quality issues in GA, EPD air quality laws, and the impact that Rx fire has on air quality.
- Participants will be given instructions on how to deal with the media and the public when questioned about Rx fire. Techniques on how to answer media questions will be presented.
- Participants, upon completion of course, will be qualified to become certified burners in Georgia. Affidavit required for certification, but not needed to attend course.

For additional questions pertaining to this class or questions about prescribed burning, please contact:

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